

South Dakota Music Educators
Association
presents



*2011 Elementary
Honor Choir*

Saturday, October 29th, 2011 ~ 3:30 PM

Sioux Falls Convention Center ~ Sioux Falls, SD

Guest Conductor ~ Henry Leck

14th Annual Elementary Honor Choir Program

Conducted by: **Henry Leck**

Accompanied by: **Gea Gjesdal**



Et Exultavit from Magnificat.

Antonio Vivaldi

Ed. Henry Leck & Susan Brumfield

Huron Symphony String Quartet: Violin– Beth Neitzert, Violin– Mary Wipf,

Viola– Elizabeth Soladay, Cello– Marian Casey

Missa Brevis No. 1– Kyrie and Sanctus

Peter Robb

Kyrie: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

*Sanctus: Holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Heaven and earth are full of your
glory, Hosanna in the highest.*

Goin' Down to Cairo

Doug Beam

Dream Keeper

Rollo Dilworth

Bass– Trevor Carlson, Conga– Sara Bakken

Gerakina– Greek Folk Song

Arr. Henry Leck

Doumbek– Kim Brugnier

Gerakina is a well known Greek folk song that describes an older woman who is going to fetch cold water from a spring. The text “droom-a droom-a drun druna drun” depicts the sounds of her bracelet jingling on her wrist. Gerakina is a girl’s name.


And She Sings

Robert Hughes

Trumpet Set– Corey Meyer

Announcements & Etiquette

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2011 Elementary Honor Choir

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Thank You

A special thank you to the Elementary Honor Choir committee members, the SDMEA board members, the judging committee, the teachers, and the parents. You have all worked together to make this event special for the students that are selected. There have been countless volunteer hours worked in the past year in preparation for today. Your support and efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you to the staff of the Sioux Falls Convention Center for all of the work with the accommodations and to the College-NAfME students that provided extra helping hands throughout the day today.

Upcoming SDMEA Events

December 2, 2011 Deadline to audition for Middle School All State Band
December 19, 2011 Registration is due for SDMEA Festival Choir
March 2 & 3, 2012 13th Annual Middle School All State Band in Pierre, SD
March 5, 2012 3rd Annual SDMEA Festival Choir Beresford, Mobridge, Sturgis & Sisseton
May 2012, Deadline to submit auditions for the 15th Annual Elementary Honor Choir (watch www.sdmea.net for details)
October 26 & 27, 2012 All State Chorus and Orchestra
October 27, 2012 The 15th Annual Elementary Honor Choir



Henry Leck



An internationally recognized choral director, Henry Leck is an associate professor and director of choral activities at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. In 1986 he became founder and artistic director of the Indianapolis Children's Choir, one of the largest children's choir programs in the world. The touring choirs of the Indianapolis Children's Choir have performed regularly for national ACDA, MENC, OAKE and AOSA Conferences. Additionally, the ICC tours internationally every year and has sung in prestigious concert sites throughout Great Britain, Greece, Scandinavia, Central Europe, South America, North America, Australia, New Zealand and China. In 2004, the touring choir performed in the Czech Republic and Russia, recording live with the Moscow Chamber Orchestra in the famed Pavel Slobodkin Center for Music.

Mr. Leck is widely known as a specialist in choral techniques, the child's voice, Dalcroze Eurhythmics, and the boy's changing voice. He authored the choral section of Silver Burdett music textbooks for grades 4, 5, and 6. He has produced three teaching videos titled *Vocal Techniques for the Young Singer*, *The Boy's Expanding Voice: Take the High Road*, and *Creating Artistry through Movement, Dalcroze Eurhythmics*. He is a lead author for the choral textbook series published by McGraw Hill/Glencoe titled *Experiencing Choral Music* and is also the editor of two nationally known choral series published by Hal Leonard Corporation and Colla Voce, Inc./Plymouth. Each year he teaches his conductor's workshop entitled *Creating Artistry* at venues across the country. He has recently completed his first textbook, *Creating Artistry through Choral Excellence*.

In 2007, Mr. Leck received the prestigious Indiana Governor's Art Award, the highest state honor that can be received in the arts. He was also awarded the Indiana Creative Arts Fellowship Renewal Grant that same year. While on sabbatical in 2008, he studied music performance practice in South Africa and collected choral music. He received the Cultural Vision Award from *Nuvo* magazine. He was named the "Outstanding University Music Educator of the Year" by the IMEA in 1992.

Mr. Leck founded the Indiana All-State Children's Honor Choir and the Indiana Middle/Junior High School Honor Choir, and has conducted Mixed, Men's, Women's, Junior High and Children's All-State choirs and festival choirs in nearly every state. He is a frequent conductor of regional and national honor choirs, including the ACDA Southern, Southwest, North Central, Central and Northwest Divisional Honors Chords. In the spring of 2003, he conducted the ACDA National Junior High/Middle School Honor Choir in New York City and on three occasions has conducted National Honor Chords for OAKE. Mr. Leck has conducted many international festivals including the Musica Mundi Tuscany Children's Choir Festival in Montecatini, Florence, Italy, the Central European International Children's Honor Choir in Montecatini, Florence and Rome, Italy, the Central European International Children's Choral Festival, the International Children's Choir Festival in Beijing, China, and the Vienna Children's & Boys' Choir Festival with the Vienna Sangerknaben. He has conducted many times in Brazil, including the Curso Internacional de Regencia Coral in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, Brazil where he founded the ARCI Sao Paulo Children's Honor Choir that he conducts every other year. He recently conducted the Tokyo International HS Honor Choir in Japan. Mr. Leck has served as a clinician for the Australian National Choral Association and the Royal School of Church Music. He is the artistic director of the highly acclaimed Pacific Rim Festival in Hawaii and the International Children's Choral Festival in Canterbury and London, England. For 14 years, he has conducted the National Youth Choral Festival in Carnegie Hall.

Mr. Leck is certified as a "Kodaly" instructor and is an active member of ACDA, OAKE, MENC, AOSA and Pi Kappa Lambda. Mr. Leck received his training from the University of Wisconsin, the University of Colorado and Indiana University, where he received a master's degree in choral conducting.

Gea Gjesdal

Ms. Gjesdal started playing piano at the age of 7 and began teaching piano during high school. She received her Bachelor's of Art degree in Music Education from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD and her Masters of Music from the University of Arizona in Tucson, AZ.

Having taught music in the public school systems in Nebraska and South Dakota for many years, she has also been involved as a church worship leader, organist and choir director while continuing to teach privately throughout her career. She currently maintains an active piano studio and serves as an area accompanist and adjudicator.

Gea lives in Sioux Falls, SD with her husband Jeff Eckhoff and children, Lynnea and Logan.

Choir Members

Beresford

Caden Ringling
MaKayla Nelson
Seth Holzman
Kaylen Hoffbeck
Aerica Schroeder
Trystan Olbertson
Marina Strom
Sam Nelson+
Chloe Voegeli
Gina Mees*

Bridgewater-Emery

Vanessa Hofer
Libby Bailey
Maxwell McDonnell
Sophia Potter
Molly Fokken
Tera McDonnell*

Canton

Madison Fossum
Colin Ferri
Kira Osborne
Kalyssa Most
Alison Ball
Gabby Isais
Laura Gerber
Mason Tieszen
Kadee Jacobs
Kindra Erickson
Mark Ferri*

Challenge Center, Sioux Falls

Greta McNamee
Logan Kooistra
Zoe Nadolski
Lennie Davis*

Dakota Valley

Jared Messersmith
Libby Harder
Erica Okine
Lily-Mae Smith
Kate Hemmingsen
Grace Wiese
Kyra Schenk
Annie Hansen
Rachel Okine
Abby Poulsen
Anna Langseth
Courtney Chrystal
Jensyn Younger
Mason Ferner
Andrew Jensen
Johnny Tureaud
Elizabeth Voegeli
Riley Plantenberg
Ellie Hemmingsen
Eryn Sandwell+
Jessie Ripperda
Liam Tureaud
Miranda Bok+
Parker Moss
Zackary Poulsen
Dominick Tureaud
Travis Ohl+
Jessica Erickson*
Sara Eckhoff*

Deubrook

Cortney Bauman
Tammy Ruhd*

Discovery, Sioux Falls

Kaylee Gross
Monica Heuer*

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Elementary Honor Choir

The Elementary Honor Choir is in its 14th year. It is comprised of about 160 fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students that are selected by audition. Only SDMEA members may audition students for this select choir. This event is being held in conjunction with All State Chorus and Orchestra and the SDMEA Conference this year. Rebecca Rasmussen is in her fourth year of chairing the event. Students selected for this year's choir have the privilege of working with Dr. Henry Leck.

The EHC rehearsed from 8:15-3:15 today (Oct 29th) and culminated with a performance that was open to the public at 3:30 pm in the Sioux Falls Convention Center. Auditions for next year's EHC are due in May and are submitted online. The choir roster is released online and via e-mail near the end of May. The students receive their music in late August and spend the next two months preparing for this memorable event. Please continue to check the SDMEA website for details and registration information.

SDMEA Festival Choir

To provide more opportunities for SD elementary students and their teachers, SDMEA is hosting regional festival choruses throughout the state. The 3rd annual SDMEA FC will take place on Monday, March 5, 2012, as a kick off for NAFME (National Association for Music Education) Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM). Mobridge, Sturgis, Beresford, and Sisseton have offered to host these events and their respective directors, Lisa Zahn/Kim Bruguier, Marlene Kotab/Hillary Hill, and Gina Mees/Darlene Tentinger, and Kristy Tostenson have agreed to help organize these memorable events. Directors that are SDMEA members are encouraged to select 10 of their top 4th, 5th, and/or 6th graders and bring them to the nearest host city for a day long rehearsal with guest conductors from around the Midwest. There will be a concert that will be open to the public in the afternoon for parents, teachers, friends, and family members to enjoy the accomplishments of the SDMEA FC and join in the singing. The deadline to register students for SDMEA FC is December 19, 2011. Please see the SDMEA website for more information and the registration form. Do not miss out on being part of the 3rd annual SDMEA Festival Choruses.

Elk Point-Jefferson

James Miller
Matthew Giorgio
Hannah Van Kirk
Aubrie Franken
Kacie Stepp
Jordan VonSeggern
Dustin Rusche*
Cheryl Tatro*

Eureka

Amy Ingerson
John Kolar
Paul Kolar*

Herreid

LaNae Meidinger
Julie Borr*

Holy Spirit, Sioux Falls

Isabelle Zueger
Tory Bjorkman
Olivia Gulseth
Lisa Helling*

John F. Kennedy, Sioux Falls

Austin Fowler
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Molly Dowling
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Darby Deffenbaugh
Director– Sarah Whitlatch

Lemmon

Parker Minh
Abby Flatmoe
Director– Tracy Minh

Madison Christian

Alyson Balogh
Autumn Mortenson
Elsa Leighton
Director– Melissa Miller

Marion

Ashley Fink
Director– Michelle Fink

Mark Twain, Sioux Falls

Jonathon Overstreet
Abbigale Hellevang
Graham Leonard
Will Grevlos
Hailey Olson
Josh LeRoi
Peter Christopherson
Director– Rosalind Hofer

Mitchell Christian

Rylie Eitemiller
Moriah Plastow
Kathleen Liesinger*

Mount Vernon

Sydney Tlam
Lisa Hardie*

Mobridge-Pollock

Madison Eisemann
Noah Fried
Hayley Borah
MacArthur Friedel
Ellie Greger
Rachel Goldsmith
Calico Ducheneaux
Brady Greger
Taylee Sippert
Ashlin Schaeffbauer
Chloe Jungwirth
Grace Madison
Molly Lahren+
Jordan Zahn+
Kala Schily
Kim Bruguier*
Lisa Zahn*

Oscar Howe, Sioux Falls

Hannah Jensen
Ann Okins*

Philip

Kari Kanable
Trew DeJong+
Barb Bowen*

Piedmont Valley

Clancy Phinney
Cayla Klapperich
Cody Emick
Gracie Good
Carley Christiansen
Devi Schroeder
James Prince
Rebecca Fischer*

Sioux Falls Lutheran

Marissa Dooley
Rylee Pierce
Maleigh Noble
Kristina Pike
Allyson Thuringer
Karen Dooley*

St. Elizabeth Seton, Rapid City

Aric Dyczek
Matthew Baker*

Sturgis

Jaedra Woldt
Julia Hilpert
Carl Nash
Madelyn Perkovich
Danika Gordon
Gwen Johnson
Madison Johnson
Danae McKee
Loralee Stock
Tyana Bestgen
Felicity Ferwerda
Jayden Myrick
Gwyneth Simmons

Audra Adams
Olivia Jolley
Hillary Hill*

Sturgis Williams

Sarah Jordan
Cody Cline
Bridger Gordon
Hannah Ziebarth
Abigail Anderson+
Brooklyn Bestgen+
Katheryne Wheeler
Amber Solaas
Connie Feekes*

Viborg

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Shania Knutson
Wendy Christiansen*

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Paige LeBoeuf
Stacy Twite*

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Karrie Daniels
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+ Denotes 3 year member * Denotes Director

