

FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

PRESENTS

THE FINAL BOW

At the Crossroads

of

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&

BROADWAY



FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
2500 WEST TAFT VINELAND ROAD, ORLANDO, FL 32837

THURSDAY, APRIL 24TH, 2024 | 7:00 PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT FHSBOXOFFICE.COM

WELCOME

We are the Patriot Choral Program and this is our Freedom!

Thank you sincerely for joining us tonight. It is a privilege and a pleasure to present this performance to you. The resonant voices of freedom are genuine and uplifting, creating an honest and inspiring atmosphere. Tonight, prepare for a vocal spectacle as Freedom High School's choral program, comprised of 100 dedicated students, explores vocal music spanning languages, techniques and influences from every continent and era. A captivating musical journey awaits you, promising entertainment and upliftment.



CHARLES FRANCE, PRINCIPAL

Our exceptionally talented students diligently hone their vocal gifts every day. This year, our choir students have already achieved notable milestones, including:

- 1 student selected for the 2024 Florida State Mixed Choir
- 1 student selected for the 2024 Florida All-State SSAA Choir
- 1 student selected for the 2024 Florida All-State TTBB Choir
- 7 students successfully completed and passed the first round of state exams.
- 7 Students Selected for 2024 OCPS High School All-County Honor Choir

Leading our Freedom High School Choral Program is the esteemed Mr. Thomas Desmond. Freedom is immensely proud of Mr. Desmond's tireless dedication to our choral program, school, and community.

Tonight, the real stars of the show are our students, ready to shine brightly for you. Prepare to feel enlightened, moved and exhilarated.

This is our Freedom Choral Program.

Charles M. France, Principal

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Freedom High School choir program is a comprehensive music program comprising 100 students in grades 9-12. The program offers four choir and Class Voice ensembles, including Patriot Singers, an advanced mixed voice ensemble, Mirabei, an advanced treble ensemble, Bella Voce, a beginner/intermediate treble ensemble, and Patriot Ensemble, a beginning/intermediate tenor/bass ensemble.

The Choir Program has earned a reputation for excellence, consistently earning superior ratings at state and district level performance assessments. Students have also earned recognition in county-wide, state-wide, and ACDA regional and state honor choirs. The choir is made up of some of the school's brightest students, many of whom take challenging AP and dual enrollment courses. FHS Choir graduates have pursued careers in vocal performance, music therapy, and music education.

The Freedom High School Choir Program has been invited to perform at prestigious state and regional conferences, including the 2011 FMEA President's Concert, the 2012 Florida ACDA Conference, and the 2018 Southern Region ACDA Conference.

These outstanding achievements would not be possible without the generous support and contributions of our choir families.



MISSION STATEMENT

The Freedom High School Choir will provide students with unique educational and musical experiences where students can develop their passion for singing and music.

VISION STATEMENT

The Freedom High School Choir aims to enhance the cultural landscape of our school and community through purposeful and passionate performances.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS LEADERSHIP

Maria Vasquez, Superintendent
Jose Martinez, Chief of High Schools
Jason Locker, Visual and Performing Arts Senior Director

FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

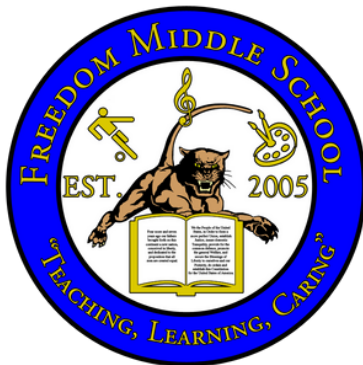
Charles France, Principal
Maria Caliari, Trevor Cox, Alicia Duarte, Assistant Principals
David Bush, Nicolle Boujaber-Diederichs, Charles Youtz, Deans

FREEDOM PERFORMING ARTS FACULTY

Brian Hellhake, Department Chair
Dr. Michael Antmann
Abigail Mistretta
Matthew Nash-Brown
Christopher Perez
Sara Probst

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Lauren Jewell, Freedom Middle School, Choir Director
Robert Walker, Freedom Middle School, Principal
Wendy Booze-Baker, Hunter's Creek Middle School, Choir Director
Joumana Moukaddam, Hunter's Creek Middle School, Principal



**Orange County
Public Schools**

CONCERT ETIQUETTE

Dear Parents, Students, Teachers, and Community Supporters,

Thank you for joining us tonight. By attending tonight, you are showing your support for the fantastic music students and choral music education at Freedom High School. As an audience, you are an important part of tonight's concert. The audience's responsibility at formal concerts is to honor the efforts of the performers by providing a listening atmosphere in which everyone can appreciate their performance. For this we request your cooperation.

Concert etiquette for audience members:

1. Silence or turn off all devices that generate noise, including cell phones, pagers, iPads, smart watches, and video cameras.
2. We encourage you to bring your entire family, including young children! However, if your child becomes restless, bring him or her to the lobby immediately.
3. Please refrain from speaking while any student or choir is on stage. The students have worked very hard to prepare for this concert and every child deserves to be heard without interruption.
4. Wait until the director's hands are lowered before clapping. We know you are excited to celebrate your child's performance, by following this guideline you are avoiding an awkward moment.
5. While the performance is taking place, remain seated and silent. If it is necessary to leave the auditorium, do so between musical selections.
6. Show your appreciation for the performance by clapping after each selection. Whistling, cheering, or shouting performers' names is not appropriate at a formal concert.
7. When taking pictures, make sure the flash is off. This is to ensure the safety of student artists and avoid visual distractions. Due to copyright laws, video recordings are not permitted.

Thank you for helping us create a positive and supportive performance environment for our students! We are teaching our students that there are different ways to show appreciation for a performance depending on the environment. Please help us by modeling this behavior.

Musically,

Thomas Desmond

peace CHURCH



Welcome to Peace Church! Our vision is to live more like Christ through pursuing peace.

We would love for you to join us in-person or online at one of our service times listed below!

As United Methodist congregation, we are an affirming church that practices an open table; **all** are welcome! We don't ever want you to feel pressured to give, or to be anything other than who you are. Join us in pursuit of Jesus and the peace that He offers!



**SUNDAY
WORSHIP**

**TRADITIONAL
CONTEMPORARY**

**8:30A
10:30A**

Peace Family Ministries has programming available for all ages! From birth through high school and beyond, there's a place for your students to thrive. Learn more at our website, or join us on Sundays!



www.peaceorlando.org
13502 Town Loop Blvd | Orlando, FL 32837

DIRECTOR



Thomas Desmond serves as the Director of Choral Activities at Freedom High School. Previously, he directed the choral departments at Winter Park High School, Braden River High School and Eisenhower Middle School.

Thomas holds a Master's Degree in Music Education from Florida State University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Music Education from the University of South Florida. Notably, he received several grants and talent scholarships during his tenure at USF, including the prestigious Nancy Kay Mayo Choral Music Award.

Under his direction, choirs consistently earn superior ratings on state and district performance assessments, and students regularly earn placements in state and district honor choirs. Thomas was recognized as Teacher of the Year at Braden River High School in the 2019-2020 school year and received the Congressional Teacher Award for Florida's 16th Congressional District.

Thomas is active in professional associations, including the National Association for Music Education, the Florida Vocal Association, the Florida Music Educators Association, and the American Choral Directors Association.

He currently serves as the District 8 Chair-Elect for the Florida Vocal Association as well as Co-Coordinator of the OCPS High School All-County Honor Choir. He has taken on committee roles including Logistics Chair for the 2022 ACDA Southern Region conference, the FMEA Reclamation Committee and the FVA Rules and Ethics Committee. He has served on the FVA State Board as the District 11 Chairman. While in Manatee County, Thomas helped establish the Manasota Honor Choir and served as high school choir coordinator of the Manasota High School Honor Choir for two years. He is also a founding member of the Orlando Sing Symphonic Choir.

LEADERSHIP



Gabriel Lanza Santos
President
Bass Section Leader



Nicole Quintero
Vice President



Sam Galan
Secretary



Selena Noboa Bermudez
Social & Outreach



Tvishaa Saravanan
Social & Outreach



Eadryan CasasGarcia
Logistics



Nitya Anthireddy
Logistics



Ully Tristao
Patriot Singers Rep



Layla Bamfo
Mirabei Rep
Alto Section Leader



Erica Blue
Publicist



Rachel De Almedia
P.S. Soprano
Section Leader



Gabanna Rolon
P.S. Alto
Section Leader



Nicky Wilder
P.S. Tenor
Section Leader



Maria Zareh
Historian



Allison Smith
Historian



Abigail Gutierrez
Historian



Toby Briggs
Librarian



Davy M
Member-At-Large

CLASS OF 2025

Once a Patriot; Always a Patriot

Anisa Ahmad
Valeria Alicea Garcia
Maria Alvarado Natera
Nitya Anthireddy
Santiago Arias
Leah Asmare
Layla Bamfo
Maximo Beras-Goico-Rodriguez
Erica Blue
Kailani Cordova
Joselyn Cruz
Rachel De Almeida
Adam Del Toro
Leivismar Erazo Martinez
Sam Galan
Sofia Gomez
Ashley Govea

Gabriel Lanza Santos
Felix Lee
Tatiana Leon
Kristen Madriz
Davy Mosquera
Selena Noboa-Bermudez
Nicole Quintero-Sarria
Gabanna Rolon
Jinx Saintfleur
Emma Sammons
Tvishaa Saravanan
Jennifer Schoeffler
Michael Standefer
Brody Swalin
Naomi Useche Mijares
Qiaoqiao Wang
Nicholas Wilder



ACCOLADES

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING
STUDENTS ON THESE PRESTIGIOUS
ACHIEVEMENTS**

All-State Ensembles

Gabriel Lanza Santos - Concert Choir
Sam Galan - SSAA Choir
Eadryan Casas Garcia - TTBB Choir

OCPS High School All-County Honor Choir

Madelyn Gutierrez - Alto 1
Nicole Quintero-Sarria - Alto 2
Gabana Rolón - Alto 2
Nicky Wilder - Tenor 1
Sohum Limbachia - Tenor 2
Christopher Schoeffler - Bass 1
Renato Puopolo- Bass 2

Florida Vocal Association

Solo & Ensemble Participant

Selena Noboa-Bermudez - Superior

PROGRAM

Combined Choirs

The Greatest Show

Arr. Mark Brymer

Student Spotlight

Maria Ramer

Heart of Stone

Six the Musical

Patriot Ensemble

Dear Theodosia

Arr. Andy Beck

Student Spotlight

Jordan Rivera

Heaven's Light

The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Bella Voce

Journey to the Past

Arr. Audrey Snyder

Student Spotlight

Nicole Quintero-Sarria

When Will My Life Begin

Tangled

Mirabei

Speechless

arr. Jacob Narverud

What is this Feeling

arr. Roger Emerson

PROGRAM

Student Spotlight

Naomi Useche Mijares

Soy Mi Mejor Momento

Violetta

Patriot Singers

Can You Feel the Love Tonight

arr. Mac Huff

You Can't Stop the Beat

arr. Roger Emerson

Student Spotlight

Jaylene Vigo

Reflection

Mulan

Student Spotlight

Nicky Wilder

Being Alive

Company

Senior Slideshow

Class of 2025

Seniors

Seasons of Love

arr. Roger Emerson

Student Spotlight

Zariya Brooks

I'm Not That Girl

Wicked The Musical

Combined Choirs

The Circle of Life

Arr. Audrey Snyder

CHOIRS

Bella Voce

Lavanaia Abdelmalak
Zohal Abed
Anisa Ahmad
Salwa Ahmed
Chiyena Allen
Maria Alvarado Natera
Amelia Andrade
Ivana Avila
Elaine Barnes
Mariana Bermudez
Kimberly Boyd
Zariya Brooks
Kailani Cordova
Olivia Costa
Joselyn Cruz
Aliyah Davis
Nanci Domingo Bravo
Alicha Duval
Ilyjah Edwards
Annabelle Froelich
Maite Gibaja Moreno
Mariana Gomes
Ivanna Lemus Montoya
Amarie Nunez
Anna Orbodoeva
Mary Anne Paul
Agatha Penno Cardoso
Courtney Peraza
Charlie Rodriguez Cintra
Ella Ryland
Lyanmaris Torres
Leilani Valentin-Figueroa

Patriot Ensemble

Santiago Arias
Cristian De Pena
Adam Del Toro
Drew Erpelding
Sohum Limbachia
Luis Martinez Montenegro
Adriandel Nieves
Michael Standefer
Jaydon Thompson
Cloyd Thornton
Leonardo Torres
Angel Villamizar Leon

CHOIRS

Mirabei

Giulia Alexandre
Nitya Anthireddy
Leah Asmare
Layla Bamfo
Cloe Bethune
Toby Briggs
Valentina Doreste
Leivismar Erazo Martinez
Sofia Gomez
Ashley Govea
Abigail Gutierrez
Madison Jimenez Banegas
Kalaurie Johnson
Kristen Madriz
Selena Noboa-Bermudez
Ivana Ojeda
Poojha Praveen Kumar
Sophia Prosch
Maria Ramer
Amanda Ribeiro Marques
Jinx Saintfleur
Emma Sammons
Alice Silva
Allison Smith
Mia Urena Martinez
Jaylah Vega
Jaylene Vigo
Qiaoqiao Wang
London Woseley-Rivera
Maria Zareh

Patriot Singers

Jassiel Alarcon
Valeria Alicea Garcia
Isabella Alvarez
Maximo Beras-Goico-Rodriguez
Erica Blue
Zariya Brooks
Eadryan Casas Garcia
Rachel De Almeida
Sam Galan
Jorge Garayua Jr.
Madelyn Gutierrez
Salim Ibrahim
Gabriel Lanza Santos
Felix Lee
Tatiana Leon
Marcos Luz Paz
Davy Mosquera
Selena Noboa-Bermudez
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