

# MAYOR'S 2025 CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Presented by:  Blackburn Orthodontics

Benefiting: Community Services League

**2:30 PM ✦ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH**

**Community of Christ Auditorium**

Artwork by Arshpreet Singh, Mallinson Elementary

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**The Honorable Rory Rowland**  
Mayor of the City of Independence



**Dr. David Blackburn**  
Blackburn Orthodontics



**Dick Wilson**  
Master of Ceremonies



**Dr. Cindy Grant**  
ISD Interim Superintendent



**Doug Cowan**  
President & CEO Community Services League



## **Conductors**

**Heidi Smith** | Mill Creek Elementary  
**Sarah Hessenius** | Spring Branch Elementary  
**Liam Masland** | William Southern Elementary



**Fourth Grade Combined Choir**  
**Independence School District**



**Young MAIsterSingers Music Arts Institute**



**William Chrisman High School Blue and Gold Choir**



**Spirit of Independence Concert Band**

*\*Ushers are members of the Truman, Van Horn and William Chrisman High Schools JROTC and the Junior Service League of Independence.*

# PROGRAM ORDER

**Spirit of Independence Band** Director: Jane Hicklin  
**The Call of Christmas** . . . . . Arranged by Vim Stalman

## **Music Arts Institute Young MaisterSingers**

Directors: Cynthia Tiller, Brett Faulkner, Larissa Kannas  
Accompanist: Jack Palmer

**Christmastime is Here** . . . . . Vince Guaraldi and Lee Mendelssohn  
**Up Above My Head** . . . . . Andrea Ramsey

**Spirit of Independence Band** Director: Jane Hicklin  
**Mary Did You Know** . . . . . Arranged by James Meredith

## **William Chrisman High School Blue and Gold Choir**

Director: Tim Gorski

**O Christmas Tree** . . . . . Arranged by Adam & Matt Podd  
**Carol of the Bells** . . . . . Arranged by Peter J Wilhousky

**Spirit of Independence Band** Directed by Jane Hicklin  
**Go Tell It on the Mountain** . . . . . Arranged by Jay Dawson

## **4th Grade Mass Choir**

**Hallelujah** . . . . . G.F. Handel, Arranged by Marilyn Gunn  
Organ: Kevin Kissinger    Horn: Mike Eaton  
Conducted by Heidi Smith (Mill Creek Elementary)

**The Holly and The Ivy** . . . . . Traditional, Arranged by John Riggio  
Soloists: James Anderson, A'iyonna Burgos,  
Austynn Embree-Acebedo, Asher Farlee,  
Blakely McIndoo, Jacob Takens

Oboe: Madora Graffeo (Fairmount Elementary)  
Accompanist: Stephanie Myers (Randall Elementary)  
Conducted by: Sarah Hessenius (Spring Branch Elementary)

**Here Comes the Snow** . . . . . Theresa Jennings  
Conducted by: Liam Masland (William Southern Elementary)

## **Kevin Kissinger – Organist**

**March of the Toys from Babes in Toyland** . . . . . Victor Herbert  
Arranged by Frederick Hohman

**Spirit of Independence Band** Director: Jane Hicklin  
**Christmas “Pop” Sing-Along** . . . . . Arranged by James Ployhar

## Fourth Grade Choir Dismissal Information

Students will be dismissed a few schools at a time in the following order. Their teacher will lead them from the balcony to the area along the front of the podium. Parents are asked to wait to come forward until their student's school is announced and shown on the screen. Please keep the aisles in the front half of the main floor clear until your school is announced.

## Información de la salida del concierto para los estudiantes del cuarto grado

Los estudiantes se retirarán de tres a cinco escuelas a la vez, en el orden indicado más abajo. La maestra de cada escuela llevará a sus estudiantes al área alrededor de la parte frontal de la tarima (el estrado). Se solicita a los padres esperar para recoger a sus hijos hasta que la escuela de su hijo/a sea anunciada (mostrada) en la pantalla. Por favor mantenga los pasillos libres a la mitad de la planta principal hasta que la escuela de su hijo/a sea anunciada.

### *DISMISSAL ORDER*

- 1 SANTA FE ✦ MILL CREEK ✦ SPRING BRANCH ✦ BENTON
- 2 OTT ✦ KORTE ✦ SOUTHERN ✦ THREE TRAILS
- 3 FAIRMOUNT ✦ BRYANT ✦ PROCTER ✦ LUFF ✦ SYCAMORE
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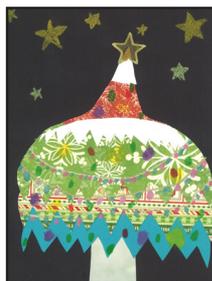
**Zanah Flippin**  
*Spring Branch*



**Paisley Giles**  
*William Southern*



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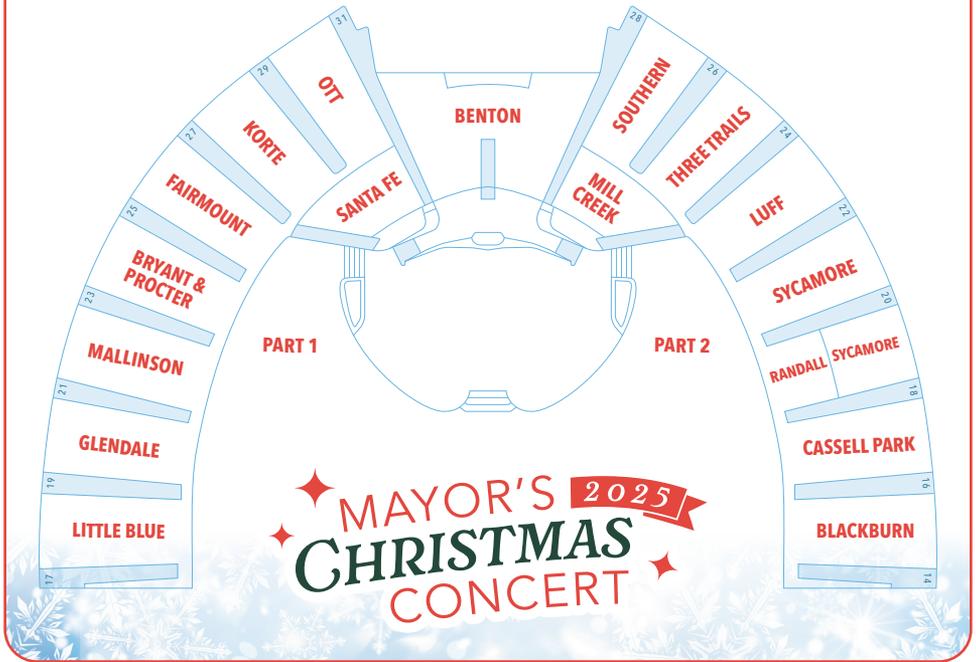
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