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WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 8, 2021
12:00 NOON

THE RALPH L. FIKE VOCAL ENSEMBLE

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
MR. MATTHEW JOYNER



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ABOUT THE ENSEMBLE

The Vocal Ensemble is the most advanced choral group a student can join at Fike High School. It is composed mostly of upperclassmen and specializes in singing advanced repertoire. Fike's Vocal Ensemble consistently earns superior ratings at North Carolina's Music Performance Adjudications and at national competitions along the eastern seaboard. Along with the mixed chorus, the Vocal Ensemble will travel this spring to the Great Smoky Mountains and compete nationally in Pigeon Forge, TN.

The Vocal Ensemble is under the direction of Matt Joyner. Mr. Joyner, an alumnus of Fike, is in his third year of directorship of the choral program. He is highly sought after across Eastern North Carolina as a distinguished tenor and church musician. Mr. Joyner received his bachelor's degree in music education from East Carolina University studying under Prof. John Kramar and Dr. Daniel Shirley (voice and opera); Dr. James Franklin (choir); and Dr. Andrea VanDeusen (music education). He is also an active member of NCMEA, NAFME, ACDA, and the Pi Kappa Lambda Honors Society.

The Vocal Ensemble is accompanied by Cindy Darden. Mrs. Darden is a veteran choral music educator, having conducted high school choral ensembles for 38 years. She holds a BA in Music Education/choral conducting from the University of NC at Greensboro and a MM in vocal performance from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Mrs. Darden currently enjoys accompanying for various groups in the area and conducting the Tar River Chorus in Rocky Mount, NC.



PROGRAM

Matt Joyner, director
Cindy Darden, piano
Richard Prout, drums

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing arr. Brant Adams (b. 1955)

Glow Eric Whitacre (b. 1970)

Ain't that-a Rockin' arr. Stacey Gibbs (b. 1962)

There is No Rose Guy Forbes (b. 1957)

Carol of the Bells arr. Peter Wilhousky (1902-1978)

In the Bleak Midwinter arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)
Mesha Strickland, Isabel Twiss; soloists
Lindsey Vaughan, descant

from Judas Maccabaeus George F. Handel (1685-1759)
Hallelujah, Amen

Cool Yule arr. Kirby Shaw (b. 1941)

from The Polar Express arr. Roger Emerson (b. 1950)
Hot Chocolate

Christmas in L.A. arr. Mark Brymer (b. 1957)

