

Volume II

December 2023

Upcoming Performances

Winter Concert

December 11, 6:30/7:45p

MISD PAC

Les Misérable

January 11 – 13

MISD PAC

Spring Concert

May 13, 6:30/7:45

MISD PAC

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our YouTube channel or
website –

www.midwaypantherchoir.org/livestream

Midway Choir Alumni News

2023-2024

It's beginning to look a lot like... Caroling Season! Chamber Singers is gearing up for another holiday season taking our voices to the streets.



Chamber Singers, Caroling on Salado Stroll December 2022



Chamber Singers, 2005-2006

After Thanksgiving, the Choir Room feels a crescendo towards the Winter Concert looming ahead. Familiar sounds of "O Come O Come" and "Let There Be Peace on Earth" fill the room, while new sounds come to life, such as "There Is No Rose" by Clausen and "Christmas Lullaby" by Rutter. This year we are also in the middle of preparing a musical, so things are quite busy around here!

We hope you are filled with joy this holiday season and go with a song in your heart!

Mr. Rice, Mrs. Rice, and Mr. Overstreet



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Midway Choir Alumni Spotlight...

Trannie Anderson (Stevens) Class of 2011



Trannie Anderson has been writing and recording songs in the Waco area since she was young. By the time she was in high school, she was already an emerging songwriter and featured her original compositions often at Gotta Sing! Gotta Dance! performances. Fast forward several years, and now her writing skills have landed her in the national spotlight.

Her song "Heart Like A Truck" recorded by country singer Lainey Wilson was nominated for Song of the Year at the 2023 CMA Awards, Single of the Year at the 2023 ACM Awards, honored at the 2023 BMI Awards, and awarded the Song of the Year at the 2023 NSAI Awards at the Ryman auditorium in Nashville, TX.



Additionally, Trannie wrote 4 songs in total on Lainey Wilson's record "Bell Bottom Country," which is nominated for Album of the Year at The Grammy's in February. Currently, Trannie resides in Nashville, Tennessee with her husband Patrick.

Congratulations Trannie!



Do you have an alumnus who is outstanding in a music career that you would like to feature here?

If so, please email – Caleb.Oversreet@midwayisd.org

Contact Us

We are looking for photos to feature in this newsletter from all the years! If you have them handy, would you share with us?

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Would you consider giving a financial gift to the Midway Choir Booster Club?

Midway HS Choir Booster club is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is devoted to providing support to the students and directors in the Midway High School Choral program. As an organization we fundraise through memberships and other fundraisers each year to provide financial support such as:

- Paid participation in Baylor Men's/Women's Day Out, UMHB Women's Day and other field trips.
- Annual Trip support of around \$100 per student.
- \$3,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors
- Private voice lesson scholarships for students.

However, as inflation continues without program budget increases, there is still a need for additional support. **Would you consider giving a year-end tax-deductible gift?** The booster club would be honored to use your funds for one of the areas of need listed above. You may offer a suggestion to put your donation into our Scholarship fund for Seniors, or to help additional students take voice lessons. Your gift could also help a student go on the Meistersingers New York City trip or another choir trip.

Give Here -> www.midwaypantherchoir.org/donate

Thank you for your consideration!

We would love to see you at our concerts!

Are you still in Waco? Would you like a FREE get away evening? We would love to see more alumni at our Winter and Spring Concerts! We still continue the great traditions in each of these concerts such as singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth" at the Winter Concert and "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" with all the alumni on stage with us.

Come join us this year!

Do we have your current contact information? Know a friend who was in choir that didn't get this newsletter? Please fill out the form here:

www.midwaypantherchoir.org/alumni