



Right Where I
BELONG



See you belong here!

VELA CHOIR
END OF YEAR
MIX TAPE



SPRING CHOIR CONCERT

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

6:00 PM in the VMS Gymnasium



Where
words
fail...

Music
speaks.

Choir Members

Da Capo

6th Grade Beginner's Choir

"The expert in anything was once a beginner."

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| Barraza, Barbara | Montiel, Summer |
| ★ Cantu, Maximiliano | Munguia, Mia |
| ★▶ Carlos, Jeremiah | Nava, Jimena |
| Castillo, Adrian | Osio, Thaily |
| ★▶ Ceballos, Hazael | Pereyra, Emily |
| ★ Chavez, Adelle | Pizana, Azaree |
| Corona, Gabriel | Ramirez Santiago, Ruby |
| Couoh, Isabella | Ramirez, Joe ★ |
| Espinoza, Sofia | Rodriguez, Ashley |
| Estudillo, Xitlali | Roldan, Devin |
| Gardiner, Serenity | Roque, Diego |
| ▶ Gonzalez, Josiah | Salazar, Aracely |
| ▶ Hernandez, Benny | Salazar, Yulissa |
| ★ Hernandez, Joanne | Sanchez, Anahy |
| ★▶ Limon, Arianna | Sanchez, Estrella ★ |
| Martinez, Aaron | Soto, Cristian ▶ ★ |
| Martinez, Diego | Tapia, Jonathan |
| Martinez, Vincent | Vasquez, Jaqueline |
| Medina, Stacey | Zermeno, Ana ▶ ★ |
| ★ Mireles, Esmeralda | |



- ▶ Section Leaders 2022-2023
- 🎵 All-City Choir Members 2022
- 🎵 Competed in Solo & Ensemble Contest 2022
- 🏆 Earned the Plaque Award for Excellent Performance at UIL 2023
- 🎵 Region 28 Middle School Honor Choir Members 2023
- ★ Rising Star Award Recipients
- ★ Outstanding Choir Member Award Recipients
- 🦅 Overall Outstanding Choir Member Award Recipient
- ③ 3-Year Choir Members

Choir Members



A Cappella

7th & 8th Grade Women's Choir

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| Becerra, Ayelen | Gonzalez, Victoria ③ |
| ★ ③ ④ ⑤ Bernal, Arely | Guerrero, Destiny ④ |
| ★ ③ ④ ⑤ Borboa, Alleyna | Magallanes, Melanye |
| Carlin Salomon, Aliah | Olukotun, Sophia ③ ④ |
| ★ ④ Cobarrubias, Khloe | Prieto, Kendra |
| ★ ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ Danugrao, Mikayla | Reser, Sydney ④ |
| Dao Vo, Kayla | Reyna, Elizabeth ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ |
| ④ Davila, Gabriela | Salinas, Fatima |
| ★ ④ Esteban, Cristina G. | Sanchez, Analia ③ |
| Estrada, Maite | Sandoval, Priscilla |
| ★ Garcia, Valeria | Santiago, Shawnene ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ |
| Garza, Monica | Soto, Arianna ④ ⑤ |
| ★ Gomez, Nelly | Vasquez, Samantha ③ ④ ⑤ |
| Gonzalez, Vallery | Zapata, Alondra |

"When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful."

Encore

7th & 8th Grade Mixed Choir

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| ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ Camacho, Sara | Lopez, Carolina ★ |
| ③ Carlin Salomon, Mario | Mejia, Isabella ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ |
| Costales, Brianna | Mireles, Elias ★ |
| ③ ④ ⑤ Del Fierro, Camila | Palmenez, Lyla ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ |
| Espinoza, Alexa | Paz, Allisson ★ ③ |
| ③ ★ Galvan, Kaisy | Rodriguez, Josue ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ |
| ④ Lizcano, Alexzander | Ulloa, Damaris ④ ⑤ |

"If you hear a voice within that says you cannot sing... by all means, SING! Then that voice will be silenced."



Bel Canto

7th & 8th Grade Men's Choir

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| ★ Arroyo, Joel | Pena, Dominick |
| ★ Camarillo, Jonathan | Puga, Andres |
| ★ De la Garza, Santiago | Salinas, Franco |
| ③ De Leon Saucedo, Pablo | Sanchez, Sebastian |
| ★ ③ ④ Lopez, Ivan | Stucki, Samuel ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ |
| ★ ④ ⑤ Mares, Mauricio Jr | |

This is what awesome singers look like!

Special Thanks!



Brownsville ISD Administration

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Rene Gutierrez
Assistant Superintendent, Rose Longoria

BISD Department of Fine Arts Administration

Fine Arts Director, Michael Garcia
Choral Lead Teacher, Melody Erikson

I ♥ choir

Hanna ECHS Cluster, Choir Department

Hanna ECHS Head Choir Director, Ignacio Cruz
Hanna ECHS Assistant Choir Director, Karen Atkinson
Vela MS Head Choir Director, Victoria Graves
Vela MS Assistant Choir Director, Nephi Sanchez
Oliveira MS Head Choir Director, Leo Zamora
Oliveira MS Assistant Choir Director, Israel Hinojosa
BISD Accompanist, Jaqueline Guevara

best Choir teachers EVER!

Filemon B. Vela Middle School Administration

Principal, Michelle Garcia
Assistant Principal, Patricia Barreda
Assistant Principal, Dr. Ana Rubalcaba

You Rock!

Filemon B. Vela Middle School Custodians

Filemon B. Vela Middle School Security Officers



And a huge thank you to our WONDERFUL Vela Choir Parents and Families!!



Concert Etiquette

Etiquete de concierto

We are teaching proper concert etiquette to our students, as outlined in the TEKS, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. Good audience manners are based upon respect for the performers and for others in the audience and are nothing more than expressions of courtesy. As such, we ask that students and audience members observe the following rules:

Estamos enseñando la etiqueta de concierto adecuada a nuestros estudiantes, como se describe en TEKS, Conocimientos y habilidades esenciales de Texas. Los buenos modales de la audiencia se basan en el respeto por los artistas intérpretes o ejecutantes y por los demás en la audiencia y no son más que expresiones de cortesía. Como tal, pedimos que los estudiantes y los miembros de la audiencia observen las siguientes reglas:

- **Turn off all noise-making devices.** Favor de apagan sus aparatos electrónicos.
- **Remain seated and quiet during a performance.** Permanecer sentado y en silencio durante el concierto.
- **Wait for the conductor to lower their hands to applaud.** Esperara que el conductor del concierto baje las manos para aplaudir.
- **If you must get up to leave, please do so in-between performances.** Si debe que levantarse para irse, hágalo entre medio de las canciones.
- **Remove small children immediately from the concert hall if they become restless or disruptive.** Si los niños pequeños se ponen inquietos, favor de retirarlos de la sala de conciertos para no interrumpir el concierto.
- **All students must stay for the entire concert, even after they have already sung.** Todos los estudiantes deben permanecer durante todo el concierto, incluso después de ya haber cantado.



Upcoming Dates

Subscribe to the Vela Choir to receive reminders!

Remind: @choir-camp | Instagram @bisd_vmschoir | Website: vms-choir.com

This date has changed!

Vela Choir Spring Bash

Main Event at Sunrise Mall

Thursday, June 1, 2023, 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
\$20 FUNcard + All-You-Can-Play Activities + Pizza!

"Yay, it's Summer!" Choir Camp

In the Vela MS Choir Room

All 2023-2024 6th-8th Graders are welcome to attend!
Solo Singing + Choir Techniques + Piano Techniques + Music Reading
FREE! No registration required! Breakfast & lunch provided!

Monday, June 5 - Thursday, June 8

Breakfast 8:00 AM | Activities 8:30 AM | Lunch 11:30 AM | Pickup 12:00 PM

Friday, June 9: Movie Day!

Wear your PJs, bring your own snacks, and come watch a movie and play games with the Choir! No lunch will be provided on this day.

End of Summer Choir Camp

In the Vela MS Choir Room

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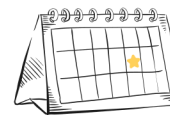
Thursday, June 8

Short performance in the Choir Room at 11:00 AM



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Last Day of School for the Spring Semester

Thursday, June 1, 2023

First Day of School for the Fall Semester

Monday, August 14, 2023

Choir Merch

2022-2023 Choir Spirit Items will be for sale before and after the concert.



LIMITED QUANTITY AVAILABLE

YOUTH:
MEDIUM, LARGE

ADULT:
MEDIUM, LARGE,
X-LARGE, 2X-LARGE



Program



Da Capo

6th Grade Beginner's Choir

Cover Me in Sunshine

Arranged for Choir by Mac Huff

Originally performed by Pink & Willow Sage Hart (2021)

Here Comes the Sun

Arranged for Choir by Mac Huff

Originally performed by The Beatles (1969)

Featured Soloist

Benny Hernandez

Opportunity

Originally performed by Sia (2014)

Featured in the movie ANNIE

Encore

7/8th grade Mixed Choir



I See the Light

Arranged for Choir by Mac Huff

From Walt Disney Pictures' TANGLED (2010)

Soloists: Sara Camacho and Josue Rodriguez

Can't Buy Me Love

Words and Music by Andy Beck

Original performed by The Beatles (1964)

Featured Soloist

Shawnene Santiago

Escapism

Words and music by Rebecca Sugar, Jeff Liu, Surasshu

As featured in the TV show STEVEN UNIVERSE (2020)



Bel Canto

7/8th grade JV Tenor-Bass Choir

Duct Tape

Words and Music by Mark Burrows (2009)

Latin: "Materia Potens et Adhaesiva" English: "Strong Material with Adhesive"

Spoken Solo: Santiago De la Garza

1, 2, 3, 4

Arranged for Choir by Andy Beck

Originally performed by The Plain White T's (2008)

Don't Stop Believing

Arranged for Choir by Alan Billingsley

Originally performed by Journey (1981)

Drums: Samuel Stucki



Program

Featured Soloists

Ivan Lopez

Watching You

Originally performed by Rodney Atkins (2006)

Samantha Vasquez

Waiting Room

Originally performed by Phoebe Bridgers (2014)

Da Capo

6th Grade Beginner's Choir



Build Me Up, Buttercup

Arranged for Choir by Roger Emerson
Originally performed by Colin Young (1968)

Walking on Sunshine

Arranged for Choir by Mac Huff
Originally performed by Katrina & The Waves (1985)

Featured Soloist

Vallery Gonzalez

Part of That World

Composed by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman
As featured in THE LITTLE MERMAID (1992)

A Cappella

7/8th grade V Treble Choir



Taylor, the Latte Boy

Arranged for Choir by Mac Huff
Originally performed by Kristen Chenoweth (1995)

Featuring the 5th Period A Cappella Choir
Soloists: Samantha Vasquez and Destiny Guerrero

**How Does a Moment
Last Forever?**



Arranged for Choir by Mac Huff
From BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (2017)

**Hit Me with Your Best Shot
& One Way or Another**

Arranged for Choir by Mac Huff
Originally performed by Pat Benetar
(1980) and Blondie (1978).
Mash-up from GLEE (2012)

Soloists: Khloe Cobarrubias, Cristina Esteban, Maite Estrada,
Priscilla Sandoval, and Shawn Santiago.



Program

Featured Soloist

Mikayla Danugrao

A Thousand Years

Originally performed by Christina Perri (2011)

Accompanied by her father Jose Danugrao, and brother, Steven Danugrao

End of Year Choir Awards For the 2022-2023 School Year



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Eagle Choir

Combined Vela Middle School Choirs



Seasons of Love



Arranged for Choir by Roger Emerson

From RENT (1996)

Soloists in order of appearance: Adelle Chavez, Monica Garza, Jimena Nava,
Sydney Reser, and Sam Stucki. Arely Bernal, Gaby Davila, Carol Lopez, Izzy Mejia,
and Emily Pereyra. 5th pd Descant and Alleyna Borboa.

Thank you for your attendance at tonight's concert!
¡Gracias por su asistencia al concierto de esta noche!

Our students should stay for a few minutes and help break down the stage
equipment. *Nuestros estudiantes deben quedarse unos minutos y ayudar a
desarmar el equipo del escenario.*

Risers, sound shells, microphones, and speakers should all be properly folded/rolled and
taken back to the Choir Room. Chairs should be folded and stacked by the the back wall of
the gym. *Los elevadores, las carcacas de sonido, los micrófonos y los parlantes deben
plegarse/enrollarse correctamente y devolverse a la Sala del coro. Las sillas deben plegarse
y apilarse junto a la pared trasera del gimnasio.*