## **Cowan Fundamental Elementary School Choir**



Adam Zuhair Aradhana Yarmie Joshua Yang Cassidy Waldrep Fortune Vonner Meena Tuleshkov Chloe Suyan Alyzée Sullens Dallin Stimpson Eve Stephensen **Emily Spitler** Julia Shcherbak Sara Schneider Ashlyn Schneider Malakai Sadria Lilliana Sadria Kassy Rocha Madyson Richards Paige Raskin Noelle Potratz Javanna Pedigo Sierra Parker Victoria Novichkova

Tori Norlie Jack Nielsen Tammy Nguyen Ellie Nelson Kristina Necker Paola Martinez Savannah Mancha Meg Leger Mackenzie Lamb Jenna Knifton Melanie Kim Hanano Kenyon Carter Keller Scottie Hopkins Ian Hewitt Mason Guess Caleb Green Amari Fort Michael Flohr Lucas Firl Sarina Finch Mia Fearon

Hannah Fawver Joy Evans Tyler Escay Tanner Eddenfield Emma deFraga Trevon Davis Annika Clinciu **Brock Christensen Audrey Chandler** Madison Caminata Morgon Caldwell Lilly Burnett Nick Brvkov Molly Brown Katie Blamey Matthew Bell Josh Beck Ally Barnes Molly Bannister Eliza Arthur Sarah Al shmarei Anna Afonchenko

George N. Dozet, Director Becka Stephensen, Accompanist

#### **Director's Notes**

This year marks the 40th year River City Chorale has been bringing performances of fine choral music to the greater Sacramento area. This evening, as part of that celebration, and as part of our commitment to encourage young singers, we are honored to be joined by the Cowan Fundamental Elementary School Choir. This group of children will amaze you.



A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of attending one of their hour-long after school rehearsals, and came away in awe of the choir and its director. The singers were waving their arms, dancing and singing in harmony as they rehearsed song after song for the entire 60 minutes. Their director, George Dozet, seemed to bounce, as he ran from his podium to a piano and back, played choir parts on a trumpet and gave the children verbal encouragement as they sang. Sometimes it was hard to tell who was more impressive, the choir or the director!

Thank you for being here this evening. We hope you enjoy our 40th Anniversary Concert. *Richard Morrissey* 

#### The James Cowan Fundamental Elementary School Choir

is comprised of some 67 wonderful, 4th, 5th and 6th grade students who rehearse twice a week outside of the school day. The choir has performed at several venues in the area including Eskaton Village, the Golden 1 Center, and Oakmont of Carmichael. The Cowan Choir will be joining the Deterding Choir, at the culminating performance at "Stand Up for Music Advocacy Day" at the State Capitol on May 18th.

### Director, George Dozet

has led the Choir since February of 2016 and has been teaching in the San Juan Unified School District since 1986. He is a National Board Certified Teacher, and is on the partime teaching staff of the non-profit "Richards Institute of Education and Research." A former elementary classroom

teacher and high school band and choir director, he is a CMEA state award winner honoring excellence in general music education.

# The 40th Anniversary Concert

Richard Morrissey, Director Dean Mora, Accompanist

River City Chorale

Rise and Shine Todd Jolly

Gloria Mark Hayes

I Lift Up Mine Eyes Richard Morrissey

Best of the Beach Boys Arr. Ed Lojeski

I Got Rhythm George & Ira Gershwin

James Cowan Fundamental Elementary School Choir

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Artza Alinu, Israeli Dance Song

**Arr. Earlene Rentz** 

Blue Skies Irving Berlin

Arr. Roger Emerson

ETM Highlights

The Song-Experience-Games of Education Through Music

Give Us Hope Jim Papoulis

**Combined Choirs** 

This Shall Be for Music Mark Patterson

**Intermission** 

River City Chamber Choir

A Portrait of Cole Porter Arr. Kirby Shaw

Three Folk Songs Johannes Brahms

Sunny Side of the Street Fields & McHugh

Arr. Mac Huff

River City Chorale

Amazing Grace Arr. John Rutter

John Denver, A Legacy of Song Arr. Ed Lojeski

Let Us Break Bread Together Arr. Norman Morris

Swingin' With the Saints Arr. Mark Hayes



Friends singing together.