

Upcoming Vocal Performances

5th Annual Java Jam

RHS Commons Area

January 11th

7:00pm

Come enjoy an evening of coffee, desserts, and cabaret style performances by the RHS Jazz Band and Chamber Choir.

2nd Annual Pops & Pasta

RHS Commons Area

May 1st

6:30pm

Pasta dinner complimented by pops music presented by the RHS Music Department. Purchase tickets at RHSMD.booktix.com.

RHS Spring Concert: My Voice, My Story

RHS Auditorium

May 3rd

4:00pm

*"She has a voice. If you can't hear it, maybe it's because you're too busy talking."
-Scarlett Curtis*

5th & 6th Grade Choir Musical: Alice in Wonderland Jr.

RHS Auditorium

May 19th

7:00pm

7th & 8th Grade Choir Spring Concert

RHS Auditorium

May 20th

7:00pm

8th Annual Robbinsville Choral Festival

RHS Auditorium

May 21st

7:00pm

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Robbinsville School District Choral Music Department

proudly presents



Songs of the Season a choir concert

*Sunday, December 15th, 4pm
Robbinsville High School Auditorium*

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Mr. PJ Heckman, Choral Director

Thank you to everyone who made this concert possible! Additionally, a special thank you to Mr. Brian Murphy, Mr. Kyle Brosseau and Mr. Birch Wilson as well as the entire facilities staff for helping us book this space and keeping it in great working order. A special thank you to Abigail Dorwart for running sound for our concerts.

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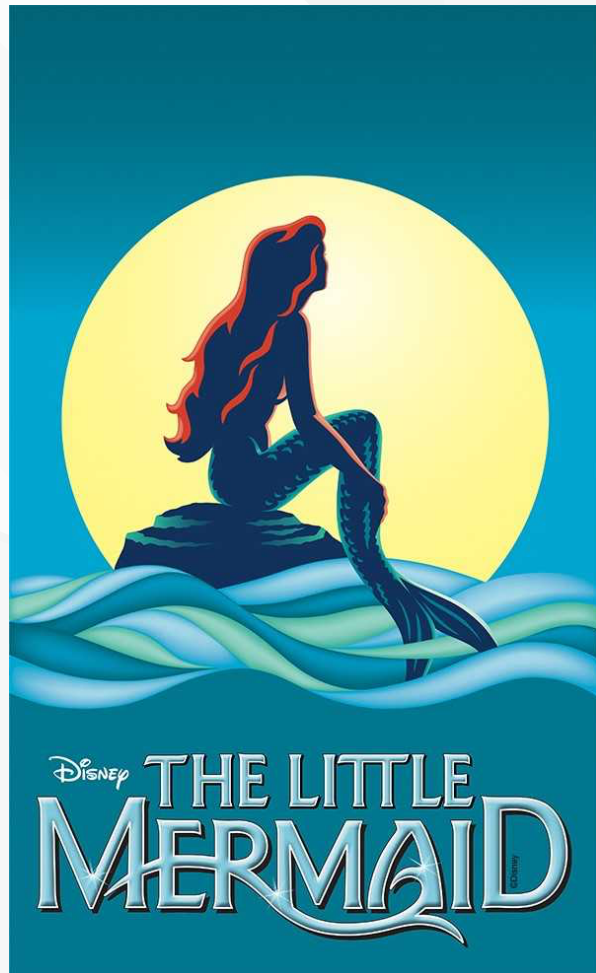
Friday, March 27th at 7pm
Saturday, March 28th at 7pm
Sunday, March 29th at 3pm
Robbinsville High School Auditorium

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The Pond Road Middle School Production of:



Friday, February 7 at 7pm
Saturday, February 8 at 2pm and 7pm
Robbinsville High School Auditorium

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From the Directors

PJ Heckman

Pond Road Middle School
Director

For our winter concert repertoire the 7th and 8th grade choir presents several different reflections on this time of year. Simple, complex, fast, slow, nostalgic, serene, or exuberant - we've made efforts to include the various dimensions of the December season.

We open with **Betelehemu**. This Nigerian Christmas carol opens with a steady duple meter walking song before bouncing into an excited triple meter melody. The piece employs polyrhythm and simple parallel harmonies which are hallmarks of West African traditional style.

Stephen Schwartz is famous for his musicals like *Pippin* and *Wicked* and more. He has also composed several choral pieces including **The Chanukah Song (We Are Lights)**. His musical theatre style seems to blend into the work through the harmonies and the way he sets the text. The lyrics "we are lights of memory, remembering times long gone" evoke a sense of connection to ancestors and traditions. The sentiment segues well into **Remembering Decembers** which explores more recent, personal, happy memories of the season. The song ends with an invitation, "so now, come and join with me, make a memory."

A la Media Noche is a fast paced Puerto Rican Christmas Carol. The "A" section of the song includes a jaunty minor melody sung on "la" along with hand claps. To contrast, the "B" section is sung with quiet excitement and entirely in Spanish. Similarly fast-paced is **S'Vivon**, which is Hebrew for Dreydl. The song opens with various repeats of the word "soy" which evokes the spinning of the dreydl. Layered on top of the repeated harmonies, a small group soli sings the melody. The piece ends with an exciting and mostly homophonic presentation of the tune sung on "la."

We hope to leave you humming with final two pieces of our portion of the concert. **Holiday Road** was written by Lindsey Buckingham of Fleetwood Mac fame for the movie National Lampoon's Vacation. We end with a unique arrangement of **We Wish You a Merry Christmas** and with the sincere wish to all "for health, luck, and prosperity...and a very happy new year!"

Brian Williams

Robbinsville High School
Director

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel tackles the identity of universal hope by setting the text in traditional english while simultaneously being recounted by others singing in latin. We transition into **Only In Sleep**, a lush setting of a Sara Teasdale poem describing the people she remembers so fondly from her childhood. The set is concluded with a simple quote set in an intriguing and powerful way. **Shadows Will Fall** is a fascinating setting of a famous quote. By mixing up the order in which the quote is read the audience is swept into despair and warned of the incoming shadows. As the piece darkens and all hope is lost, a quiet rally of slowly shifting major homophonic chords reminds the listener that perspective is everything, and even the darkest days can be illuminated with the correct mindset.

Concert Choir begins with **Climbin' Up the Mountain, Children!** The piece recounts trials in which perseverance and belief saved others in times of strife, and assures that continuing to climb even when the slope gets steeper will deliver you to a happier life. **God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen** is a fascinating arrangement of the 18th century carol focusing on a lavish accompaniment and canonical reinterpretations of the well known melody. The Dan Forrest arrangement of **Silent Night** provides a new ascending motivic identity to the Germanic carol while allowing the voices to flow masterfully around each other. We end our holiday set with **Bidi Bom**, an upbeat and whimsical celebration of Hannukah, with voices layering one by one to represent the individual candles being lit day after day.

We end the concert with a set of three upbeat pieces, the most recognizable being **Snow** from Irving Berlin's White Christmas. This joyful song pining for snow is contrasted by a similarly joyful yet robustly large **Salmo 150**. The South American rhythms become a driving factor of the song as dotted eighth notes are juxtaposed against straight triple meter passages in rather extreme ranges of the human voice for high school vocalists. **I Will Sing** is a contemporary gospel piece of music exclaiming how regardless of our journey or purpose in life, we will raise our voices in song to fulfill ourselves and help those around us.

Songs of the Season

Pond Road 7th & 8th Grade Choirs

Mr. PJ Heckman, Director

Mike Gilch, Accompanist

Betelehemu

Nigerian Christmas Carol
arr. Andy Beck

Betelehemu.

Awa yio ri Baba gbojule.

Awa yio ri Baba fehinti.

Nibo l'abi Jesu?

Nibo l'abi bi-i?

Betelehemu, ilu ara,

Nibe l'abi Baba o daju

lyin, iyin, iyin ni fun o.

Adupe funo jo oni,

Baba olo ore.

Iyin fun o Baba anu,

Baba to da'wa si.

Bethlehem.

We rejoice, for we have a trustworthy Father.

We rejoice, for we have a dependable Father.

Where was Jesus born?

Where was he born?

Bethlehem, city of wonder,

That is where the Father was born for sure.

Praise, praise, praise be to you.

We thank thee for this day,

gracious Father.

Praise be to the merciful Father,

the Father who created us.

The Chanukah Song (We Are Lights)

Stephen Schwartz

arr. Mac Huff

Sidney Davis, *soloist*

Elizabeth Harris, *soloist*

A lamp that kept on burning, a miracle they say;
but the world has kept on turning are there miracles today?
Everyone who lights the candles has a bit of ancient spark.
We are miracles, lighting up the dark.

We are lights, lights of memory, remembering times long gone.
We are glowing, growing miracles.
We are lights shining on and on.

A row of burning candles shines light upon your face,
Linking you and me and all of us to a far off holy place.
But the blazing of the candles is not the only light.
Look at all of us, shining here tonight.

We are lights, lights of memory, remembering times long gone.
We are glowing, growing miracles.
We are lights shining on and on.

Remembering Decembers

PINKZEBRA

Felicity Holt, *soloist*

Ranvir Singh, *soloist*

I'm remembering Decembers in the quiet of the evening.
I'm recalling winter moments, long ago.
I saw life through the eyes of a child then,
Playing games in the snow with my best friends.
And now, how it warms my heart.
Life was at the start.

I'm remembering Decembers, spent with loved ones, filled with laughter.
Time was moving so much slower in those days.
There was wonder and joy in the small things.
I can still feel it now when the bells ring.
They ring just like they did before.
My heart is filled once more.

The candle lanterns glowing in the snow
ignite my memories leading me back home.
The seasons turn with lessons learned as life unveils it's play,
in it's own way.

I'll remember this December, I'll forever hold it closely.
When I look back on this season I'll recall,
time with you, by your side, spent together.
In my dreams these are days I will treasure.
So now, come and join with me.
Make a memory.

The Performers

7th Grade Choir

Ayush Ahluwalia, Paras Anand, Sana Anand, Anika Banda, Katherine Blando, Rithika Bodicherla, Angella Brown, Dominic Cataldo, Raya Chaudhuri, Gianna Ciccio, Elise Dailey, Thea Danze, Sidney Davis, Emma Dente, Kaitlyn Enciso, Seraphina Griffin, Jayme Hayes, Summer Heyburn, Claire Horner, Sahana Iyer, Vidur Jannapureddy, Sanai Jones, Ashvinder Kaur, Noelle Kein, Parth Khera, Anamitra Kugapalan, Grace Malunow, Ellison Mentzer, Harper Mosmen, Brianna Mosquera, Finn Motzenbecker, Sandhya Muthukumar, Anusha Nandan, Connor Nolan, Evan Novik, Elizabeth Reid, Ria Sharma, Sydney Soriano, Hailey Tkacs, Catalina Vasquez, Emily Volchansky, Shruthi Yarraguntla, Ava Yen

8th Grade Choir

Katelyn Adams, Sanjana Ananth, Alexis Bloom, Christina Brannigan, Olivia Brenna, Madeleine Delcampe, Maria Emanuel, Mia Gamler, Lindsay Goyden, Nora Gray, Serena Gulati, Julia Guzicki, Avery Hanson, Elizabeth Harris, Hailey Harrison, Felicity Holt, Nedhi Kaki, Khushmeet Kaur, Nimrat Kaur, Katherine Kratz, Jia Lamba, Elliora Liebmman, Michelle Mains, Pavitra Menon, Smriti Naik, Lily Ondy, Isabella Peroni, Isabella Pogorzelski, Jessica Poprik, Lauren Poprik, Macie Prohammer, Sydney Regen, Ashley Roberts, Ashley Rohloff, Jonathan Roy, Vaishnavi Saravanakumar, Shreya Savur, Andrew Semmel, Ashley Semmel, Brianna Semmel, Sarah Silverstein, Ashley Simon, Ranvir Singh, Ryan Stanton, Erin Stenger, Addis Tafesse, Aanya Tummala, Natalie Villegas, Allyson Wolochuk, Marisa Yanucil

Robbinsville High School Concert Choir

Anthony Adamo, Saisha Ahluwalia, Samantha Baron, Ava Blando, Laura Bradley, Sabrina Breden, Maris Brown, Leah Caiola, Jack Cavanaugh-Gialloredo, James Cavanaugh-Gialloredo, Jade Chau, Dulce Cifuentes Lopez, Isabel Cox, Isabella Crapanzano, David Cruz, Mykala Davison, Joelle DelPrete, John Exner, Kelley Fernandes, Rafael Ferreira, Emanuel Flores, Arabella Foulks, Devon Fruscione, Melina Fusco, Abigail Gafgen, Ashley Gafgen, Ella Gallagher, Bridget Godfrey, Rachael Godfrey, Vivienne Halm, Alyce Heller, Courtney Horvath, Shreeya Iyer, Sanisa Kanade, Gavin Karas, Samantha Keating, Maura Kelly, Kyle Kempton, Bree Krail, Larissa Leigh, Nathan Leonard, Leah Lichtenfeld, Abby Lieberman, Viveka Madhan, Shane Maher, Ava Malkin, Aashmi Mathew, Claire Mauerman, Delaney McEvoy, Lili Meddahi, Emily Milo, Daniela Mirando, Dominick Mirando, Abigail Moir, Nida Mubarak, Kate Myers, Chiraag Nadig, Mohith Nagendra, Gabriella Natale, Juliana Oliveira, Cara Pergament, Jonas Peter, Caleigh Pokallus, Anusha Qaisar, Sam Regen, Kaleigh Rejent, Heidi Riad, Bella Riether, Timothy Riley, Emilia Rossidivito, Sumedha Sabbani, Saanvi Sawkar, Abby Scatena, Sarah Scatena, Brandon Semmel, Ethan Shaev, Dylan Shah, Morgan Shapiro, Annakah Smolensky, Ashley Spilatore, Sanjana Sureshbabu, Cindi Sussman, Sylvia Wahby, Katherine Weil, Srishti Wilfred, Lizzy Young, Lucy Zaidi

Robbinsville High School Chamber Choir

Jack Cavanaugh-Gialloredo, James Cavanaugh-Gialloredo, Isabel Cox, David Cruz, Rafael Ferreira, Devon Fruscione, Kyle Kempton, Nathan Leonard, Ava Malkin, Aashmi Mathew, Emily Milo, Jonas Peter, Sarah Scatena, Annakah Smolensky, Sanjana Sureshbabu, Lizzy Young

Thank you for your continued support of the
performing arts at Robbinsville High School!

Snow
from Irving Berlin's
"White Christmas"
Words and Music by
Irving Berlin
Arr. Mark Brymer

Snow!

It won't be long before we'll all be there with snow,
I want to wash my hands my face and hair with snow.
I long to clear a path and lift a spade of snow,
to see a great big man entirely made of snow.

Where it's snowing all winter through
that's where I want to be.
Snowball throwing, that's what I'll do
How I'm longing to ski! Through the snow!

Those glist'ning houses that seems to be built of snow,
to see a mountain covered with a quilt of snow.
What is Christmas with no snow.
No White Christmas with no snow.

I'll soon be there with snow.
I'll wash my hair with snow.
And with a spade of snow,
I'll build a man that's made of snow.

I'd love to stay up with you but I'd recommend
a little shut-eye go to sleep and dream of snow.

Salmo 150
("Psalm 150")
Ernani Anguiar

Laudáte Dóminum in sánctis éjus:
Laudáte éum in firmaménto virtútis éjus.
Laudáte éum in virtútibus éjus:
Laudáte éum secúndum
multitúdinem magnitúdinis éjus.

Praise Lord in sacred places his,
praise him in firmament of power his.
Praise him for mighty acts his,
praise him according to
enormity of greatness his.

Laudáte éum in sóno túbae:
Laudáte éum in psaltério et cithara.
Laudáte éum in tympani et chóro:
Laudáte éum in chórdis et orgáno.
Laudáte éum in cymbalis
benesonántibus:
Laudáte éum in cymbalis jubilatiónis:
ómnis spíritus láudet Dóminum.

Praise him with sound of trumpet,
praise him with psaltery and harp.
Praise him with drum and dance,
praise him with strings and pipes.
Praise him with cymbals high-sounding,
praise him with cymbals of joy.
Every spirit/breath let praise Lord.

I Will Sing
Michael Engelhardt
Dani Mirando, *soloist*

We've all been given our little corner of space and time.
With the permission to do with it as we see fit for a while.
So begs the question, what will I do with the portion given to me?
This one possession, so pure and precious.

Darkness and fear abound, but this song keeps calling out from deep within me.

With all of my soul I will sing.
My heart ever steadfast this melody will bring.
It may or may not resonate, but here's the thing.
Even so, with all of my soul I will sing.

It's not that easy. Great are the doubts from within and without.
They won't defeat me, not if I'm completely standing on higher ground
confident in the sound that lives within me.

I will sing forever more! I will sing with all my heart and my soul!
I have decided that with this one life I will sing!
We will sing with all our souls, we will sing with all our hearts!
We will sing forevermore; so we're just getting started.

A la Media Noche
(At the Hour of Midnight)
Traditional Puerto Rican Carol
arr. Greg Gilpin

A la media noche, al rigor de hielo, At the hour of midnight, in the icy harshness.
nace Jesu Cristo, Rednator del Cielo. born was Jesus Christ, Redeemer of Heaven.

A la media noche, el gallo cantaba, At the hour of midnight, the cock crowed,
y en su voz decia ya Cristo ha and his voice was doing so because Christ
nacido. was born.

S'vivon (Dredyl Song)
Tradition Hanukkah Song
arr. Nancy Grundahl

S'vivon, sov, sov, sov Dredyl, spin, spin, spin.
Hanukkah, hu hag tov Hanukkah is a great holiday.
Hag simcha hu laam A joyous holiday for the nation.
Nes gadol haya sham A great miracle happened her.

Dreydl spin, dreydl spin, Hanukah to welcome in.
Dreydl spin, dreydl spin, let the holiday begin.
Happy people on this holiday, burning candles guide us on our way.
We proclaim the great miracle which did happen for our people.
A miracle happened for our people.

Holiday Road
Lindsey Buckingham
arr. Roger Emerson

I found out long ago
it's a long way down the holiday road.
Holiday road, holiday road.

Jack be nimble, Jack be quick.
Take a ride on the West Coast kick.
Holiday road, holiday road.

We Wish You A
Merry Christmas
Traditional Christmas Carol
arr. Emily Crocker

We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.
Good tidings we bring wherever we go;
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.
Now bring us some figgy pudding. Now bring some out here.
For we won't go until we got some, so bring some out here.
Ah, a very very, merry Christmas, and a very happy New Year!
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.
We wish you a lot of presents.
We wish you the best of everything,
Good health, luck, and prosperity, and a very happy New Year!
A very, very, very, very, very, very, very merry Christmas, and a happy New Year!



Robbinsville High School Chamber Choir

Mr. Brian Williams, Director

Caty Butler, Cello

Meghan Doyle, Guitar

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Traditional French Melody

Traditional Latin Text Translated
by John Mason Neale

arr. Trevor Johnson & Keith

McKay Evans

Adapted Denny Crockett

Rafael Ferreira, baritone

O Come, o come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads to Thee, and close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse's stem, from every foe deliver them
that trust Thy mighty power to save, and give them victory over the grave.

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Only In Sleep

Ēriks Ešenvālds

Text Sara Teasdale

Sarah Scatena, soprano

Only in sleep I see their faces,
Children I played with when I was a child,
Louise comes back with her brown hair braided,
Annie with ringlets warm and wild.

Only in sleep Time is forgotten —
What may have come to them, who can know?
Yet we played last night as long ago,
And the doll-house stood at the turn of the stair.

The years had not sharpened their smooth round faces,
I met their eyes and found them mild —
Do they, too, dream of me, I wonder,
And for them am I too a child?

Shadows Will Fall

Daniel Elder

Text Attr. Walt Whitman

Keep your face always toward the sunshine-
and shadows will fall behind you.

Robbinsville High School Concert Choir

Mr. Brian Williams, Director

Elaine Wolochuk '21, Accompanist

Caty Butler, Cello

Meghan Doyle, Guitar

Climbin' Up the Mountain, Children!

Traditional Spiritual

Arr. Rollo Dilworth

Climbin' up the mountain, children. I didn't come here for to stay.
'Cause if I nevermore see you again.
Im gonna meet you at the judgement day.
Hallelujah!

Moses went down into Egypt land. He told ol' Pharoah,
the good Lord sittin' on His heavenly throne,
said "Let my people go!"
Hallelujah!

Children inside of the fiery furnace. They did begin to pray,
the Angel of the Lord smote the fire out,
that sho' was a mighty good day.

Hallelujah!

God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen

Traditional English Carol

18th century

Arr. Molly Ijames

God rest ye merry, gentlemen let nothing you dismay;
remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came,
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,
how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

"Fear Not," then said the angel, "let nothing you afright,
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in Him from Satan's pow'r and might,"
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
and with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
this sacred time of Christmas tide all others now deface;

O tidings of comfort and joy.

Silent Night

Stille Nacht, Franz Grüber

Joseph Mohr

Arr. Dan Forrest

Silent Night, Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child;
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent Night, Holy Night! Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
with the daw of redeeming grace.
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birch.

Silent Night, Holy Night,
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing "Alleluia"
to our King, "Christ the Savior is born."

Bidi Bom

David Eddleman

Monica Alverado, conductor

Bom, bidi bom

Holiday is here, it's a happy time of year.
Once more the time sung in melody and rhyme.
Candles alight, and their flame is so bright,
reflected in little children's eyes.
Come and dance to the tune 'neath a holidaying moon.

Hanukkah is here, it's a happy time of year.
Once more the time sung in melody and rhyme.
Candles alight, and their flame is so bright,
reflected in little children's eyes.
Come and dance to the tune 'neath a holidaying moon.