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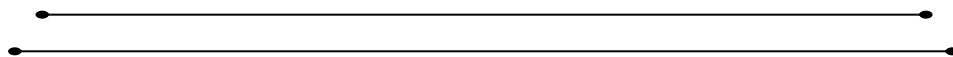
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The Sioux Falls School District is proud to showcase the Lincoln High School Concert Choir at the 51st Annual Choral Day at South Dakota State University. The Lincoln High School choral program has a rich tradition spanning more than 50 years and is renowned for its emphasis on distinctive performance excellence through high-quality choral repertoire. I know you will appreciate the eclectic blend of classic and new choral works in today's performance.

Under the leadership of Linda Conrad and Kathy Ferguson, the program has flourished and continues to grow the high standards and traditions for which the Lincoln High School choral program and the Lincoln High School fine arts programs have become recognized. Both Mrs. Conrad and Mrs. Ferguson place an unwavering focus on the fundamentals of singing and individual musicianship in their choral classrooms. This emphasis on the fundamentals of singing will be evident in the ensemble skills of the choir in today's performance.

The Sioux Falls School district is committed to a comprehensive K-12 music curriculum anchored in the National Core Arts Standards. As part of the total K-12 education curriculum, each child in the Sioux Falls School District receives a comprehensive fine arts education in both music and the visual arts with elective offerings in theater, dance, oral interpretation and debate to help prepare them to succeed in a changing world. The performance of the Lincoln High School Concert Choir today exemplifies the culmination of those efforts in the district's fine arts programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. J. Perkins".

Dr. Boyd Perkins  
Coordinator of Fine Arts  
Sioux Falls School District



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February 7, 2019

Distinguished guests and Attendees of the 51st Annual Choral Day at the South Dakota In-Service Music Conference:

Sioux Falls Lincoln High School is often asked to perform at prestigious events around the state and country. But the invitation to perform at such a prestigious event, such as the annual choral day, tops our list. The students and staff of Lincoln High School are pleased to have our award-winning chorus perform for you.

Without question, Ms. Linda Conrad and Ms. Kathy Ferguson lead the premiere high school choir in the state of SD, and in my opinion, anywhere in the nation. The LHS choir models excellence in all areas. The students who make up the choir excel in both talent and the classroom. The ability and training involved to make such a prestigious choir is not without sacrifice. From parents, to students, to teachers, each strives to improve and bring out the best in each other. Their commitment to grow and perform is harvested by their teachers.

The ability to showcase talent and expertise will be on full display throughout the conference and Sioux Falls Lincoln High School is honored to be a part of this experience.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Grimm". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Robert A. Grimm  
Lincoln High School, Principal

## ***About the Sioux Falls School District...***

Sioux Falls is the largest city in South Dakota with a population of 178,000 people.

Dr. Brian Maher, Superintendent of Schools, heads the Sioux Falls School District.

There are three traditional public high schools in Sioux Falls: Lincoln, Roosevelt, and Washington, each having the population of approximately 2,000 students. There are five middle schools and 24 elementary schools.

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## ***About Sioux Falls Lincoln High School....***

Lincoln High School is located in the southeast part of Sioux Falls, just off Interstate 229. The building opened in 1965. The school is administered by Mr. Robert Grimm —Principal, Mr. Lance Luitjens—Assistant Principal, Mr. Don Ryswyk—Assistant Principal, and Mr. Joseph Struwe—Activities Principal.

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## ***About the Music Department at Sioux Falls Lincoln...***

There are three large choirs that meet in 5 sections and 8 auditioned ensembles under the direction of Mrs. Linda Conrad and Mrs. Kathy Ferguson. Our Orchestra program has two large orchestras and two chamber ensembles under the direction of Dr. Mario Chiarello. The band program consists of four concert bands, three jazz bands, pep bands, and marching band. Many of our students participate in multiple music disciplines.

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# Program

## Concert Choir

- 1) *Psalm 100* .....Rene Clausen  
Arranged Drew Collins

Joy set to music! One of the most exuberant of scriptural texts is presented here in a rhythmic, exciting setting. The lightly dancing meter shifts and rousing Alleluia chorus make this dynamic anthem positively electric.

**Instrumentalists:** Annika Graber, Gillian Hilscher, Quentin Sullivan, Afton Elson, Hanna Beshai, and KT Pagone

- 2) *Five Hebrew Love Songs*.....Eric Whitacre  
II. Kala Kalla  
V. Rakut

**Violinist:** Elizabeth Jerstad

In this suite - inspired by a trip to Switzerland - each song is a postcard, capturing lush, romantic moments in full. The songs are dedicated to Jerusalem born Hila Plitmann - poet of the beautiful text, and the composer's wife. The suite is scored for SATB chorus with either string quartet accompaniment or piano and violin.

- 3) *Only in Sleep*.....Eriks Esenvalds  
Text By Sara Teasdale

A beautiful soprano solo surrounded by lush a cappella choral lines create this dramatic setting of a Sara Teasdale text. This is a stunning modern choral work that has been widely performed by festival, honors and collegiate choirs.

**Soloist:** Ceil Stoll

- 4) *I'm Gonna Sing 'Til The Spirit Moves My Heart*.....Moses Hogan

**Soloists:** Gabe Sigl & Gabe Kanta

The multi-layered texture of this powerful original spiritual is both challenging and invigorating.

## Concert Choir & Symphony Orchestra

- 5) *Sogno Di Volare*.....Christopher Tin

"The Dream of Flight" is the official musical theme of Sid Meiers Civilization VI. I was composed by, Christopher Tin, author of the legendary "Baba Yetu."

# *Concert Choir*

## 2018-2019

Heidi Anderson  
Court Anderson  
Matt Bauer  
Leah Berdahl  
Isaac Berg  
Hanna Beshai  
Evan Blair  
Lily Breems  
Sophie Burow  
Izzy Carlson  
Davy Decker  
Tavniah Dyer  
Olivia Engels  
MaKenna Essig  
Ashton Ferguson  
Suzi Fitterer  
Ramsey Folkerts  
Haley Haas  
Kaitlyn Hall  
Carlie Hartle  
Abbey Hellevang

Lily Hiatt  
Ty Hiatt  
LaRen Holtman  
Morgan Hughes  
Katie Jensen  
Spence Josko  
Gabe Kanta  
Dani Koang  
Annika Kramer  
Emma Lamoreux  
Garrett Masters  
Taylor Mccoy  
Margaret Meierhenry  
Ellie Nunn  
Hunter Olesen  
Ryan Olson  
Delenn Palmer  
Alex Peters  
Mark Pfeifle  
Hannah Reynolds  
Logan Schmidt

Kiley Sergeant  
Francesca Shillander  
Gage Sigl  
Hannah Smith  
Johnathan Smith  
Ceil Stoll  
Avery Store  
Sienna Syverson  
Elizabeth Trygstad  
Jessica Trygstad  
Mican Vollan  
Felicity Walker





# *Orchestra*

## 2018-2019

### Violin

Caitlyn Dwyer  
Annika Graber  
Grant Graber  
Elizabeth Jerstad  
Alexander Johnson  
Reka Nelson  
Bethani Oaks  
Jannah Oroceo  
Jasmyn Rieff  
Ann Sprecher  
Emily Sprecher

### Viola

Tyler Bitz  
Bayliss Hall  
Gillian Hilscher  
Emma Sahly  
Jessica Trygstad

### Cello

Jana Klawonn  
Sampson Marcotte  
Garrett Masters  
Quentin Sullivan

### Bass

Afton Elsing  
Tyree Jackson

### Harp

KT Pagone

### Flute

Gabbi Oaks  
Helene Madsen

### Piccolo

Helene Madsen

### Oboe

Kristina Pike  
Kyra Hintz

### Clarinet

Mikayla Carlson  
Abby Helgersen  
Evalyn Mullen

### Bassoon

McKenzie Young

### Horn

Emma Schock  
Riley Johnson  
Eden Hodgins  
Lauren Teller

### Trumpet

Zac Carlson  
Xander Donahue  
Aaron Johnson  
Eli Olson

### Trombone

Jacob de la Montanya  
Caleb Haugrud  
Katie Mehrzadeh

### Tuba

Gavin Sturm

### Percussion

Hanna Beshai  
Oscar Hansen  
Tanner Hubers  
Julia Lair  
Andy Millikan





# Linda Conrad

Mrs. Linda Conrad is a native of Sioux Falls, SD. This is her 33rd year of teaching in Music Education. She earned her vocal and instrumental music education degree at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and her Masters of Science in Education with an Emphasis in Leadership through Southwest Minnesota State University. She has done extensive post-graduate work at South Dakota State University, University of South Dakota, Morningside College, Black Hills State University, University of Sioux Falls, Northern State University, Augustana, and Hamline University.

Mrs. Conrad has taught in multiple schools in the Sioux Falls community for 33 years. She has taught at all levels in both Vocal and Instrumental. Her High School experience started at Roosevelt High School where she worked with Al Stanga to open Roosevelt as a new High School and establish a vocal program there. After teaching at Roosevelt for 8 years, Linda stepped back to do some part time work in music and to spend time raising children and caring for a parent suffering from cancer. In 2006, she returned to teaching full time at the High School level at Lincoln High School. Mrs. Conrad is currently in her 13<sup>th</sup> year at Lincoln High School. Mrs. Conrad directs the Concert Choir, Girls Chorale, Chamber Choir, Bel Canto, Sotto Voce, LHS Men of Note, and LHS Women of Note.

In addition, Mrs. Conrad had a private studio for years and has served in the capacity of church choir and brass director, adjudicator, festival director, and as an accompanist for the Singing Boys of Sioux Falls, the Sioux Falls Master Singers, various festivals, and SD Honor Choir. She has chaired Festival of Bands and SD All-State Chorus and Orchestra, and currently serves as the Repertoire and Standards Chair for Women's Voices for SD. She is an active member and presenter for ACDA and SDMEA. Throughout her 33 years of teaching her vocal and instrumental students and groups have performed throughout the community, at sporting events, state and regional conventions as well as participated in local, state, regional and national honor bands and choirs.

In 2016, Mrs. Conrad received an Exceptional Teaching Award from Stanford University.

In 2018, Mrs. Conrad received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the SD American Choral Directors Association.

Mrs. Conrad loves to travel and her hobbies include hiking, biking, reading and spending time with her spouse, three children, their spouses, and a new grandson.



## Kathy Ferguson

Mrs. Kathy Ferguson is a native of Freeman, South Dakota and is in her 29<sup>th</sup> year as a music educator. She serves as the assistant choral director at Lincoln High School in Sioux Falls, South Dakota where she works with the Cadet Choir, Cliff Avenue Singers, Cantare, Canto Fratelli, LHS Men of Note, and LHS Women of Note.

Mrs. Ferguson received her B.A. in Music Education from Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas. She spent her first year teaching K-12 vocal music in Ellendale, Minnesota. Following that year, she joined the Sioux Falls School District and began teaching at Cleveland Elementary. After spending several years at the elementary level, Mrs. Ferguson transitioned to Lincoln High School as assistant vocal director and taught there for twelve years until 2003. At that time, she took some time away from teaching and served as worship director in music ministry at Church at the Gate in Sioux Falls for several years. There she also served as director for the children and Adult choirs. In 2009 she had the opportunity to return to teaching at Lincoln High School.

During her teaching career she has served as accompanist for various festivals, South Dakota Honor Choirs, South Dakota All-State Chorus, and maintained a private studio teaching piano.

Mrs. Ferguson is an active member of ACDA and SDMEA.

Mrs. Ferguson loves spending time with her husband Bret and their children, and granddaughter. She also enjoys cooking, baking, walking, biking and traveling.

# *Lincoln High School Band & Orchestra*



**Daniel Carlson**

Band Director

Mr. Dan Carlson graduated in 1994 from Pipestone High School (MN). In 1999, he received his Bachelor of Music Education degree from South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota. He also completed his Masters of Music Education Degree from the American Band College of Southern Oregon University during the summer of 2004. Dan is in his 20th year at Lincoln High School, and 5th year as head director.



**Sam Anderson**

Associate Band Director

Mr. Sam Anderson has been teaching at Lincoln since 2013. He has his Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of Northwestern (St. Paul, MN) and a Master of Music Education Degree from Northern State University. In 2015, he received the “Dennis Hegg Outstanding Young Director” Award from the South Dakota Bandmasters Association. He currently directs the Concert Band, Freshman Band, Jazz II, and assists with the Pep Band and Marching Band. He and his wife Marlea have four children: Owen, April, Ivan, and Azalea.

**Mario Chirello**

Orchestra Director

Dr. Mario Chiarello graduated in 1983 from the Interlochen Arts Academy (MI). He received a Bachelor's Degree in Music from the Eastman School of Music (NYO). While there he recorded with James Galway. He then attended University of Iowa where he received a Masters of Music Degree in 1991 and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in 1994. He played for five summers with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Institute from 1985 to 1989. He has acted as the principal double bass in the South Dakota Symphony since 1996. He began teaching at LHS in 1998.

# *Special Thanks to:*

LHS Choir Parents, Family, & Friends

Mario Chiarello—LHS Orchestra Director

Dan Carlson & Sam Anderson—LHS Band Directors

Boyd Perkins

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LHS Custodial Staff

LHS Administration & Staff

Dr. Brian Maher - Superintendent

Middle School Directors

SF Area Private Music Teachers

# *Vocal Accomplishments*

## *2018-2019*

The LHS Vocal Students have had an outstanding 2018-2019 school year. Listed below is a snap shot of our current accomplishments.

- ♦ 23 LHS Students - SD Senior Honor Choir.
- ♦ LHS Men - Augustana Men's Festival.
- ♦ 20 LHS Students - All-State Chorus.
- ♦ The LHS Ensembles performed throughout the community 32 different times during the Holiday Season.
- ♦ 19 LHS Students - SD Junior Honor Choir.
- ♦ Concert Choir performance for the 2019 SD Music Conference Music Day.
- ♦ LHS Students - Festival of Mixed Voices.
- ♦ 2 LHS Students- The International Carnegie Hall Honor Choir.
- ♦ 10 LHS Students - ACDA National Honor Choir
- ♦ The Concert Choir members have performed the Star Spangled Banner at 30 different events and 1 Naturalization Ceremony so far this school year.

### **Upcoming LHS Choral Events:**

Musical—The Wiz  
Ensemble Concert  
Masterworks Concert

April 11th, 12th, & 13th, 2019  
May 7th, 2019  
May 14th, 2019



# LHS Concert Choir 2018-2019



**Thank You!**