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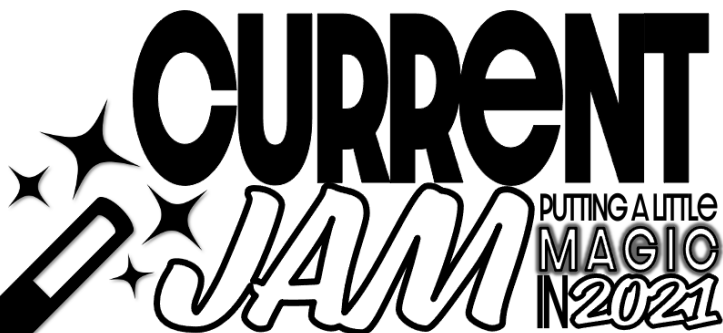
EDINA HIGH SCHOOL • LEO J. FICK AUDITORIUM

THURSDAY, MAY 20
7:00P.M.

FRIDAY, MAY 21
7:00P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 22
7:00P.M.

A PRODUCTION OF EDINA
Choirs



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Current Jam 2021 is presented without an intermission.

- Magic..... Bobby Ray Simmons & Rivers Cuomo, arr. Sarah Zegree
CONCERT CHOIR
Max Drought, Shannon Hare, Aubrey Northrup, & Jayne Parry, solo group
- Ladylike Shreya Konkimalla
Shreya Konkimalla, vocals & piano
- Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy Don Raye & Hughie Prince
Katherine Fitzgerald, Abby Gardner, Abby Meitrodt, and Lauren Piela, vocals;
Emily Mundt, bass
- What's Up..... Linda Perry
Eloise Sundal, vocals; Ana Dyrdaahl, vocals & guitar;
Adam Savageau, drums; Oliver Engstrom, guitar
- Life is a Highway Tom Cochrane, arr. Alan Billingsley
CHAMBER SINGERS
- Good Life..... Ryan Tedder, arr. Derek Jayson & Jared Jenkins
CHAMBER SINGERS
- Home Drew Pearson & Greg Holden
Ellie Bishop, Julia Karpinsky, Olivia Osborn, Sylvia Otteson,
& Zoe Psihos, vocals; Aubrey Northrup, vocals & guitar
- Session 32..... Summer Walker
Aulanie Prudent, vocals & ukulele
- Don't Go Breaking My Heart Carte Blanche & Ann Orson, arr. Mark Brymer
CONCERT CHOIR
- Flicker Nial Horan
Alexander Walkup, vocals & guitar

- I Want It That Way..... Max Martin & Andreas Carlsson
Aidan Bennett, Matt Mason, Luke Meyer, Joe Miller, Henry Rose,
& Hank Stechmann, vocals; Hannah Myers, bass; Aubrey Northrup, guitar
- Rocket Man Elton John & Bernie Taupin, arr. Mac Huff
CONCERT CHOIR;
Ingrid Anderson, Mack Grimes, Anthoine Godin, & Maria Linder, soloists
- Ho Hey..... Wesley Schultz & Jeremy Fraites
Abby Gardner, vocals; Lindsey DeMuth, vocals & guitar
- Times of Your Life Billy Lane and Roger Nichols, arr. Lou Hayward
CONCERT CHOIR; the annual pictorial tribute to Concert Choir seniors
- Sunday Morning.....Adam Levine & Jesse Carmichael
Katie Goetzmann, vocals; Mason Platt, guitar; Adam Savageau, drums;
Micah Berge, trumpet; Paige Stanley, piano
- Busted Guilbaud, Gaylor, Olson, Povenmire, & Jacob
Hannah Myers, vocals & guitar; Shreya Konkimalla, vocals & piano;
Ellen Whalen, vocals & bass; Evan Tesmer-Tuck, drums
- Come and Get Your Love Lolly Vegas, arr. Sheryl Neal
CONCERT CHOIR
- EverydayThe Archers, arr. Chuck Beeson, Class of '83
CONCERT CHOIR

EDINA HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR 2020-2021

Soprano:

Avantika Adhikari
Ingrid Anderson
Nadia Choi
Lindsay DeMuth
Ana Dyr Dahl
Esther Effiong
Katherine Fitzgerald
McKenzie Grimes
*Shreya Konkimalla**
Isadora Li
Yihong Li
Maria Linder
Olivia Osborn
Jayne Parry
Lauren Piela
Aulanie Prudent
Tiffany Shen
Ellen Whalen
Phoebe Zamoff

Alto:

Elizabeth Bishop
Elizabeth Crosby
Sofia Ebsen
Zoe Epple
Abigail Gardner
Katherine Goetzmann
Shannon Hare
Georgia Jensen
Julia Karpinsky
Julia Kratz
Aashna Kumar
Abigail Meitrodt
Elise Morton
Hannah Myers
Aubrey Northrup
Sylvia Ottesen
Zoe Psihos
Eloise Sundal
Margaret Wagner
Kate Wexler
Harper Yang

Tenor:

Aidan Bennett
John Buenz
Carson Burger
Quinlen Chrysler
Tully Clark
Noah Deets
Max Drought
Anthoine Godin
Joseph Jerstad
Anthony Lance
Matthew Mason
Luke Meyer
Matthew Porter
Adam Soukup
Ryan Swanda
Alexander Walkup
Joseph Wedl
Patrick Weingartner

Bass:

*Anthony Bartolomei**
Tanner Burnham
Owen Davis
John Dickey
Tayden Erickson
Thomas Fischer
Luke Hecker
Tanner Hopkins
Jake Johnson
Cormac Kelly
Franklin Korsh
George Lyche
Joseph Miller
Maxwell Nelsen
Henry Rose
Henry Stechmann
Joseph Thommes
Chase Vazquez
Elias Wehr

* = All-State Choir 20-21 *Italics* = Chamber Singers

SENIORS CLASS OF 2021



Eva Adhikari was in Chamber Singers and participated in theater. Memories include Winter Jubilee and rehearsals with Chamber. She will attend the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities.

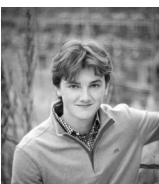


Ingrid Anderson participated in the Edina Hiphop dance team, badminton, and swimming over the years. Memories include the Bel Canto field trip to Wisconsin and reuniting with Concert Choir for the first time all year. She will be attending Normandale Community College to get an Associates of Arts Degree.

Anthony Bartolomei was a bass in Chamber and All-State Choir. As a part of choir since 6th grade, he was elected to the choir board and auditioned for many solo and small group parts. Memories include having fun backstage as a Chamber Singer and a stage manager. He will attend Northwestern University.



Aidan Bennett played Junior Gold hockey, was on the golf team, and was a 212 Leadership cabinet member. Memories include spring concerts and donuts in the morning with Mr. Lehrke. He will be attending Indiana University this fall.



Ellie Bishop was a captain of the Edina Dance Team, captain of the Edina Hornettes, and participated in community service. Memories include various choir field trips and being able to sing with friends throughout the years. She will be attending Indiana University and studying business and marketing.



Johnny Buenz played Varsity soccer, Junior Gold hockey, and was a stellar DECA competitor. Memories include carpooling at Jerry's Foods, Varsity TTB Spring Sing, and Winter Jubilee. He will be attending the University of Iowa and studying business.

Carson Burger played golf, managed Varsity hockey and attended all kinds of sporting events, as he was the student section leader senior year. Best choir memories are going on the Cantemus choir trip to Milwaukee, as well as sophomore Varsity Choir. He will be attending the University of Alabama.



Libby Crosby played ultimate frisbee and her favorite memory of choir at EHS is participating in the choir field trips and singing at the retirement homes. She is planning on attending University of Minnesota this fall and plans to major in finance.



Owen Davis played hockey and lacrosse. Memories include the small groups for spring concerts, singin' with the boys, and almost going to New York. He will take a gap year next year.



Lindsay DeMuth played volleyball and ultimate frisbee. Memories include the Wisconsin Dells choir trip and getting to sing with her friends over the years. She will attend Miami University of Ohio.



Max Drought played lacrosse and participated in many clubs. Memories include making great friends and choir tour to Wisconsin Dells. He will attend Arizona State University next year and plans to major in forensics.



Esther Effiong was involved in activities such as debate, speech, Mosaic, Student Senate, Model UN, Hornet Mentor, Black Student Union. Memories include Bel Canto & Cantemus trip to Wisconsin Dells. She plans on attending Loyola University for a year before transferring to Baylor University.



Zoe Epple performed with the Edina Hornettes all throughout high school. Her favorite memories with choir include Winter Jubilee and singing with the Women's Chorus. She will study Environmental Studies and continue singing at Luther College.

Tayden Erickson plays hockey, golf, and is a leader of FCA. Has been a choir member since 6th grade. Memories include dancing and singing with friends over all the years. He will be attending Indiana University next year.



Tom Fischer played football and rec league basketball. Memories include Winter Jubilee and singing the National Anthem at the Homecoming football game. He will attend University Of Minnesota - Twin Cities.



Katherine Fitzgerald has participated in choir throughout her schooling career as a member of the Cathedral Choir at Mount Olivet and a second-year Concert Choir member. She was also a member of the Edina Gymnastics team. Memories include good times in Women's Chorus and making lifelong friends through choir. She will attend Miami University in Ohio next year.



Abby Gardner played club volleyball, was on the Choir Board, participated in Young Life, and was on the Mosaic and Hornet Mentor cabinets. Memories include Winter Jubilee and singing with friends over the years. She will attend the University of Denver.

Anthoine Godin was an avid member of Edina Choirs including Chamber Singers and honor choir, and participated in the EHS Thespian club. Memories include Chamber caroling and laughing maniacally in the middle of a concert while performing *Riptide*. He will attend Loyola Chicago University.



McKenzie Grimes was involved in theater and robotics. Some of her favorite memories from choir are the Wisconsin choir trip her junior year, spring concerts and Ensemble. She will be attending the University of St. Thomas with a major in Entrepreneurship with a minor in Italian.

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Luke Hecker played hockey and lacrosse. Memories include having fun playing sports and seeing friends in choir. He will attend Miami University in Ohio.

Joseph Jerstad has been a member of Edina Choirs since middle school, most recently singing tenor as a junior in Cantemus and senior in Concert Choir. He is undecided on plans for next fall.



Cormac Kelly participated in cross country, track and field, and wrestling while at EHS, and lettered in all three sports. He has sang in the EHS Choir program since 10th grade. He will attend Indiana University and plans to major in Marketing.

Frank Korsh played basketball and was a girls' hockey and soccer superfan. Memories include the tour to Wisconsin Dells and singing at the Homecoming football game. He will attend the University of Kansas.



Shannon Hare was a member of the Edina High School Gymnastics team, the high school choir at Mount Olivet Church, Hornet Mentors, and was in the French program. Memories include singing in choir throughout high school and going to Wisconsin for choir tour last year. She will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison and will major in Marketing.

Tanner Hopkins played Varsity baseball, and was on the Varsity Alpine ski team at Edina High School. Participated in choir from 6 - 12th grade, and was a member of Cantemus and Concert Choir his junior and senior year. Memories include the Happenin' Concert and the Cantemus choir tour. He will attend Gustavus Adolphus College where he will be playing baseball.



Jake Johnson played hockey, golf, and was in Model United Nations. Memories include participating in a choir contest and performing in concerts. He will attend Indiana University this fall.



Shreya Konkimalla was MUN captain, Girls United co-president, All-State Choir member, DECA member, and Chamber Singers member in her time at EHS. Some of her favorite choir memories include singing with Chamber Singers and learning choreography for spring concerts. Next year she will attend Vanderbilt University.



Julia Kratz Julia Kratz played Varsity soccer and basketball and also participated in girls' golf. Favorite choir memories include singing at Friendship Village and the Happenin' concert. She will attend Creighton University in the fall.

Aashna Kumar swam competitively, was on the board of the Interact and Red Cross clubs, and was a Rotary Global Scholar. Memories include choir tour and learning dance moves at home last spring. She will study Biology and Environmental Science at Wake Forest University.



Anthony Lance played soccer, basketball and participated in the state DECA competition. Memories include very fun concert performances and the 2020 choir trip to NYC being canceled due to COVID-19. He will be attending Kansas University.



Sabrina Li participated in DECA for three years and sings Soprano 2 in Concert Choir. She has also been a member of the MN Honor Choir. Memories include Winter Jubilee with Concert Band and Orchestra, and singing with a supportive group over the course of four years. She will attend the University of Minnesota-Carlson School of Management to study marketing.



Maria Linder participated in Student Senate and French club. Memories include performing ABBA in Happenin' 2019, singing carols in SSA Ensemble with Ms. Jolivette, and the 2020 Wisconsin tour! She will study Accounting, French, and Russian at the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities.



George Lyche played basketball and baseball. His favorite choir memory was Winter Jubilee with Concert Band and Orchestra. He will attend Elon University.



Matt Mason played hockey and soccer, and is on the cabinet board for Hornet Mentors. Memories include being on the Wall of Fame for choir in 8th grade, and singing with the boys. He will attend Indiana University this fall.



Abby Meitrodt worked as the *Whigreen* staff Writing Editor her senior year following three years in the class. She sang in Edina Choirs all four years of high school, joining Concert and Chamber Choir as a junior. Abby loved her time as a choir kid and is thankful for all the mems singing with her other choir besties. College is undecided as of now.



Luke Meyer was a house basketball champion. His favorite choir memories are singing and dancing with PJ Weingartner. He will be attending University of St. Thomas next year.



Joseph Miller was a Head Editor for the EHS yearbook, participated in Model United Nations, and was on Homecoming Court. Memories include going to Wisconsin Dells, sitting next to Franklin Korsh, and watching *Lion King*. He will attend the University of Minnesota College of Design to study Architecture.



Hannah Myers was on the track and cross country team throughout high school. She also participated in Chamber Singers her junior and senior year. She loves to play the guitar and bass, and can't wait to check out the music scene at University of Colorado - Boulder next year where she will study Environmental Science.



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Max Nelsen played lacrosse, hockey, and football. He has been in choir since 6th grade and participated in Men's Chorus. Memories include junior year bass section, singing the National Anthem at the Timberwolves game in 6th grade, as well as at the Edina Homecoming game. He plans on attending Miami University in Ohio.



Aubrey Northrup worked as editor and writer of the *Whigreen* yearbook during her high school career. She managed the boys' soccer team and the boys' lacrosse team her senior year. Her wish has been to have choir

back singing in front of an audience because music has played an important part of her life. She will attend Texas Christian University this fall.

Olivia Osborn played soccer, was involved in Peer Tutoring, was a Hornet Mentor, and was on the Girls United Club board. Memories include the Bel Canto choir tour to Wisconsin and the spring concerts each year. She will attend Texas Christian University this fall.



Sylvia Otteson participated in competition cheerleading and Hornet Mentors. Memories include performing in spring concerts and the Wisconsin Bel Canto choir tour. She will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



Jayne Parry participated in cross country, nordic skiing, and track and field. Memories include singing in the SSA Ensemble, going to Wisconsin Dells with Bel Canto, and meeting new friends. She will attend the University of Michigan to study Kinesiology.



Lauren Piela participated in six Minnesota State Honor Choirs and was the Student Director of Chamber Singers. Her favorite choir memories include Winter Jubilee and caroling with Chamber. Outside of choir, she was a member of the Edina Arts and Culture Commission and was a student coordinator of the EHS Writing Center. Next year she will attend Gustavus Adolphus College to sing and major in Political Science.

Matthew Porter played soccer and hockey. He also participated in Model UN. His favorite choir memory is going to Men's Chorus before school. This fall he will attend the Tippee School of Business at the University of Iowa.



Lani Prudent volunteered with the Edina Community Center for two years. Memories include the trip to Wisconsin in 2020 with Bel Canto. She will attend Lake Superior College.



Zoe Psihos was a member of the Varsity Hornettes and dance team. Her favorite memory is singing for the residents of Friendship Village. She will be attending the University of Minnesota.

Henry Rose played Varsity soccer throughout high school and has been a pianist for 12 years. As a Concert Choir member, Henry was Co-Backup Student Director of Chamber Singers. Memories include caroling with Chambers, Winter Jubilee, and modulating up a half-step during warmups. He will study biochemistry at the University of California, San Diego next fall.



Adam Soukup was a tenor in both Concert Choir and Chamber Choir, and led Edina's speech team as a captain. Some of his favorite memories include singing *I Love the Mountains* as a choir and the Secret Santa gift exchange. He will be attending the University of Iowa.



Hank Stechmann was Co-Backup Student Director of Chamber Singers, in the ACDA State Honor Choir, and was on the Choir Board. He also played soccer, hockey, track, and football. Memories include caroling in the winter with Chamber and performing in spring concerts. He will be attending the University of Notre Dame this fall.



Joe Thommes participated in several intramural sports and was the manager of both girls' soccer and boys' hockey. His favorite choir memory is the bus trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin Dells, and seeing the *Lion King*. He will attend the University of Minnesota in the fall and is undecided on what he wants to study.



Alexander Walkup played soccer and ultimate frisbee. Memories include the Concert Choir auditions and his junior year Winter Jubilee. He will attend the University of Minnesota.



Joe Wedl biked on the EHS Mountain Biking Team and was on crew for multiple plays. Memories include Winter Jubilee and junior year Concert Choir. He will attend St. John's University.



Elias Wehr is an Eagle Scout, has received letters in choir and community service, and is on track to earn another letter in community service this semester. He is a dedicated Concert Choir and Chamber member who enjoys singing. Memories include singing with the Chamber Singers, Concert Choir, and various other choirs, and participating in special acts over the years. Elias plans to study Biology at St. John's University.



PJ Weingartner played rugby, competed in DECA, and sang in Chamber Singers. Memories include Winter Jubilee, Happenin', and singing with THE Luke Meyer. He will attend the University of Iowa.



Kate Wexler has been involved with choir since 6th grade. A favorite choir memory is last year's trip to Wisconsin Dells. Kate has also served on the EHS Thespian Board for two years. She loves to perform and has been involved in many musicals and productions. Kate plans on attending Montana State University this fall.



Ellen Whalen is a member of Angelica Cantanti's Cantanti Singers, performs regularly at shows for School of Rock, and takes a number of instrument and voice lessons. She is also a member of EHS's Concert Band. She will attend Oberlin College in the fall.





CHRISTOPHER J. PIELA, Director

Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, Women's Chorus, Varsity SSA Choir

Christopher is in his 16th year at Edina High School and his 26th year in the District. He earned his B.A. in Music Education from Gustavus Adolphus College and his M.A. in Curriculum and Instruction from Minnesota State University, Mankato. He has served in various leadership positions for the American Choral Directors Association of Minnesota and was an original member of World Voices/Singers in Accord. In addition to directing, he is an active composer and arranger. He resides in Edina with his wife Melissa, and their two children Lauren, 18, & Andrew, 15. He is honored and proud to be directing Current Jam 2021.

SCOTT M. LEHRKE, Director

Cantemus, Varsity TTB Choir, 9th Grade TTB Choir, Men's Chorus, TTB Ensemble

This is Scott's seventeenth year directing vocal music in Edina Public Schools, where he teaches choirs at EHS, and also serves as vocal director for EHS musical theater productions. He graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from St. Olaf College, and earned a Master of Arts in Music Education from the University of St. Thomas. Scott's teaching expertise and research is in the changing male voice, with particular interest in development of tenor-bass choirs. When not at EHS, he's probably at home in St. Louis Park, drinking coffee, and enjoying the kitten antics of Hazy and Charleston.

SERINA L. JOLIVETTE, Director

Bel Canto, 9th Grade SSA Choir, 9th Grade SSA Ensemble, 10-12 SSA Ensemble

Serina is in her third year with Edina Choirs, her twelfth year teaching high school choirs. Previous posts include Edgewood High School (Madison, WI), Sioux City East High School (Sioux City, IA), and Madison West High School (Madison, WI). In addition to traditional classroom choirs, Serina has worked with festival choirs, a cappella groups, show choirs, and musicals. Originally from Onalaska, WI, she received her Bachelors of Music Education from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she majored in both Choral/General Music Education and Spanish Language. She is currently pursuing her Masters of Music Education with an emphasis in choral conducting at the University of St. Thomas. When not directing choirs, Serina enjoys spending time with friends and family, and her mini-goldendoodle, Jovie.

SONJA ENGLAND, Choir Associate & Piano Accompanist

Sonja is enjoying her 16th year at EHS after retiring from teaching elementary music in the Minneapolis school system. She earned her B.A. in Music Education from Augsburg and an M.A. in Music Education from St. Thomas. Making music at the piano has led her down many paths including staff accompanist at MN Dance Theater and Interlochen Music Camp and playing for contests and auditions for countless numbers of students. She resides in Edina with her husband John, and they are very proud of their daughters, Karna and Elizabeth, who are both EHS grads and now professional musicians.

MEGAN KELLY HUBBELL, Choreographer

Megan Kelly Hubbell is a musical theatre graduate of Millikin University with a dance minor. She works as a voiceover talent, on camera, and on stage throughout the Twin Cities. She is a staff choreographer for Benilde-St. Margaret schools, Fridley HS, Armstrong HS, Spring Lake Park HS, St. Paul Conservatory for Performing Artists, and various theaters including Children's Theater Company, Theater in the Round, Eat Street Players, Applause Community Theater, and Actor's Theater of MN. Some favorite roles include Ariel/Urleen- Footloose (Chanhassen Dinner Theatres), Anne Eggerman- A Little Night Music (Bloomington Civic), Tina Vitale- Tony and Tina's Wedding (Actor's Theater of MN), Patty Andrews- Sisters of Swing, Miss Flannery- Thoroughly Modern Millie.

GRANVILLE P. ASHLING, Production Manager & Lighting

Granville is happy to be returning to Edina High School for Current Jam. He is the production assistant and lighting designer of the show. He started his career at Edina as a student and now is the designer for Crescent Moon Productions. He has also done lighting work with Prince, Wynonna Judd, The Office of the Dalai Lama, Cloud Cult, while locally he has worked with Minneapolis Downtown Council, Holidazzle, and Living Word. Some of his broadcast producer credits include The Winners Way Broadcast, The Winners Minute, and The Wellness Minute.

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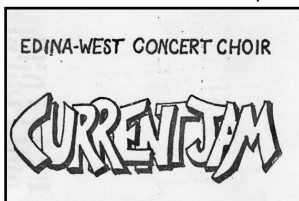
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CURRENT JAM IS EDINA HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR'S
ICONIC SPRING CONCERT. FILLED WITH SINGING AND
DANCING, CURRENT JAM HAS BEEN A CAN'T-MISS EVENT
EACH SPRING FOR MORE THAN 45 YEARS.

The first Current Jam was conducted by William Hughes in the spring of 1973. It started as a way to showcase individual talents of students performing popular music and give the choir the opportunity to perform arrangements of pop tunes. Most of the arrangements were created by the students. The name "Current Jam" was suggested by Laurie Wilson Spencer '73, and the Edina-West Concert Choir of 1973. The students—with the help of Hughes—started what has become a "go to event" every spring.



Current Jam '77 was the first year with Dr. Robert Peterson at the helm. Current Jam became the Edina High School version of show choir. Under Dr. Peterson's leadership, technology was bought into the productions. The use of video projection and lighting became core to the shows.

In 1999, Current Jam was turned over to Dr. David Henderson, who had spent many years working with Dr. Peterson on the show. During D.H.'s tenure, Current Jam continued to remain "current," not only through its modern popular repertoire, but also with state-of-the-art sound, lighting, and video integration.

There were only three choreographers for the first 45 years of the show: Tom Amundson, Randy Winkler, and John Command. All three specialized in dance moves that worked onstage for dancers and non-dancers alike.

While Current Jam has evolved over nearly half a century, it has remained faithful to its roots as a well-balanced, entertaining show of large-group choral numbers with choreography, as well as special acts performed by a wide variety of solo groups. Tradition is a key element of the production: the senior video—introduced in 1977—has had the choir singing *Times of Your Life* each year. The closing number, *Everyday*, was first used in 1982 and was arranged by Chuck Beeson '83.

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2021-2022 EDINA HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR DEPARTMENT CALENDAR:

Fall Choral Concert Monday, October 18, 2021, Fick
9th Grade Choirs, Concert Choir, & Men's Chorus at 7:00pm

Fall Choral Concert Tuesday, October 19, 2021, Fick
Varsity SSA & Varsity TTBB Choirs at 6:00pm

Bel Canto, Cantemus, Concert Choir, & Men's Chorus at 8:00pm

Winter Jubilee Saturday, December 4, 2021, Fick
Concert Choir, Concert Band, & Concert Orchestra at 4:00pm & 7:00pm

Winter Choral Concert..... Monday, February 14, 2022, EPAC
9th Grade Choirs & Ensembles at 6:00pm

Varsity Choirs, Bel Canto, & Cantemus at 8:00pm

Winter Choral Concert..... Tuesday, February 15, 2022, EPAC
Concert Choir, Men's Chorus, & Women's Chorus at 7:00pm

Spring Sing - Freshmen Edition..... Thursday, May 5, 2022, Fick
9th Grade Choirs & Ensembles at 7:00pm

Happenin' '22..... Thursday, May 12 & Friday, May 13, Fick
Varsity Choirs, Bel Canto, & Cantemus at 7:00pm

Current Jam 2022 Wednesday, May 18 - Saturday, May 21, Fick
Concert Choir, Men's Chorus, & Women's Chorus at 7:00pm with Saturday matinee at
1:00pm

A special tribute
DR. ROBERT L. PETERSON



Bob Peterson was choral director at Edina High School from 1976 - 1998, inspiring thousands of students and community members with his musicianship, artistry, and love of teaching. His vision and leadership built the EHS Choral Department into a top-notch high school vocal music program known for robust participation and exacting standards.

Under Bob's direction, Current Jam became a multimedia extravaganza while remaining faithful to its core purpose, showcasing the rich vocal and instrumental talents of Concert Choir members. Among many C.J. traditions he established are the senior slideshow accompanied by *Times of Your Life*, and the closing number, *Everyday*.

Over the years, Bob was instrumental in the production of many musicals on the Fick stage. Additionally, he was the founder of the Edina Men's Chorus, strategically bringing together high school tenors and basses with male role-models from the community to sing high-quality men's choral repertoire. Following his retirement from EHS, Bob served on the faculties at Macalester College and Chesterton Academy, while conducting the Twin Cities Catholic Chorale each week at the Church of St. Agnes in St. Paul.

Dr. Peterson was named Minnesota Choral Director of the Year in 1994 and received the ACDA-MN F. Melius Christiansen Lifetime Achievement Award in 2013. He served in a number of professional leadership positions both state-wide and nationally.

Bob passed away on Tuesday, February 23. The following Saturday, a choir of his former students gathered outside Edina High School to honor his memory, singing *Times of Your Life*, and sharing story after story of his impact on their lives. His legacy is the love of singing together, instilled in generations of

Edina students, past, present, and future. Rest in peace, Dr. Peterson.