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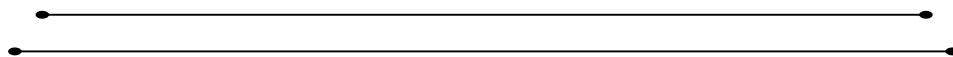
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About the Sioux Falls School District...

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. The district also offers a project based learning high school: New Technology , a various advanced high school programs, through CTE, and an alternative school for middle and high school students at the Axtell Park Building. This is where students can focus on formal education and career skills in a more individualized setting.

There are five middle schools and 24 elementary schools.

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 Dr. Laura Raeder —Principal, Mr. Mitch Lynch—Assistant Principal, Mrs. Kari Papke—Assistant Principal, and Mr. Joseph Struwe—Activities Principal.

About the Music Department at Sioux Falls Lincoln...

There are three large choirs that meet in 6 sections and 8 auditioned ensembles under the direction of Mrs. Linda Conrad and Mrs. Kathy Ferguson. Our Orchestra program has three large orchestras and two chamber ensembles under the direction of Dr. Mario Chiarello. The band program consists of five concert bands, three jazz bands, pep bands, and marching band under the direction of Mr. Daniel Carlson and Mr. Sam Anderson. Many of our students participate in multiple music disciplines.



January 29, 2020

The Sioux Falls School District is proud to showcase the Lincoln High School Concert Choir at the 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

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“Exemplary” is a word that I use to describe our Lincoln High School Choir Program. This word defines the teacher, students, parents and community as we take this time to reflect on our program. 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 is exemplary 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 developed 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,

Dr. Laura Raeder
Lincoln High School, Principal

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Linda Conrad

Mrs. Linda Conrad is a native of Sioux Falls, SD. This is her 34th 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 34 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 14th 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 34 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 grandchildren.

Dear Friends, Family, and Colleagues,

We are so excited to perform for you today at the 52nd South Dakota In-Service Music Conference. I hope that our music touches you deeply and leaves you encouraged and blessed!

I often tell my students that music is one of life's greatest Joy's throughout their lives. It touches us in ways that nothing else can. It gives us ways to connect and process human emotions in an appropriate and healthy way. Through music, we get to express, connect, create, and heal as we go through life and hardships. It's an amazing thing!

The work we do daily in our classrooms and music ensembles is truly transforming for our students. On a daily basis, we analyze markings on a piece of paper, break them down into minute details, figure out what is wrong, fix it with greater skill, work together, rebuild it, and come out with something beautiful that the students create through cooperation, hard work and shared vision and goals.

This transfers into real life skills that the students take with them for life into whatever field they choose. In addition, through participating in Music, the students learn how to be better people with higher character, they learn to respect each other, be self-disciplined, be accountable, and to experience joy with each other through music.

I am so proud of these students. They have shown me persistence, hard work, and we have created and shared beautiful music together. It is our distinct honor and pleasure to share some of our pieces with you today.

It has been more emotional for me than I anticipated as I approach my retirement at the end of this school year. I just want to thank all of you parents and colleagues for your support and encouragement and to all the students, past and present for sharing with me some of the most amazing and memorable musical experiences of my life. My heart is full of those memories forever!

With Love and Blessings,

Mrs. Conrad



Kathy Ferguson

Mrs. Kathy Ferguson is a native of Freeman, South Dakota and is in her 29th 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 21st year at Lincoln High School, and 6th 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 Chiarello

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. Dr. Chiarello served as an adjunct professor at Augustana University for 17 years. In 1998, he began teaching at LHS.

Program

Concert Choir

1) *Ngothando* Mbuso Ndlovu
Walton Music WW1724

Written in IsiZulu, this work is a message to the world that it is only through love that we can conquer the barriers that stand between us. Beautiful and accessible, this is a moving work especially meaningful for our times.

Percussionists: Hanna Beshai *Narration*: written by Hanna Beshai

Narrators: Court Anderson and Ty Hiatt

*Darkness blankets the world
In cold morning dew
And stillness of heart
Until the sun, creeping up beyond the horizon
Awakens
All stillness.
Calling us together
"We will conquer everything"
Hand in hand.
Like the sun we shall rise
Together
We will rise
Like the break of dawn
Shedding light amongst the nations.
Calling...
For peace.
Calling...
For love.
"Let us fear nothing"
then
Through love...
We can never fear.*

**Words in quotations were taken from the translation of the piece.*

2) *The Innocence* Craig Hella Johnson
Hal Leonard 00286850

The Innocence is a song about remembering our lives in our original state of being. It is about living in a challenging world where often we live lives of forgetting who we are, with many layers of stress and anxiety.

Soloist: *Johnathan Smith*

Instrumentalists: *Emra Kantarevic, Steven Duong, Alex Johnson, Lauren Yu,*

Anne Sprecher, Martin Radichev, Jana Klawonn, Alannah Bade, Sampson Marcotte, Michael Pagone, and Izzy Carlson

3) *Circa Mea* Mark Burrows
Walton Music WW1614

An interesting take on a section of text from the Carmina Burana. This setting uses modal harmonies, a haunting melodic line, and transfixing percussion to express the mysterious nature of the text.

Soloist: *Cat Paul and Mason LeMaster*

Percussionists : *Hanna Beshai*

4) *I Need Thee Every Hour* Arr. Sam Robson
Sam Robson Music

This piece is an incredibly difficult arrangement of an old hymn written in 1872 by an American poet and gospel hymnist, Annie Sherwood Hawks.

Soloists: *Arianna Rice, Elizabeth Trygstad, Jessica Trygstad, and Brooklyn Williamson*

5) *Elijah Rock* Arr. Moses Hogan
Hal Leonard 08705532

Elijah Rock is one of Moses Hogan's spiritual arrangements. The gift of his music and arrangements to the choral world are legendary.

Concert Choir & Symphony Orchestra

6) *Sogno Di Volare* Christopher Tin
Hal Leonard 00275228

"The Dream of Flight" is the official musical theme of Sid Meiers Civilization VI. It was composed by Christopher Tin, composer of the well known piece "Baba Yetu."

Concert Choir

2019-2020

Heidi Anderson	Henry Knudtson	Sienna Syverson
Court Anderson	Danielle Nyabiew Koang	Elizabeth Tilden
Isaac Berg	Kennedy Kolb	Jessica Trygstad
Hanna Beshai	Annika Kramer	Elizabeth Trygstad
Evan Blair	Mason LeMaster	Jacob VanBuskirk
Elizabeth Boysen	Anthony Marquardt	Felicity Walker
Jacob Brandsrud	Garrett Masters	Molly Wetsch
David Decker	Joshua Michaels	Brooklyn Williamson
Elizabeth Dumansky	Alexis Miller	Kyndra Wonnenberg
Canon Dyer	Simon Nelsen	Aryana Yusufi
Makenna Essig	Anika Nelson	
Mara Fendrich	Eli Olson	
Ashton Ferguson	Catherine Paul	
Ramsey Folkerts	Meredith Peterson	
Dawsen Hankel	Mark Pfeifle	
Isabella Helgersen	Arianna Rice	
Tyler Hiatt	Elise Rost	
Nicholas Jensen	Logan Schmidt	
Leda Jermia	Hannah Smith	
J. Henry Johnson	Johnathan Smith	
Benton Keller	Summer Stoll	
Jana Klawonn	Avery Store	



Orchestra

2019-2020

Violin

Grant Graber
Jayda Hoffman
Elizabeth Jerstad
Alexander Johnson
Reka Nelson
Jersey Olszewski
Martin Radichev
Jasmyn Rieff
Anne Sprecher
Emily Sprecher
Lauren Yu

Viola

Philip Baker
Tyler Bitz
Nicholas Hajal
Bayliss Hall
Jessica Trygstad

Cello

Dayne Bartels
Gilbert DeWitte
Jonathon Falconer
Sampson Marcotte
Garrett Masters
Lauren Overstreet

Bass

Afton Elsing
Michael Pagone

Harp

Amidala Nelsen
KT Pagone

Flute

Helene Madsen
Gabrielle Oaks

Oboe

Zac Carlson

Bassoon

McKenzie Young
Elliott Tomkins

Clarinet

Izzy Carlson
Abby Helgerson

Horn

Eden Hodgins
Riley Johnson
Ava Pickard
Lauren Teller

Trumpet

Samantha Hansen
Mason LeMaster
Eli Olson

Trombone

Austin Teas
Jordan Levesque
Gavin Sturm

Tuba

Baily Wolfgang

Timpani

Hanna Beshai

Percussion

Oscar Hansen
Gavin Fischer
Aiden Roux
Gus Sargent
Alexis Ung



Vocal Accomplishments

2019-2020

The LHS Vocal Students have had an outstanding year so far.
Listed below is a snap shot of our current accomplishments.

- ◆ 14 LHS Students - SD Junior Honor Choir.
- ◆ 26 LHS Students - SD Senior Honor Choir.
- ◆ 20 LHS Students - All-State Chorus.
- ◆ 23 LHS Students - ACDA National Honor Choir
- ◆ Six of the LHS Ensembles performed throughout the community 46 different times during the Holiday Season.
- ◆ Concert Choir was featured and performed with the Gustavus Choir.
- ◆ Concert Choir performance for the 2020 SD Music Conference Music Day.
- ◆ LHS Students - Festival of Women's Voices.
- ◆ Augustana VikeSing Festsival (Augustana).
- ◆ 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:

Ensemble Dessert Show
Spring Pavilion Concert

May 4th, 2020
May 11th, 2020

LHS Concert Choir 2019-2020



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 Administration & Staff

Dr. Brian Maher - Superintendent

Middle School Directors

SF Area Private Music Teachers