

COLLIER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PRESENTS

CCPS Honors CONCERT SERIES

2026-2027

Middle & High School

Honors Chorus

Friday, November 6th, 2026

6:30PM

Gulf Coast High School

PROGRAM

Welcome Remarks — **Dr. Skip Pardee**
District Coordinator, Fine Arts (K-12)
Collier County Public Schools

Dr. Elizabeth Ferreira Alves
Chief Academic Officer
Collier County Public Schools

Introduction of Middle School Honors Chorus Clinician — **Angel Colon**
Chorus Director, Cypress Palm Middle School

Middle School Honors Chorus — **Ashley Leland, *Conductor***

Selections will be chosen from the following:

¡E Cielo Canta Alegría! — arr. Roger Bergs

I've Got Peace Like a River — arr. Shawn Berry

Jabberwocky — by Carolyn Jennings

Tyger — by Elaine Hagenberg

Introduction of High School Honors Chorus Clinician — **Joseph Bigler**
Chorus Director, Naples High School

High School Honors Chorus — **Dr. Ryan Person, *Conductor***

Selections will be chosen from the following:

Bring Me Little Water, Silvey — arr. Adam Podd

Ngothando — Mbuso Ndlovu

On My Dreams — Jocelyn Hagen

No Rocks a-Cryin' — Rollo Dilworth

ABOUT OUR CONDUCTORS

MIDDLE SCHOOL HONORS CHORUS — ASHLEY LELAND



Ashley Leland is a native of Palm Beach County and the proud daughter of two fantastic choral directors. She attended Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr. School of the Arts, earned her Bachelor's degree in Sociology with a certificate in Gender Studies at Florida Atlantic University, and completed her Masters of Music Education at Westminster Choir College. Her research project, Empowering Students for Vocal Independence, focused on empowering the changing adolescent female voice.

Ashley is the director of chorus at William T. Dwyer High School in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. She is currently in her sixteenth year of teaching. Her choral ensembles consistently earn Superior ratings at District assessment, and they are active in performance around their community. Ashley is an active member of ACDA and FVA and has served as District Chair for District 14 of the Florida Vocal Association.
In addition to her work as a choral director, Ashley works as a professional choral singer in the choir of The Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea in Palm Beach. She also continues to gig as a harpist and horn player around Palm Beach County. She has performed under the baton of Joe Miller, Joseph Flummerfelt, Gerard Schwarz, and Frederick Fennell. She has studied choral conducting with James Jordan, Joe Miller, Charles Bruffy, Vance George, and Simon Carrington. Ashley has sung with Palm Beach Opera and the National Symphony.

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS CHORUS — DR. RYAN PERSON



Dr. Ryan Person is associate professor of music and director of choral activities at Stetson University, where he conducts the renowned Stetson University Concert Choir and Choral Union. Appointed to the position in 2026, he brings more than two decades of choral leadership experience.

Prior to his appointment at Stetson, Ryan Person most recently served as associate professor of music and director of choral activities at Morningside University in Sioux City, Iowa, where ensembles under his leadership cultivated a global reputation for choral excellence. During his tenure, the Morningside Choir won the prestigious American Prize in Choral Performance for Colleges and Universities and performed at national, regional, and state ACDA conferences. His ensembles have toured extensively across South Africa, Austria, Germany, and Czechia, having earned a performance invitation at the celebrated Dvorák Music Festival. A frequent guest on major stages, Person has conducted at Carnegie Hall and is slated to return there to lead a national festival choir in 2028.

As a clinician and scholar, Person has conducted dozens of prominent honor and festival choirs —including the 900-member South Dakota All-State Chorus—and has presented at the National Collegiate Choral Organization Conference, as well as served as a headlining clinician at numerous state conferences nationwide. In recognition of his teaching and scholarship, he was honored with the Sharon Walker Faculty Excellence Award at Morningside University. Prior to his work as a collegiate conductor, Person notably taught choral music at West High School in Iowa City, Iowa —a school recognized annually as the top academic high school in the state. Person holds a Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting from Texas Tech University and a Master of Music from Michigan State University, having completed his undergraduate music experience at Luther College in Iowa.

MIDDLE HONORS CHORUS

Ashley Leland, *Conductor*

CYPRESS PALM MIDDLE SCHOOL
Gracelynn Conn
Sofia DiBernardino
Kylaa Elmore
Alexandra Flesch
Natalie Leal
Hannah McCormick
Leia Romer
Cheyanne Smith

CORKSCREW MIDDLE SCHOOL
Rylea Cowan
Maria Espejo Eslava
Zeina Fawzy
Pilar Gerena
Allison Moore
Djennah Saint Louis

EAST NAPLES MIDDLE SCHOOL
Benshina Casseus
Wendy Gonzalez Lorenzo
Axcel Lora-Gomez
Alora Rojas

GOLDEN GATE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Caesar Borges
Litzely Deciderio Zepeda
Khloe Duverger
Eden Granados Hernandez
Jovie Granados Hernandez
Jayden Odne
Sofia Tapia

GULFVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
Leah Dorfman
Kendall Guercio
Ayra Sprunger

MANATEE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Mia Cotto Rios
Phaedra Exavier
Anna Syriac

NORTH NAPLES MIDDLE SCHOOL
Teodora Baciu
Gabrielle Clerjuste
Alessandra Davila
Dianet Diaz Serrat
Declan Hancock
Ajlin Hyshmeri
Amerina Korensoki
Ella Lyons
Mckenzi Masino
Sierra Masino
Scarlett Mitchell
Jocelyn Muni
Maximo Perez Fernandez
Francesca Potucek

OAKRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Genevieve Brownell
Layla Calzadilla Ojeda
Grace Dambman
Olivia Martin
Lihan Mojica Collazos
Jaqueline Nestorova
Colton Norris
Victor Padilla
Alina Pina
Jack Reilly
Shayna Sahu

PINE RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Evangelina Casco Alpuin
Ella Flint
Isabel Herrera Morales
Piper Searles

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS CHORUS

Dr. Ryan Person, *Conductor*

AUBREY ROGERS HIGH SCHOOL
Brinley Mendoza
Christine Velez Hoyos
Lauren Ramberg
Taliah Williams
Teagan McDonald
Leah Rivera
Lily Lyons
Mary Kate Masterson
Mercy Newbery
Naomi Muradaz
Stella Newton
Audrey Keating
Rilee Leary
Aaliayh Cooney-Romano
Allison Swank
Ava Dorio
Marvel Ibrahim

BARRON COLLIER HIGH SCHOOL
Estrella Labadie
Maddison Aguinaga
Alyssa Soles
Avery Palmer
Corbin Calleja
Jessica Zamudio Ramos
Mariangel Gutierrez
Jennishia-Tyra Bienvil
Kaiyah Martinez
Luan Gutierrez Morales

GOLDEN GATE HIGH SCHOOL
Diamond E. Cruz
Jenna Dellcioppia
Elamy Enid Matos Soto
Angelina Valentina Marchioro Villarroel
Melissa Ciara Christie Clerger
Angelo Victores-Gonzalez
Randy Neumann Bunch
William Joel Posadas Gutierrez

GULF COAST HIGH SCHOOL
Daniela Gonzalez
Sarabi Stanback
Zoey Ralph
Clara Isenberg
Ellie Nixon
Eva Ferko
Jenna Young
Juliana Gonzalez
Alexis Prater
Carolyna Sotuyo
Evelyn Jones
Madison Miller
Phoebe Bardaville
Chloe Seyler
Sophia Noone
Luke Constantin

LELY HIGH SCHOOL
Christie Merius
Jessica Tamayo Baez
Haven Griff
Anthony Melendez
Byron Lopez
Windell Araujo

NAPLES HIGH SCHOOL
Amelia Cawlfield
Angie Nunez-Montoya
Haley Ahlquist
Katelyn McDaniel
Elizabeth Chavez
Audrey Garner
Daniella Lester
Elizabeth Coronel Rojas
Rosa Garcia
Alfredo Perez-Lopez Jr.

PALMETTO RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
Faith Velez
Melany Leon
Zahkyra Gonzalez
Keyla Melillo Vergel
Rubi Lorenzo
Scarlett Morgan
Clara Thieffine-Blanchet
Samantha Calero-Alicea
Gianna Fiore
Danton Quirino De Souza Lima
Brady Fitzgerald
Christian Prue

COLLIER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

CORKSCREW MIDDLE SCHOOL
Shelby Blocker, Chorus Director
Rania Pierre-Peacock, Principal

CYPRESS PALM MIDDLE SCHOOL
Angel Colon, Chorus Director
Dr. Deborah Cox, Principal

EAST NAPLES MIDDLE SCHOOL
Tristan Rosal, Chorus Director
Mary Ann Gallegos, Principal

GOLDEN GATE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Maxwell Essler, Chorus Director
Dr. Jennifer Knutowski, Principal

GULFVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
Angela Villanueva, Chorus Director
Ryan Nemeth, Principal

IMMOKALEE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Jackson Rine, Chorus Director
Jose Hernandez, Principal

MANATEE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Dr. Elizabeth LoGuidice, Chorus Director
Jay Fike, Principal

NORTH NAPLES MIDDLE SCHOOL
Nancy Visceglie, Chorus Director
Missy Kuk, Principal

OAKRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Tatum Howard, Chorus Director
Eric Nelson, Principal

PINE RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Elizabeth Ceto, Chorus Director
Michelle Gordon, Principal

AUBREY ROGERS HIGH SCHOOL
Roland Forti, Chorus Director
Jessie Garcia, Principal

BARRON COLLIER HIGH SCHOOL
Todd Peterson, Chorus Director
Dr. Sean Kinsley, Principal

EVERGLADES CITY SCHOOL
Yanet Martinez, Music Teacher
Dr. Cheryl Allison, Principal

GULF COAST HIGH SCHOOL
Lauren Pardee, Chorus Director
Tim Kutz, Principal

GOLDEN GATE HIGH SCHOOL
Roxana Guerra, Chorus Director
Geronimo Mulholland, Principal

IMMOKALEE HIGH SCHOOL
Raffaele Ponti, Chorus Director
Dan Boddison, Principal

LELY HIGH SCHOOL
Joseph Riedl, Chorus Director
Jennifer Bledsoe, Principal

NAPLES HIGH SCHOOL
Nicholas Contreras, Chorus Director
Kristina Lee, Principal

PALMETTO RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
Joseph Bigler, Chorus Director
Dr. Tobin Walcott, Principal

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