



McKinley Choirs
Springtime Serenade 2019

A Spring Awakening

With the McKinley Strings and
Guitar Ensembles

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 7:00 PM
Umstatta Hall

Welcome!

Our program tonight was inspired by the musical **Spring Awakening**. The idea of "coming into your own" as you mature; the idea of awakening of the mind and spirit.

It is not surprising that the choices of music inspired by this topic also bring awareness to mental health and wellbeing. To that end, we, along with all of Stark County, are drawing attention to mental health during this month of May.

CommQuest and Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health are present this evening to share their mission with you and your families. They offer many levels of support in our schools and community.

You can support them with your donations at the door tonight or by contributing toiletries or goods listed in the QR code below.

Thank you for your support this year. We hope you will continue to be supporting members in our community and in our schools.

Stephen J. Popa
Director of Vocal Music



PROGRAM

McKinley Singers

Waving Through A Window arr. Emerson
Averi Allison, Anastasia Allison,
Joseph Anderson, Alexis Wilson, Trent Eaves,
Bonsai Freeman, Deonte Williams solos

Entr'Acte

Listen arr. Brymer
 ◀ Gospel Choir
All I Ask Adkins; Brown; Mars; Lawrence
 Jayauna Tyler, soprano

McKinley Main Campus Guitar Ensemble

Noche en Los Andes Thorlaksson
Don't Stop Believing Journey

Entr'Acte

How High the Moon arr. Stickles
 Women's Choir
Falling Slowly Hansard; Irglova
 MacKenzie Saddler and Brian Salinas, duet

Mixed Choir

The Way You Make Me Feel arr. Billingsley
 Ronnie Jackson, solo
He Lives in You arr. Brymer
Journey to the Past arr. Snyder
 Kenya Howard, Honesty Long and Alexis Lantz solos

Downtown Concert Strings

That's What I like arr. Story
Prelude and Fugue Balmages

Advanced Guitar Ensemble

Allegretto
Techno

Beethoven
Kindle

Entr'Acte

Whispering
Alexis Wilson, solo

Sheik; Sater

A Cappella Choir

Winter's on the Wing
No One is Alone

arr. Leavitt
arr. Brymer

INTERMISSION

Entr'Acte

Vive L'Amour
Men's Chorus

arr. Parker; Shaw

Guitar Studio Ensemble

The Middle
One Love
Everlong

Jimmy Eat World
Bob Marley
Foo Fighters

Entr'Acte

The Color Purple
Marcellus Currence, Tenor with McKinley Singers

arr. Dilworth

Lady Grands

Defying Gravity
MacKenzie Saddler, Abi Yacko, Abbi Moreland, solos
I Know Him So Well
Kaila Gump, solo
New Girl in Town

arr. Emerson
arr. Snyder
arr. Althouse

SENIOR BIOS

Averi Allison participates in many extracurriculars besides choir, including speech and debate, band, social justice team to name a few. She performs at the players guild theater and in the McKinley performing arts program. She is enrolled in the honors college and the Morrill scholars program and she revived a full tuition scholarship to the Ohio state university for the fall. And although she is undecided about where her path will take her, she knows that God will guide her to the right path. She would like to thank her family first and foremost because without their love, guidance and support, she would not be the person she is today. She wants to wish all the choirs good luck tonight.

Destanee Boles - no bio provided

Grayson Chidester has been in choir for three years and has been a member of SafeZone for two years. After high school he will attend the University of Akron to pursue a nursing degree. He would like to thank mom and all of his teachers for helping along the way.

Nautika Compton has been in choir for all four years. After she graduates, she plans on going to Kent State University (KSU) to major in interior design. After receiving her degree she hopes to start her own business. She would like to thank her dad for chaperoning for most of the trips taken over the years. She will miss McKinley dearly but she is ready to graduate.

Xzandria Confalone has been in choir since 7th grade enjoys it very much. She has been in A Cappella choir for the past three years. Her plans after high school are to travel the world and to make her grandmother proud. She would like to give a shout out to you Mr. popa for pushing her through the last two years of choir. You're greatly appreciated.

Marcellus Currence is a senior and is very excited to go out in the world and show his talents. He played Tonton Julian in the McKinley Spring production of Once On This Island. He takes dance technique and choreograph and is in a dance group at Enrichment of Stark County called Fruhntlahyn dance line. He has also has been in two musicals at the Players Guild theater, **Christmas Carol** and **Aida**.

Ja'nya Davis - no biography provided.

Kayla DelRio was a part of two musicals at McKinley, 42nd Street (ensemble) and Little Shop of Horrors (pit orchestra). She was in choir for three years and in band for four years. She was in YMCA Teen Leaders Club for four years serving the community. She volunteered at YMCA Camp Tippecanoe for six weeks last summer giving back to the camp she attended for 10 summers. After graduation, Kayla is going to the University of Akron to study English and Creative Writing on a full academic scholarship. She would like to thank her friends, family, and teachers for supporting her throughout her journey in high school.

Mariah Fredrick was in Baby Grands freshman year and had been in Lady Grands the past three years. She was also sang in Women's Choir all four years and Gospel Choir this year. Additionally, she is a member of National Honor Society, International Club, Canton City Youth Council and a Mat Stat for the wrestling team. Mariah will be attending Cleveland State University in the fall for nursing.

Katelyn Gadd - no biography provided.

Aki Jones has been in show choir for four years and has made many memorable moments throughout the years. She has participated in many productions in the arts at McKinley and is excited to perform one last time in her spring show!

Devin Hill - no biography provided.

Alyssa Kelly - no biography provided.

Jarrett McCourry is in McKinley Singers, Acapella choir, and Men's choir. He is an active member of NHS, NTHS, and McKinley Scholars. Jarrett has received 4 academic letters, and is graduating with career tech honors. He will be attending Akron University for Business Administration and has have received enough scholarships to go to college for free!

Antoinette Moreland is a senior who has been a part of the guitar ensemble class for 7 consecutive years. She developed a love for music at a young age thanks to her mentor Mr. George Dean at the Arts Academy. Throughout the years, she also participated in the orchestra, AP art classes, a CCP Photography class, and the McKinley Swim Team. After high school. She plans on getting a degree in Computer Graphic Design at Stark State, and continuing to play and make music on her own.

Mackenzie Saddler has participated in a number of after school activities through high school. She has performed in musicals such as Mary Poppins and Godspell. She is in Singers and Lady Grands. And She has been a member of the McKinley Bowling team for two years. She plans on going to Malone University majoring in zoology and a minor in marine biology. She appreciates her choir directors Mr. Hoffmeister and Mr. Popa. Both directors have had an amazing impact on her musical career and she can't thank them enough for all of the things that they have taught her

Brian Salinas-Jacobo has been in sports ranging from Track, Cross-Country, Bowling and Soccer. He has played soccer for about 10 years I plan to play in college. Brian is also apart guitar and choir which inspired him to major in music. He will be attending The University of Akron for classical guitar. He would like to thank Mr. Popa and Mr. Dean and his family for driving him to reach new heights. He wouldn't be where he is today without them. Thank you.

Isaiah Shrake has been in show choir and played football and baseball all for four years in high school. He will be attending Stark State in the fall to pursue an associates degree in business. He would like to say thank you to Mr. Popa and all his fellow classmates for all the enjoyment choir has brought to him

Jon'Tera Strickland-Quincy has been in many choir groups since freshman year and has been in singers for two years. After graduation she plans on going to Akron University to study nursing.

Stephanie Turner is a member of the guitar ensemble. She has really enjoyed it and made many friends there. She would like to thank Mr. Dean for being such a wonderful teacher. After graduation she plans on pursuing song writing. She is grateful to have had this chance in life.

Jayauna Tyler loves being on stage. She is involved in extracurriculars including Speech and Debate, Women of Honor and National Honor Society. After graduation she plans to join the Air Force.

Daimale Williams has been a part of McKinley's guitar ensemble since his junior year. He is looking forward to graduating but wishes he had joined the ensemble earlier than he did.

Kennedy Williams has always been passionate about music since a very young age. Once she graduates she will study with a vocal coach and continue to pursue her music career full time. She really appreciates all the opportunities that Mr. Popa, Mr. Terrence, and Audi Everett have given her this year. She can't wait to see what the future holds for her!

Alexis Wilson has been performing since she was 6 years old and doesn't plan to stop anytime soon! In addition to being in the McKinley choirs, she has choreographed for St. Paul's theater program for the past three years. She has been in multiple productions at the Players Guild where she is currently playing Kate Mullins in **Titanic**. She will be attending Kent State University in the Fall to major in musical theater. She wishes to thank Mr. Popa and her family and friends for always supporting her.

Abigayl Yacko has been in choir all four years of high school. Her senior year has been her best. She has made many close friendships with other students this year and is excited about what the future holds.

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