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In 1988 Genevieve Miller, Prof. Judith MacMillan and Dr. Donald Stafford had a mission and a musical dream. Their goal was to establish a chorale to “perform fine choral music in the most professional way possible.” The Cherokee Chorale was born and has continued to delight audiences. We have grown in quality and quantity. Last season, our Christmas concert boasted over 100 auditioned singers who shared their dedication and passion for song. Members of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and other professional musicians from the larger community have honored the Chorale with superior orchestral accompaniment.

Over the years we have performed works by Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, Rutter, Saint-Saens, Vivaldi, Mendelssohn and many other composers and arrangers. Our music has taken us to Asheville to sing at the Biltmore Estates’ Candlelight Christmas, to Riverfest Festival in Canton, to the dedication of the National Cemetery in Cherokee County, and to the Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg, Virginia. Over the years we have had guest conductors, soloists, and choirs from colleges and all levels of the local public schools perform in our concerts. A Partner in Education, we actively support Cherokee County schools and Reinhardt University with grants and scholarships.

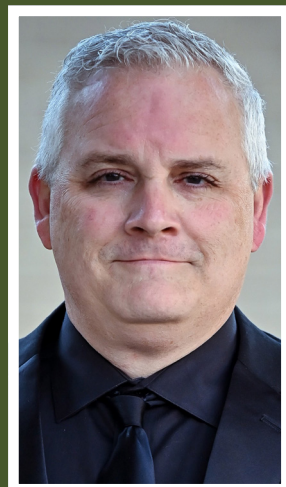
The Chorale presents three major performances each season: a Christmas concert in December, a Spring concert in March, and a Pops concert in May or June.

To learn more about how you can support the Cherokee Chorale or to become a member of this group, please visit our website at www.cherokeechorale.org. You can also follow us on Facebook. The Cherokee Chorale is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and all contributions are fully tax deductible.

Scott L. Martin

Principal Conductor & Artistic Director of the Cherokee Chorale

Scott L. Martin is in his sixth year as The Cherokee Chorale's artistic director and principal conductor. Scott holds music degrees from The University of Georgia and Shorter College, where he was a voice student of John Ramsaur, a conducting student of John Ratledge, and a NATS winner. As a clinician, Scott regularly conducts various honor choirs around Georgia and is an adjudicator for the Georgia Music Educators Association Choral Performance Evaluation.



Choirs under his direction have been selected to perform for multiple Georgia Music Educators Association conferences as well as state and regional American Choral Directors Association conferences. Professional memberships include the National Association for Music Education, Georgia Music Educators Association, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and the American Choral Director's Association, where he is the past GA ACDA Repertoire and Resources Chair for High School Choirs. Scott is also the immediate past GMEA State Choral Chair. In addition to his duties with the Chorale, Scott is choral director at Creekview High School in Canton. Scott is excited to share that he will be making his Carnegie Hall conducting debut in June of 2026, conducting Elaine Hagenburg's "Illuminare." Scott is married to Laura Burgess Martin, who is choral director at Creekland Middle School and pianist at Heritage Fellowship in Canton. They live in Canton with their children Joseph, Emily, and Gracie.



CHRISTMAS

Joy To The World..... *Isaac Watts, text*
Music by Lowell Mason, 1848
Arr. Dan Forrest

Welcome by Charles Claiborne
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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing..... *Charles Wesley, text*
Music by Felix Mendelssohn
Arr. Mack Wilberg

Seven Carols for Christmas..... *Arr. Alice Parker*

O Come, Emmanuel..... *Traditional Christmas Hymn*

Away In A Manger..... *Traditional Carol*

Fum, Fum, Fum! *Catalonian Carol*

Good Christian Men, Rejoice *Traditional English Carol*

So Blest a Sight..... *Traditional English Carol*
Camden Pruitt, Solo

God Rest You Merry *Traditional English Carol*

Masters In This Hall..... *Traditional English Carol*

There is Faint Music..... *Dan Forrest*
Nancy Buckley, text

with the CHEROKEE CHORALE

Cherokee High School Advanced Mixed Chorus

Brad Ellis, Director

Laudate *Knut Nystedt*

Little Drummer Boy *Arr. Pentatonix*

Mary Did You Know *Arr. Pentatonix*

Veni, Veni Emmanuel Ero Cras (I Will come)

Michael John Trotta

18th Century Latin Hymn, 9th Century Origin

Emily Sweat and Erin Sweat, Solos

O come, O come, the "I Am" that is with us

Break the bond of the captive people!

Who mourn in exile

Derived of the incarnation of the Father.

Rejoice! Rejoice! The great "I Am"

Will be born for you.

O come, gatherer of all nations,

Come to make all whole,

To save your servants

From their separateness

CHEROKEE PERFORMANCE

Scott L. Martin, Pr

Soprano I

Paige George
Kori Giallanza
Susan Gooch
Melanie Johnson
Julia Lotti
Camden Pruitt
Judith Rathbone
Emily Sweat
Erin Sweat

Soprano II

Brenda Baker
Robin Brazelton
Julie Burton
Sydney Caughman
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April Harris
Debbie Harris
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Lauren Massey
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Kaye Rogers
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Glynda Smith
Jean Tafoya
Nicole VanOstrand
Debbie Weeks
Lorraine Ziegler
Smith

Alto I

Valerie Brumbelow
Beverly Cagle
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CHORALE

CE MUSICIANS

Principal Conductor

Alto II

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Glenda Crumbley
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Al Smith
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Accompanist

Linda McKenzie

CHEROKEE HIGH SCHOOL ADVANCED MIXED CHORUS

Grace Brake
Briley Brannan
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Haleigh Cavendish
Andre Clark
Ashlynn Connell
Serenity Curry
Serenity Deadwyler
Josiah DeBord
Bradley Deravice
Arianna Dionne
Ava Dixon
Morgan Drawdy
Jordyn Dunn
Enalicia Foster
Samantha Geer
William Gibson

David Giron
Devon Gonzalez
Jayden Harlan
Lilyan Hayes
Anslie Heath
Sola Hulbert
Leila Iovino
Alaynah Jackson
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Autumn King
Alyssa Kurland
Avery Lambertson
Victoria Lavertu-McMichael
Samantha Lester
Laurn Leverson
Adrianna McLean Keys
Brandon Mears

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Mical Mershon
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Landon Rehberg
Taylor Rehberg
Jeremiah Rojas
Meghan Schultz
Abigail Scott
Anthony Scott
Reagan Smith
Kayley Strauss
Matthew Thomas
Colton Tunget
Lorelie White
Caitlyn Williams
Ava Zelinsky

Brad Ellis

Choral Director, Cherokee High School

Brad Ellis is in his 19th year as the chorus director at Cherokee High School and his 30th year of teaching. He earned his Bachelor of Music Education degree from Shorter College in 1994. He received his Master's in Music Education Degree in 2006 and his Specialist's Degree in Music Education in 2012 from The University of Georgia. He began teaching in Cherokee County in 1995 where he taught at Johnston Elementary School. He braved middle school chorus for 8 years at Woodstock Middle School. As a clinician, Mr. Ellis has conducted honor choirs around the state. He is a member of the National Association for Music Educators and the American Choral Director's Association. His desire is to lead students in music making that causes them to go outside their present circumstances to a place that is different. Sometimes this place makes them smile or laugh, but sometimes it makes them come to terms with the emotional experience of being human.



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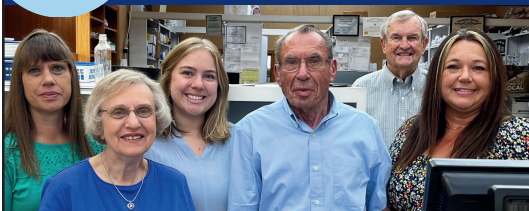
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