

LHS Alumni Chorale to Hold Annual Scholarship Concert

ENCORE, The Alumni Chorale of Midland LHS, Midland, Texas will be holding its annual scholarship concert on October 20, 2024 at 4pm. The concert will be held at the First Methodist Church, 300 N. Main Street in Midland, and will be sponsored by Community National Bank of Midland.

Encore is a 501c(3) organization comprised of LHS Chorale alumni dedicated to the performance and promotion of choral music in our community. The organization's primary goal is to present an annual music scholarship concert to local students interested in pursuing higher education and careers in the music field. These scholarships are funded by donations and awarded to high school senior members of the current LHS Chorale, as well as recent graduates currently pursuing music degrees at the college level.

In addition to its philanthropic mission, Encore provides an annual opportunity for LHS Chorale alumni to return to Midland and sing together, under the direction of Musical Director, Paula Edwards (director of LHS choirs from 1990-2014). Encore held its first annual concert and reunion weekend in 2016 and this year marks its 7th performance.

The theme of this year's scholarship concert is "A Tribute to Henry Sellers." Sellers was the esteemed director of the LHS choirs from 1970-1974, and left an indelible impression on the students who sang under him. This year's concert will feature over 90 LHS Chorale alumni from 1969-2021, many of whom are returning from across the country and internationally to join the event. The concert will also feature several guest artists, alumni of the LHS Chorale who are professional musicians: Randol Bass (guest conductor/composer), Fred Greene (vocalist), Shelly Irvin Traverse (vocalist), Edward Pleasant (vocalist), and Debra Sirois (organist). The current Legacy High School Chorale will also make a guest appearance, under the direction of Cody Duff.

The concert is free to attend for the public. Donations for the Encore Scholarship are welcome and will be accepted during the performance, or can be made online at <https://www.lhsalumnichorale.com/donate.html>.