

DCA LEGACY

Presents



Welcome



Welcome to Donelson Christian Academy and the 5th Annual Music City Show Choir Invitational! We could not be more excited to host your school today and we are so grateful that you have chosen to join us. If you need assistance at any time today, please find a volunteer wearing one of our competition t-shirts and a badge. It would be their pleasure to help you in any way they can. We are here to serve you as you support your favorite show choirs and performers. Please don't hesitate to let us know what we can do to provide the best possible experience for you today. Best of luck to all the choirs and their directors that are competing today. I know this is a competition and yes there are trophies to be won. However, the real prize we earn are the memories made with your friends that last a lifetime. All of you are champions because you have worked daily on your craft whether you felt like it or not and you gave the best of yourself every day. Those are life lessons and skills that will serve you far beyond the stage. Congratulations to each and every director for changing the lives of students under your care. Life can be so very hard for teenagers in middle and high schools, but you provide a place where students can belong and feel accepted and loved. Thank you for being a superhero to your students. Thank you again for coming and participating in the only school sponsored competition in the state of TN. We hope this will not be your last visit.

Good show everyone!

Missy Cook
DCA Choral Director

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Music City Show Choir Invitational 2024 Schedule

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

SCHOOL	CHOIR	DIVISION	WARM UP	ON DECK	PERFORM	LOCATION
Valor Collegiate Academy	<i>Big Reputation</i>	MS Small Mixed	9:20am - 9:50am	9:55am	10:00am	AUDITORIUM UPSTAIRS
Mill Creek Middle School	<i>Momentum</i>	MS Medium Mixed	9:55am - 10:25am	10:30am	10:35am	AUDITORIUM UPSTAIRS
Rome Middle School	<i>Grand Illusion</i>	MS Small Mixed	10:30am - 11:00am	11:05am	11:10am	AUDITORIUM UPSTAIRS

LUNCH

11:45am - 12:45pm CAFETERIA

HIGH SCHOOLS

Briarwood Christian School	<i>Karis</i>	Unisex	12:20pm - 12:50pm	12:55pm	1:00pm	AUDITORIUM UPSTAIRS
Cleveland High School	<i>Renaissance</i>	Small Mixed	12:55pm - 1:25pm	1:30pm	1:35pm	AUDITORIUM UPSTAIRS
Bradley Central High School	<i>VocalMotion</i>	Medium Mixed	1:30pm - 2:00pm	2:05pm	2:10pm	AUDITORIUM UPSTAIRS
Rome High School	<i>Grand Finale</i>	Medium Mixed	2:05pm - 2:35pm	2:40pm	2:45pm	AUDITORIUM UPSTAIRS
Briarwood Christian School	<i>Radica</i>	Large Mixed	2:40pm - 3:10pm	3:15pm	3:20pm	AUDITORIUM UPSTAIRS
Exhibition Performance	<i>DCA Legacy Show Choir</i>				4:00pm	AUDITORIUM UPSTAIRS
Solo Winners Perform					4:45pm	HS GYMNASIUM
Awards					5:15pm	HS GYMNASIUM

DCA'S LEGACY

...would like to thank the following sponsors who purchased the trophies for today's competition. Thank you for your continued support of DCA's Choir program.

CONGRATS Legacy Seniors

Wishing you the best of luck in your next adventures! Jeremiah 29:11-13



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Meet our Judges

SAMUAL MULLIGAN

Samual Mulligan is a Pop/R&B recording artist, songwriter, and musician based out of Nashville, Tennessee. Originally from central Illinois, Sam was a graduate of Mt. Zion High School as well as an alumni of the Swingsations. He is also a recent graduate of Belmont University where he received his Bachelors of Music in Commercial Vocal Performance along with a minor in Music Business. Sam recently released his 10th single and his catalog of original music surpassed over half a million streams across all platforms. Currently Sam is traveling as a background dancer for country artist Walker Hayes' U.S. arena tour. Sam began 2024 performing and back up dancing at the College Football National Championship and NBA All-Star Game Weekend. His time is split recording and performing his own music at different venues around the country, writing songs for other artists, and traveling as a professional background dancer/vocalist.

Sam is also a full-time freelance choreographer, clinician, and adjudicator working with many esteemed show choirs across the country. On top of being an artist, he continues to train in various styles of dance with top choreographers and dance studios in Nashville. He's beyond grateful for the opportunity to work with so many incredible students and music educators through his love for music.

CONNIE MULLIGAN

Connie has served as a vocal music educator specializing in show choirs for over 30 years. She recently retired from Mt. Zion School District in Illinois where her groups earned multiple National Championships, regional titles, and numerous awards for Outstanding Vocals and Choreography. Connie's talent as a director has been instrumental in creating innovative and unique performances that have set her groups apart as some of the most successful in the country. Connie's expertise extends beyond daily classroom teaching and directing. She has a proven track record of building and revitalizing show choir programs as well as transforming small groups into thriving programs. Additionally, Connie's contributions as a competition adjudicator, workshop leader, and team-building facilitator have further showcased her expertise and commitment to the show choir community. In addition to her educational work, Connie enjoys consulting and designing costumes for top show choir groups across the nation. For the past decade, Connie has pursued her dream of making show choir more popular and accessible, spreading its benefits not only to students but also to the surrounding community. Her passion for music has led her to Nashville, TN. where she is able to enjoy being near her kids, Samual and Sydni.

DONNELLY LEWIS

After graduating from DCA, Donnelly Lewis earned her Bachelor's of Music Degree in Vocal and General Music Education from Lipscomb University. She has previously taught in Tullahoma as a middle school general music educator and choir director. In May of 2021, she moved back home to Nashville to be closer to her family. God knew she needed to be back near her people because shortly after she moved home, her family experienced a gut-wrenching journey as her mother spent 102 days in the hospital, fighting for her life after a Covid diagnosis. Only because of God did Donnelly's mother survive. What a testimony to the power of prayer! Today, Donnelly is thrilled to be back in the show choir competition world, especially as a DCA Legacy Alumna. She is honored and excited to be adjudicating for Music City Invitational's solo competition! She can't wait to hear and mentor today's best up & coming voices. Donnelly would like to give a big shout out to Ms. Cook, a dear friend and the woman who inspired Donnelly to pursue music education after high school. GOOD SHOW, everybody!

MITCH FULLER

Mitch Fuller has been directing choral groups since 1986. He received a music education degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he began his directing career as the director of the UNC Clef Hangers, an all male, a capella singing group that travels extensively throughout the US. He began his teaching career at Jordan High School in Durham, North Carolina, where he was director of Falconsong, an award-winning show choir. While at Jordan HS, Falconsong was one of the inaugural choirs to perform in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade with John Jacobson's America Sings. Falconsong also was fortunate to be selected to produce choreography demonstration videos for Hal Leonard Music. After moving to Nashville, Mitch established "Capital Sounds" show choir at McGavock High School. Capital Sounds has won numerous awards, been in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and twice performed at Disney's Candlelight Processional at Epcot Center in Orlando Florida. He lives in Nashville with his beautiful wife Christy, and spends most of his free time trying to corral his three Goldendoodles - Dooney, Jasper and Finley.

Unisex Choir



Briarwood Christian School **KARIS**

Unisex, Director: Kasey Mixon

It's all on the line.....the stakes are high.....it comes down to spelling one last word....There is nothing more intense than a spelling bee and there is nothing more amazing than a group of queen bees. The ladies of **Karis** are presenting both today. **Karis** is under the direction of Kasey Mixon with choreography by Matthew Murphy and music arranged by Kevin Duggan. Lighting Design by Eli Slaton and sound engineering by Austin Gibson. The band is under the direction of Joel Mixon and assisted by Heather Gottlieb. Please welcome **Karis** to the stage as they present their 2024 show "Spelling Bees".

Middle School Medium Mixed



Mill Creek Middle School **MOMENTUM**

Middle School Medium Mixed, Director: Toni Travis

"The Wonderful Wizard of Oz is a 1900s children's novel written by author L. Frank Baum and illustrated by W. W. Denslow. It is the first novel of the Oz series of books where a Kansas farm girl named Dorothy ends up in the magical Land of Oz after she and her pet dog Toto are swept away from their home by a cyclone. Upon her arrival in the magical world of Oz, she learns she cannot return home until she has destroyed the Wicked Witch of the West. Over 123 years, we have developed so many versions of this story – each one allowing our minds to go down another yellow brick road with Dorothy, Toto, and the Wicked Witch. Today, Momentum will dazzle us with their show "Ozdust," which alludes to the story of your favorite green witch and her sparkling counterpart as they take you through the world of "ooohs and aaahs. This is Momentum's second year of competitive show choir and is comprised of 39 singer-dancers in 7th and 8th grades."

Middle School Small Mixed Division



Valor Collegiate Academy *BIG REPUTATION*

Middle School Small Mixed, Director: Noah Moreno

Big Reputation is the advanced middle school choral ensemble representing music at Valor Collegiate Academy. Currently in the department's inaugural year, **Big Reputation** rehearses after school three days each week to compose a Fall Show, Holiday Show, Competition Show, and Spring Show. **Big Reputation** is proud to be accompanied by the live combo "Big Noise." Under the direction of Noah Moreno, with choreography by Shane Coe, music arrangements by John Burlace, and costuming by SC Productions, **Big Reputation** is excited to make their competition program debut at Donelson's Music City Show Choir Invitational. **Big Reputation** would like to thank everyone hosting and wishes a wonderful season to each group performing today!



Rome Middle School *Grand Illusion*

Middle School Small Mixed, Director: Lacy Taylor

In the vibrant world of show choirs, **Grand Illusion** stands as a testament to musical excellence, dazzling performances, and a passion for the stage. This dynamic ensemble, hailing from a small town, captures the hearts of audiences with their harmonious voices and captivating choreography. This performance is starring 15 6th, 7th and 8th graders and two technical assistants with solo performances by Eva Cromer, Ella Daniel, Cate DuVall, Vander Jones, and Ella Torimoto. Under the direction of Lacy Taylor and JoAnna Parker with choreography by Maggie Gilroy, Grand Illusion is jet set and ready to take you on a tour of NYC. This is a performance celebrating the iconic city that never sleeps. Paying homage to the city's rich cultural heritage and the dreams that unfold on its bustling streets, they are in a perfect state of mind to really build up audiences in any city with a little rock and roll. All the way from Rome, GA...**Grand Illusion** is ready to transport you to a place where dreams come alive under the spotlight. Get ready to Catch **Grand Illusion** in NYC.

Small Mixed Division



Cleveland High School RENAISSANCE

Small Mixed, Director: Charley Atha

Renaissance would like to invite you to come with us on a musical journey as we explore the great truth that “into every life a little rain will fall.” Picture a beautiful and sunny day suddenly overshadowed, the sky darkening to reveal an impending storm. Our show, 'Caught in the Storm,' delves deep into the emotional landscapes we navigate when faced with life's tempests. Brace yourselves for an unforgettable opener as **Renaissance** sets the stage with the sunny disposition of 'It's a Beautiful Day.' The journey takes an unexpected turn with 'A Storm is Coming,' featuring soloists Daniel Medina and Caleigh Langford. Alanah Davis then warns us not to get 'Thunderstruck,' setting the stage for an emotional crescendo as Gentry Wooten unfolds the captivating feeling of being 'Caught in the Storm.' Finally, Kenneth Ubri-Tanco takes you on a powerful ride with 'Ridin' the Storm Out.' Each performance adds to the symphony of resilience, directed by Mr. Chip Atha and choreographed by the talented Ms. Megan Castleberry. Join us in embracing the storms, discovering hope, and ultimately 'Riding the Storm Out.' **Renaissance** proudly presents: “*Caught in the Storm*”.

Large Mixed Division



Briarwood Christian School RADICA

Large Mixed, Director: Kasey Mixon

“Sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me” is a well known expression, but it is not at all true. Words are powerful. They have the power to bring about defamation, division and destruction. They can entrap and entangle like a spider web. However, they also have the power to speak life, love and liberation. They can create growth like vines and flowers in the spring. **Radica** is under the direction of Kasey Mixon with choreography by Matthew Murphy and music arranged by Eron Smith. Lighting design is by Alex Felts and sound engineering by Austin Gibson. The band is under the direction of Joel Mixon and assisted by Heather Gottlieb. Please welcome **Radica** to the stage as they present their 2024 show "What a Tangled Web We Weave".

Medium Mixed Division



Bradley Central High School VOCALMOTION

Medium Mixed, Director: Joshua Dasher

VocalMotion is an audition mixed show choir from Bradley Central High School in Cleveland, TN. This year's show is set in the Wild West and opens with a small family in a small town. The mother has been left to raise her 3 kids on her own and decides she's had enough from her oldest son, Jack. Jack is constantly breaking the law and causing trouble. So Mom finally throws him out of the house and he joins a posse of outlaws. However Jack's younger brother can't forgive him for leaving, and they become sworn enemies. When little brother grows up, he vows to hunt Jack down. Arranged by Hersel Cremeans and under the direction of Melissa & Joshua Dasher, **VocalMotion** proudly presents —“Wanted”.



Rome High School GRAND FINALE

Medium Mixed, Director: Cody Goss

The Hero Within

Have you ever wanted to be someone, anyone, besides yourself? Max and Lily are two aspiring science fiction writers who love the world of comic books and fantasy. They tend to stay isolated from the world, living through the fantasies in their comics. No one really notices them, and when they do, they might consider them strange or different. This all changes when Max and Lily witness a crime and decide to take action. During the battle, they imagine themselves as the characters in their comics, boldly becoming superheroes in their own mind. The town joins in and celebrates their heroic action. After discovering one another, Max and Lily realize that they have much more to offer to the world, and decide to embrace the beauty of their own qualities. These two heroes lead the town in a celebration of all that makes us unique and different. “The Hero Within” features soloists Annabelle Turner and Laethan Day as Max and Lily. Other soloists include Ja’Caury Lofton and Jakiria McGinnis. **Grand Finale** is directed by Dr. Cody Goss and choreographed by Mike Weaver. The Assistant Director is Wendy Edelkind. The Band Director is Adam Daniel, and technical director is Nash Williams. Please enjoy Rome High School’s **Grand Finale** as they share their 2024 competition show, “The Hero Within.”



Exhibition Performance

DONELSON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY “LEGACY”

Director: Missy Cook

Legacy Show Choir is from Donelson Christian Academy in Nashville, TN. They are under the direction of Missy Cook and choreographed by Sam Mulligan. **Legacy** is ready to fill the stage with “Sunny days and sunshine” as they pay tribute to a show that has been accomplishing their mission of “Helping kids everywhere, grow smarter, stronger and kinder” for 55 years! Through the creative abilities of Jim Henson’s puppets, pre-school children learn the basics to set them up for success as they enter school, regardless of their social or economic background. This show’s unforgettable characters bring joyful learning into young children’s lives, changing the world one smile at a time.

Let’s take a journey to one of the most beloved streets in a child’s imagination, as **Legacy** helps us get to

SESAME STREET!

LEGACY BAND



LEGACY SET CREW



Awards

Middle School Small Mixed First Place
Middle School Small Mixed Second Place

Middle School Medium Mixed First Place

Unisex First Place

Small Mixed First Place

Medium Mixed First Place
Medium Mixed Second Place

Large Mixed First Place

Overall Best Choreography
Overall Best Show Design
Overall Best Vocals

People's Choice

Best Female Solo
Best Male Solo

Best Female Solo in a Show
Best Male Solo in a Show

Overall Second Runner Up
Overall First Runner Up
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