

2022-2023 Series | Special Event

## University of Missouri School of Music

# 2022 MU High School Choral and Vocal Festival Performance

## **PROGRAM**

Prof. Steve Tharp, Voice Area Coordinator Greetings Solo(s) HS student(s) Solos by Mizzou Students: Mariah Dale, soprano Yonny Astatke, baritone **Guest Conductor Introduction** Dr. R. Paul Grabb, Director of Choral Activities **HS Festival Choir** Dr. Derrick Fox, Guest Conductor Rachel AuBuchon, Collaborative Pianist Ke nale monna (Sotha Wedding Song)..... Traditional Raise Your Voice in Song ...... Derrick Fox

Dr. Brandon A. Boyd, Asst. Director of Choral Activities

Announcement/Dismissal

## PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS and DIRECTORS

Battle High School, Columbia, MO

Tim Hercules, director

Blue Springs High School, Blue Springs, MO

Ryan Layton and Nathan Rudolph, directors

Bolivar High School, Bolivar, MO

Morgan DeClue, director

Buffalo High School, Buffalo, MO

Kevin Grice, director

Liberty North High School, Liberty, MO

Brian Hartman and Sam Anderson, directors

Lincoln College Preparatory High School, Kansas City, MO

Melodye Moore, director

North Callaway High School, Kingdom City, MO

Amanda Furtick, director

Rock Bridge High School, Columbia, MO

Jenni Moorman, director

Van Horn High School, Independence, MOAndrew Fansher, director

A huge thank you to the participating students and teachers. We really appreciate you spending the day with us here at the University of Missouri School of Music. MIZ-ZOU!

## **GUEST CONDUCTOR BIOGRAPHY**



Dr. Derrick Fox is the Director of Choral Activities and Distinguished Associate Professor of Music at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. He earned a BME from Arkansas State University, a MM in Choral Conducting from the University of Missouri – Columbia and a DMA in Choral Conducting from Michigan State University, where he was awarded the prestigious University Enrichment Graduate Fellowship. Dr. Fox has taught at the middle school, high school and collegiate levels. His conducting experiences have included singers from upper elementary choirs through collegiate and community choirs. Recently, he was awarded the 2021 Bryan R. Johnson Service Award by the Nebraska Music Educators Association and the 2022 University of Nebraska Omaha Award for Distinguished Research/Creative Activity.

Dr. Fox has conducted all state choirs, led international, national, and regional choral concerts/residencies and presented professional development workshops across the United States and internationally. His professional workshops focus on assessment in the choral classroom, building classroom community, rehearsal strategies, choral conducting techniques and shape note singing in the African American community. Dr. Fox has held teaching residencies and workshops at the Latvian Academy of Music, Syracuse University, Michigan State University, and the University of Missouri - Columbia. He has also led performance tours through Lithuania and Estonia. In 2019, he conducted National ACDA Middle School/Junior High Mixed Honor Choir and traveled to South Africa as a 2019 ACDA International Conductor Exchange Fellow where he led choral workshops and rehearsals in Johannesburg, Pretoria and Potchefstroom. His recent engagements include presentations at Choral Canada's Podium Conference, the National Federation of Ghanian Choirs Inaugural Choral Conference and the Public Administration Theory International Conference in Mexico; as well as conducting all state choirs in Oregon, Wyoming, Georgia, Kansas, South Carolina and Virginia.

Dr. Fox serves on the advisory board for the Sound Spirit, a research lab and publishing initiative promoting collaborative engagement with the songbooks that sound America's musical landscape. He is also a member of the advisory board for the Choral Singing in America documentary series. <a href="https://www.drderrickfox.com/">https://www.drderrickfox.com/</a>