



Filemon B. Vela Middle School
Department of Choral Music

Carry the
LIGHT

Winter Choir Concert

Under the Direction of Victoria Graves & Nephi Sanchez
Accompanied by Jaqueline Guevara

Tuesday, December 13, 2022
6:00 PM in the VMS Gymnasium



Upcoming Dates

Subscribe to the Vela Choir to receive reminders!

Remind: @v-choir22 | Instagram @bisd_vmschoir

Vela MS Final Exams

Fri 12/16 | Mon 12/19 | Tues 12/20 | Weds 12/21

Block schedule to be followed for semester exams.

Choir students present at tonight's concert are exempt from the exam.

Elementary Choir Tour

Monday, December 19, 9AM - 2PM

For ALL 7th & 8th grade Choir Members.

Students will travel to Burns, Gallegos, and Paredes Elementary Schools to perform and talk to them about their experiences being in Choir.

Students who participate in the tour will need to either take their exams for that day early or makeup their exams on the makeup day, Weds 12/21.

December Choir Social

Wednesday, December 21, 3:30PM - 6PM

In the Choir Room

We will have a White Elephant Gift Exchange.

Students who wish to participate must bring a small handmade, clean pre-owned, or store-bought present, costing \$0 - \$10. Bring gifts: Mon 12/19 - Weds 12/21.

Last Day of School for the Fall Semester

Thursday, December 22, 2022

First Day of School for the Spring Semester

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Choir Merch

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



\$18.25



LIMITED QUANTITY AVAILABLE

YOUTH: MEDIUM, LARGE

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

Exact change is appreciated.

Choir Members

A Cappella

7/8th grade Varsity Treble Choir

Soprano 1

Carlin Salomon, Aliah
Dao Vo, Kayla
Davila, Gabriela
Garcia, Valeria
Reser, Sydney
Reyna, Elizabeth
Soto, Arianna
Zapata, Alondra

Soprano 2

Becerra, Ayelen
Bernal, Arely
Borboa, Alleyna
Cobarrubias, Khloe
Danugrao, Mikayla
Gonzalez, Victoria
Magallanes, Melanye
Prieto, Kendra
Santiago, Shawnene

Alto

Esteban Garcia, Cristina
Gomez, Nelly
Gonzalez, Vallery
Guerrero, Destiny
Martinez, Valerie
Mireles, Elizabeth
Olukotun, Sophia
Sanchez, Analia
Sandoval, Priscilla
Vasquez, Samantha

Encore

7/8th grade Mixed Choir

Sopranos

Del Fierro, Camila
Espinoza, Alexa
Palmenez, Lyla

Altos

Camacho, Sara
Galvan, Kaisy
Lopez, Carolina
Ulloa, Damaris

Tenors

Lizcano, Alexzander
Mejia, Isabella
Mireles, Elias

Basses

Carlin Salomon, Mario
Gracia, Bryan
Rodriguez, Josue

Bel Canto

7/8th grade JV T/B Choir

Tenor 1

Camarillo, Jonathan
Mares, Mauricio
Puga, Andres

Tenor 2

De la Garza, Santiago
Lopez, Ivan
Pena, Dominick

Basses

Arroyo, Joel
De Leon Saucedo, Pablo
Sanchez, Sebastian
Stucki, Samuel

Da Capo

6th Grade Beginner's Choir

Barraza, Barbara
Cantu, Maximiliano
Carlos, Jeremiah
Castillo, Adrian
Ceballos, Hazael
Chavez, Adelle
Compean, Kevin
Corona, Gabriel
Cough, Isabella

De Leon, Santiago
Espinoza, Sofia
Estudillo, Xitlali
Gardiner, Serenity
Gonzalez, Josiah
Hernandez, Benny
Hernandez, Joanne
Hernandez, Montserrat
Limon, Arianna
Martinez, Aaron

Martinez, Diego
Martinez, Vincent
Mireles, Esmeralda
Montiel, Summer
Nava, Jimena
Pereyra, Emily
Pizana, Azaree
Ramirez Santiago, Ruby
Ramirez, Joe
Rodriguez, Ashley

Roldan, Devin
Roque, Diego
Sanchez, Anahy
Sanchez, Estrella
Soto, Cristian
Tapia, Jonathan
Vasquez, Jaqueline
Zermeno, Ana Lucia

Received Superior Ratings at the Solo & Ensemble Contest

Received Excellent Ratings at the Solo & Ensemble Contest

Choir Council Officer

Section Leader

Members of the All-City Choir



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

Hanna ECHS Cluster, Choir Department

Hanna ECHS Head Choir Director, Ignacio Cruz

Hanna ECHS Assistant Choir Director, Karen Atkinson

Oliveira MS Head Choir Director, Leo Zamora

Oliveira MS Assistant Choir Director, Israel Hinojosa

BISD Accompanist, Jaqueline Guevara

Filemon B. Vela Middle School Administration

Principal, Michelle Garcia

Assistant Principal, Patricia Barreda

Assistant Principal, Dr. Ana Rubalcaba

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.*



Program

Da Capo

6th Grade Beginner's Choir

Dona Nobis Pacem Arranged for Choir by Mary Lynn Lightfoot
Traditional Latin Text from the 16th or 17th Century

Cold Snap! Words by Deborah Craig-Claar
Music by Mark Hayes
Spoken Solo: Monserrat Hernandez

Bel Canto

7/8th grade JV Tenor-Bass Choir

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow Arranged for Choir by Emily Crocker
African American Spiritual from 1891

Blue Christmas Arranged for Choir by Roger Emerson
Originally performed by Elvis Presley in 1957
Trio: Ivan Lopez, Mauricio Mares, and Samuel Stucki

Encore

7/8th grade Mixed Choir

Snow Globe Arranged for Choir by Andy Beck

Snow on Snow Words and Music by Andy Beck

A Cappella

7/8th grade JV Treble Choir

Once Upon a December Arranged for Choir by Audrey Snyder
From the movie ANASTASIA, 1997

Rockin' Holidays Arranged for Choir by Alan Billingsley
Medley of holiday carols from 1950-1962.
Trio: Nelly Gomez, Destiny Guerrero, and Elizabeth Reyna

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Special Tribute

In Honor of Arturo Sanchez
July 18, 1949 - December 13, 2021

Con Te Partiro Words by Quarantotto and Peterson
(Time to Say Goodbye) Music by Francesco Sartori.
Originally performed by Andrea Bocelli in 1995.

Soloist: Mr. Nephi Sanchez, Vela MS Choir Director



Eagle Choir

6-8th grade Combined Vela MS Choirs

Carry the Light Words and Music by Andy Beck

Duet: Isabella Mejia and Josue Rodriguez
Small Ensemble (in order of appearance):
Isabella Cuouh, Monserrat Hernandez, Esmeralda Mireles, Elizabeth Reyna,
Jeremiah Carlos, Khloe Cobarrubias, Benny Hernandez, Ivan Lopez,
Arelly Bernal, Alleyna Borboa, Vallery Gonzalez, Estrella Sanchez,
Adrian Castillo, Gabriela Davila, Sofia Espinoza, Kaisy Galvan, Emily Pereyra,
Sara Camacho, Adelle Chavez, Shawnene Santiago, Arianna Soto, Samantha Vasquez,
Mikayla Danugrao, Cristina E. Garcia, Valeria Garcia, Destiny Guerrero, Joe Ramirez, Sydney Reser.



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 carcasas 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.*