

# 9th Annual Choral Festival



Union HS Advanced Treble Choir, from Camas, WA led by Margaret Green performed at the festival.

Eighteen area middle school and high school choirs performed at the 9th Annual Choral Festival on Friday, November 15. Hosted by the Clark College Music Department, the festival is a favorite fall event in our area that inspires choral directors and singers for a season of creating and performing choral literature for the year. Participants travel from as far as Lacey, Washington, 109 miles away.

The festival is more than a schedule of performances. It's an on-site gathering for community and learning for both the directors and singers.

Festival Director Dr. Jacob Funk, who is also the Director of Choirs at Clark College, said, "Participating choirs got the chance to work with some highly skilled clinicians and receive written feedback on their performance. Each choir had a mini-clinic onstage, allowing for the other schools to see how a

different choir learns new ways to succeed.

Two of the Clark College Choirs performed for all the participating choirs in the middle of the festival. It was a wonderful time of music making, learning, and supporting each other in song.”



After their performance, Dr. John Guarente gave some feedback to the Woodland High School Choir, while the director Patrice Lins listened in.

The choir clinicians who offered choirs on-stage feedback between performances included Dr. Katy Green, Dr. John Guarente, Dr. Shohei Kobayashi, and Dr. Tiffany Walker.

### **Participating choirs included:**

- Timberline HS Chamber Choir–Lacey, WA
- R A Long HS Chor Diem–Longview, WA
- Henrietta Lacks HS Phoenix Choir–Vancouver, WA
- La Center HS Select Treble Choir–La Center, WA
- Skyview HS Chamber Choir–Vancouver, WA
- ACMA Synergy Choir–Beaverton, OR

- Union HS Concert Choir–Camas, WA
- North Marion HS Concert Choir–Aurora, OR
- Woodland HS Choir–Woodland, WA
- Union HS Advanced Treble Choir–Camas, WA
- Clark College Treble Ensemble and Concert Choir –Vancouver, WA
- Dexter McCarty MS Concert Choir–Gresham, OR
- Richland HS Chamber Choir–West Richland, WA
- VSAA Vocal Rep Ensemble–Vancouver, WA
- Heritage HS Women’s Ensemble–Vancouver, WA
- Camas HS Select Treble Choir–Camas, WA
- VSAA Vocal Style & Tech Ensemble–Vancouver, WA
- Heritage HS Select Treble–Vancouver, WA
- Camas HS Select Bass Choir–Camas, WA



Woodland High School Choir performed at the festival.

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