

Archway Trivium

Presents...

“Proud to be an American”

a First Grade Concert

November 5th, 2024

3:15 PM

Director – Travis Turley

Music Teachers: Travis Turley & Maureen Robinson

Piano Accompanist - Dr. Annann Hong



Program

Welcome - Dr. Clay Scott, Headmaster



Give Me America.....American Patriotic Tune

Arranged by Ruth Elaine Schram

The first song of the afternoon is “Give Me America”. The composer Ruth E. Schram, uses original lyrics and paints a portrait of the ideals that our country was founded on. This song also incorporates the tune of “America (My Country, ‘Tis of Thee)”. This is a traditional patriotic tune that was penned by Samuel Francis Smith and was first performed in 1831, being officially published in 1832 by composer Lowell Mason. The original My Country, ‘Tis of Thee, was quoted in Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Have a Dream Speech”. This uplifting tune, personifies America, and brings a message of including all in our democracy where freedom rings and there is liberty for all. Starting with one melodic line, this song then builds into two-part harmony as scholars’ first foray into building harmony with each other.

I Have a Dream (with We Shall Overcome)....Spiritual

Arranged by Ruth Elaine Schram

Calling to Martin Luther King Jr.’s famous, “I Have a Dream Speech”. This song discusses the ideals of truth, goodness, and liberty. It calls for unity in a beautiful way, where people can put aside their differences and work through their issues to build a better tomorrow. This song also includes parts of the African American Spiritual tune, called “We Shall Overcome”, which was

linked closely to the United States civil rights movement. This gospel tune has its roots from several apparent sources. In the 1700s, the same melody can be found in the Prayer of the Sicilian Mariners and O Sanctissima, which came from Europe during this period as Roman Catholic Hymns, being passed around between Italy, Germany and England. After the years, this tune has transformed and is often used as a protest song throughout the world for many different movements, including those in China, South Korea, Northern Ireland, and India, where the words roughly translate to “Hum Honge Kaamyab”. With this song, scholars began to read directly from a musical score.

VOTE.....American Patriotic Song

Arranged by Theresa Jennings

In celebration of this day and the privilege that we all share in this country, the first-grade choir would like to encourage everyone to exercise your civic duty if you have not already. Staying within a small vocal range, boys and girls sing a major scale as they encourage those of age, to practice your civic duty!

Sing a Song of America...American Patriotic Song

Written by Richard E. McKee

To finish the evening, boys and girls will be singing “Sing a Song of America”. This arrangement from Richard McKee, is perfect for developing two-part singing in younger scholars. The main tune is a quick paced syncopated line, with which scholars have continued to differentiate between different quarter and eighth notes while in class. It is an energetic song with hints of jazz influence, especially in the accompaniment piano line with its upbeat and present bass line.

Closing Remarks-Dr. Clay Scott

Acknowledgements

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Thank you to Dr. Hong for her fabulous accompaniment of the choir, offering her piano expertise and wonderful playing, supporting all singers today!

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Thank you to the Archway Trivium specials team, for helping during grade-level wide rehearsals, and for assisting in organization and management of today. This performance would not have been possible without the efforts of all of you.

Thank you to the PSO for their support of all scholars throughout the year, helping us to make concert folders as well and setting up the wonderful rose and popcorn stand to celebrate the performers today.

Special thanks to you, our audience for supporting the arts and attending our music concert today. We are so excited and glad to have been able to share all these songs with you!

After the concert, we would love to hear your voice! Please feel free to scan the QR code or follow the link in this program to share what your favorite song of the concert was. You may vote as many times as you would like.



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