CLARENCE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

2024-2025

CONCERT PROGRAM

Why Music?

Music is a Science

It is exact, specific; and, it demands exact acoustics. A conductor's full score is a chart, a graph which indicates frequencies, intensities, volume changes, melody, and harmony all at once and with the most exact control of time.

Music is Mathematical

It is rhythmically based on the subdivisions of time into fractions which must be done instantaneously, not worked out on paper.

Music is a Foreign Language

Most of the terms are in Italian, German, or French; and the notation is certainly not English, but a highly developed kind of shorthand that uses symbols to represent ideas. The semantics of music is the most complete and universal language.

Music is History

Music usually reflects the environment and times of its creation, often even the country and/or racial feeling.

Music is Physical Education

It requires fantastic coordination of fingers, hands, arms, lip, cheek, and facial muscles, in addition to extraordinary control of the diaphragmatic, back, stomach, and chest muscles, which respond instantly to the sound the ear hears and the mind interprets.

Music is all these things, but most of all, Music is ART

It allows a human being to take all these dry, technically boring (but difficult) techniques and use them to create emotion. That is one thing science cannot duplicate: humanism, feeling, emotion, call it what you will.

That is why we teach music!

Not because we expect you to major in music;
not because we expect you to play or sing all your life.
But so you will be human,
so you will recognize beauty,
so you will have something to cling to,
so you will have more love, more compassion, more gentleness,
more good – in short, more life.

~ Stephen Melillo

Clarence Music Department

Presents



CMS CHORAL FESTIVAL

Feel the rhythm, embrace the beat.

May 21, 2025

Clarence Middle School Auditorium

7:00 PM

Concert Etiquette

Please follow these guidelines for appropriate concert behavior:

1. Arrive on time.
If you are late, please wait until the end of the selection before entering the hall so that latecomers trying to find a seat will not distract the performers and other audience members.

2. Listen quietly while the performance is taking place.
Performers and audience members should never be distracted by unnecessary talking and movement.

3. Applause at the end of a performance.
Applause should be used only at the completion of a piece of music and that is generally indicated when the conductor's arms are dropped to the side.

4. Please do not wave or call out to performers.
Students have worked hard for weeks to prepare for performances. Please do not distract them with improper concert behavior. Applause, as noted above, is the best way to thank the performers.

5. Stay for the entire performance and wait until the end of the selection to leave.
If there is an emergency and you must leave before the final performance, please wait until there is a break in the program.

Please silence your cell phones.



PROGRAM

Guy's Choir

Heidi Kohler, Director
John Calandra, Student Teacher

Happy Together ..... The Turtles
Arr. John Calandra

Sixth Grade Chorus

Heidi Kohler, Director
John Calandra, Student Teacher
Garrett Martin, Accompanist

Glorious ..... David Archuleta
Arr. Masa Fukudo

Soloists: Juliette Hardy, Colette Patti, Mia Yuzbasheva, Gabriel Koehler, Lilianna McLaughlin, Makenzie Ellis, Scarlett Willamson

The Storm is Passing Over ..... Charles Tindley
Arr. Barbara Baker

Treble Show Choir

Heidi Kohler, Director

Unwritten ..... Natasha Bedenfeld
Arr. Roger Emerson

Student Choreographers: Elizabeth Weiss, Lauren Engler, Robyn Scherer, Adrianna Castellani

PROGRAM

Seventh Grade Chorus

Erin Alexander, Director
Garrett Martin, Accompanist

Four White Horses ..... Caribbean Folk Song
Arr. Cristi Cary Miller

California Dreamin' ..... John and Michelle Phillips
Arr. Roger Emerson

Jambo, Karibu Kwa Afrika ..... Patsy Ford Simms

Soloists: Lily Mulhisen, Lizzy Vallon, Ayesha Khan, Sophia Stegman, Sophia Vilagy, Lucy DiLauro

Mixed Show Choir

Heidi Kohler, Director

Medley* from *Wicked
..... Stephen Sondheim
Arr. Roger Emerson

I. No One Mourns the Wicked
II. The Wizard and I
III. One Short Day
IV. Defying Gravity

Music can help you learn self-regulation and ACCOUNTABILITY! Being able to recognize and understand different emotions helps you react appropriately.

PROGRAM

Eighth Grade Chorus

Heidi Kohler, Director
Garrett Martin, Accompanist

Exultate Jubilate ..... Andy Beck

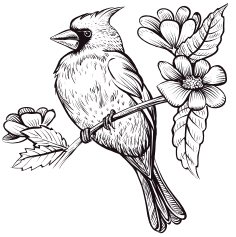
Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho ..... Traditional Spiritual
Arr. Lon Beer

A Million Dreams ..... Benj Pask and Justin Paul
Arr. Roger Emerson

Combined Choruses

Hands are Knockin' ..... Kyle Pederson

Soloists: Sydney DeSantis, Enaya Siam, Carmella Jefferson



To share your voice in song is to be incredibly vulnerable and raw, letting all of this out into the open, come what may. This is a profound experience of HONESTY that can help us feel comfortable sharing other things we might have been holding onto, such as unspoken wants, needs, or dreams.

SIXTH GRADE CHORUS

Addison Abrams
Alaska Anderson
Theodora Apostolopoulos
Ava Appleton
Valentina Ballarin
Andrew Belanger
Giuliana Bellacose
Kyle Brodfuehrer
Oakley Brunner
Claire Borawski
Mary Boulos
Elizabeth Burger
Chloe Campolo
Peyton Cante
Elena Carpenter
Mia Dambra
Alison Davignon
Eliana Dermott
Sydney DeSantis
Mariella DeStefano
Isaiah Endres
Giuliana Elia
Makenzie Ellis
Katia Eyrick
Luca Falbo
Addison Fischlein
Kyla Frey
Adele Giglio
Camryn Graffam
Marshall Gruszka
Jaxen Guziejka
Emma Haberl
Juliette Hardy
Ammar Heakal
Liana Hernandez
Payton Holden
Mason Ivancic
Gavin James
Karina Kharlip
Tessa Karnuth
Reagan King
Gabriel Koehler
Maisie Krueger
Michael Lignos
Owen Lomas
Brynn Loomis
Jordan Lubick
Kennedy Lubick
Simon Mammen
Reid Masiello
Rebecca Mason
Ava McCormick
Eda McGee
Liliana McLaughlin
Kailyan Mesanovic
Blake Miller
Grace Monile
April Ostrov
Abigail Panchal
Colette Patti
Taylor Piersa
Joseph Riad
Josie Rivet
Eliana Rivera
Alaina Rosa
Emilio Salerno
Porter Santiago
Mia Schultz
Isabelle Seguin
Isabelle Selig
William Setlik
Benjamin Shouldice
MIchael Simard
Henry Streicher
Brianna Swain
Evan Swiatek
Madison Talun
Joseph Terpin
Navah Thomann
Ellie Tibbetts
Jack Tibbetts
Amelia Upson
Hanry Watkins
Harper Welch
Hannah Wentland
Jackson West
Seamus White
Scarlett Williamson
Camile Wilson
Mia Yusbasheva
Drew Zahn
Olivia Zeis

Listening carefully is one way of showing RESPECT.

Music can bring joy and KINDNESS to the world!

TREBLE SHOW CHOIR

Lily Abdelwahab
Addison Abrams
Alaska Anderson
Gravce Bellomo
Brooklyn Betts
Kara Bullard
Peyton Cante
Adriana Castellani
Alexandra Crocker
Alison Davignon
Makenzie Ellis
Lauren Engler
Ellie Fortunato
Julia Fortunato
Bella Giglio
Norah Goehle
Maggie Goulette
Juliette Hardy
Alexandra Holmes
Carmela Jefferson
Avery Kalisz
Isla Kinsman
Taylor Kloc
Phoebe Lagowski
Brynn Mack
Maria Mack
Eda McGee
Lilianna McLaughlin
Hattie Minor
Elise Munn
Hannah Nowotniak
Yasmeen Nuoh
Molly Ramirez
Teagan Rice
Abigail Sauls
Robyn Scherer
Mia Scherer
Mia Schultz
Adaline Simmons
Emma Sivic
Anna Sorensen
Ella Stanley
Elizabeth Weiss
Scarlett Williamson
Camila Wilson
Mia Yusbasheva
Madelyn Zwolinski



GUYS' CHOIR

Cooper Barrett
Samuel DeGraff
Evan DiPasquale
Grayson Ehre
Eliot Graffam
Myles Groff
Tegan Hunt
Andrew LaPaglia
Gabriel Koehler
Simon Mammen
Noah Munn
Blake Rosenburg
Emilio Salerno
John Story
Zachary Thompson

MIXED SHOW CHOIR

Lily Abdelwahab
Benjamin Annunziato
Cooper Barrett
Liam Bristow
Kara Bullard
Adriana Castellani
Sydney Chenevert
Alison davignon
Grayson Ehre
Lauren Englert
Aurora Forstadt
Ellie Fortunato
Maggie Goulette
Alexandra Holmoes
Tegan Hunt
Alexandra Holmes
Tegan Hunt
Carmella Jackson
Gabriel Koehler
Angeline Korn
Phoebe Lagowski
Andrew LaPaglia
Addison Long
Abigail Luk
Brynn Mack
Molly Ramirez
Madelyn Randolph
Emilio Salerno
Robyn Scherer
John Story
Zachary Thompson
Elizabeth Weiss
Moses Williams
Zoey zulick
Madelyn Zwolinski

SEVENTH GRADE CHORUS

Shaheer Ahmed
Aiema Ali
Nathan Bandelian
Rosabella Barns
Cooper Barrett
Ryan Boesl
Ethan Brungard
Alec Buccilli
Adriana Butler
Liam Cahalan
Savannah Campbell
Isabella Cieslewicz
Alexander Clark
Devin Colby
Jozie Colwell
Evelyn Cooper
Angelo Costanzo
Cole Costanzo
Olivia Cox
Derek Crawford
Daisy Dawson
Nathalie De Almeida
Lucy DiLauro
Teagan Dicey
Baya Dodd
Arianna Downing
Grayson Ehre
Olivia Farley
John Ford
Vivienne Ford
Gabriella Forrestel
Cooper Fuchs
Sienna Geasling
Bella Giglio
Jade Gonsowski
Emily Gordon
Maggie Goulette
Nora Green
Sydney Herman
Drew Hoddick
Justin Jakson
Carmella Jefferson
Audriana Kagels
Bailynn Kasprzak
Grace Keeton
Nolan Kent
Ayesha Khan
Lyla Kinney
Gia Klentos
Ella Kress
Wesley Kwiatek
Sophia LaBarge
Amelia Lapp
Piper Lauer
Andrew Lincoln
Dominic Loschiavo
Nathan Lowe
Evan Lowe
Abigail Lynch
Brynn Mack
Alexandra Mambretti
Lillian Marshall
Olivia Martell
Lena McCrea
Jackson Meiler
Milana Miller
Adalyn Misinec
Angelina Morgante
Lillian Mulhisen
Alessia Mullett
Adalynn Norris
Landon Parks
Elle Peffer
Charles Procopio
Ashlyn Rajput
Lilly Reitmeier
McKenzee Rust
Sydney Ryan
Madeline Sabedra
Gregory Sakocius
Addison Schieder
Kaydence Schutt
Reagan Spear
Sophia Stegman
Sydney Stokes
Jensen Strobele
Marion Sumbrum
Addison Sunshine
Muskan Thind
Elizabeth Vallon
Sophia Vilagy
Charles Vullo
Arsh Walia
Abigail Way
Ella Wood
Reagan Zogaria
Madelyn Zwolinski
Dante Zych

EIGHTH GRADE CHORUS

Darwun Amin
Zachary Ball
Ava Brainard
Chiara Carlino
Sydney Chenevert
Alivia Cline
Connor Cole
Izzabella Colwell
Arianna Correa-Burgio
Tenley Czubaj
Adrianna Danielson
Giuliana DeStafano
Evan DiPasquale
Lauren Engler
Emery Fancher
Aurora Forstadt
Gianna Garigal
Eliot Graffam
Myles Groff
Brady Harding
Madison Hartnett
Louise Harvey
Mary Harvey
Ella Healy
Morgan Hubacher
Tegan Hunt
Jibran Hussain
Miranda Kamuda
Taylor Kloc
Abigail Kozak
Teagan Kwiatkowski
Alivia Marrano
Alexandra McKernan
Lillian Muntz
Olivia Paresi
Maci Pask
Shawn Peterson
Armani Pirela
Ryleigh Rabin
Abigail Rae
Madelyn Randolph
Enaya Siam
Hayden Scrivani
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Music
Unlocks
Self-Expression
Intelligence
Creativity

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Thank You

... for sharing our music with us this evening.
We gratefully thank those members of the faculty, staff, and administration who have contributed to the success of this performance. We also extend our warmest thanks to the students for their dedication, as well as parents & guardians for their continued encouragement, interest, and support.



WHAT'S NEXT?



Memorial Day Parade

Clarence Town Park, Monday, May 26
Come out and cheer for our Clarence High School Marching Band
led by our own Mr. Louis Vitello!!!
Dont forget your shades, and let's all hope for a nice clear day!



CHS Spring Choral Concert

CHS Auditorium, Thursday, May 29
Come and see what you could be doing in high school!

LAST DAY OF CLASSES

Wednesday, June 24 (Elem/CMS last half day)
Congratulations! You did it! Way to Go! Have a great summer!!!



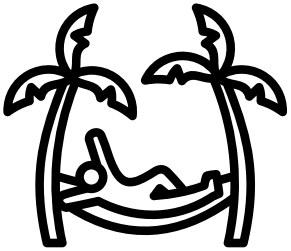
Chamber Music Concert

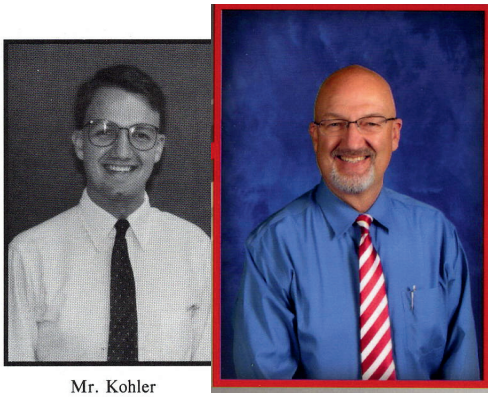
Wednesday, June 17
Come out on a nice summer day and cheer on our Clarence musicians!

Summer Instrumental or Vocal Music LESSONS

If you signed up by the May 16 deadline:
Lessons begin Monday, July 1 through Friday, August 9
You can find information on summer music / voice lessons at:
https://www.clarenceschools.org/music/music-news

"Congratulations!"
Music Department / Drama Club Retirees





Mr. Kohler

Mr. Doug Kohler - 36 Years



Mr. Louis Vitello - 29 Years

Cheers to RETIREMENT!





Mr. Douglas Shaw - 35 Years



Mrs. Valerie Acee - 24 Years

Clarence Music

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