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The Birth of An Idea

In 2018, show choir director Trent Buglewicz and choreographer Lexi Robson began working on their vision for a group of students from Linn-Mar high school to perform a show choir rendition of Charlotte Perkins Gilman's short story, "The Yellow Wallpaper." When the two were brainstorming their competition show, they had two goals: to be groundbreaking and to be relatable. Buglewicz explained he remembered reading the story in an AP literature class, and he was hugely impacted by the horror of the subject matter. Robson endorsed the idea, because considering the current cultural climate surrounding women's mental health, this could be a great opportunity to create a show with a hefty, yet relevant message of advocacy.

When it came time to decide what music to choose, after establishing the late-nineteenth century time period, Robson and Buglewicz focused their attention on developing the protagonists; it was important for them to show how the loving characters, Charlotte and John, met, married, and started a family. Shortly after, however, Charlotte fell deep into postpartum depression—all of this character development took place in one song.

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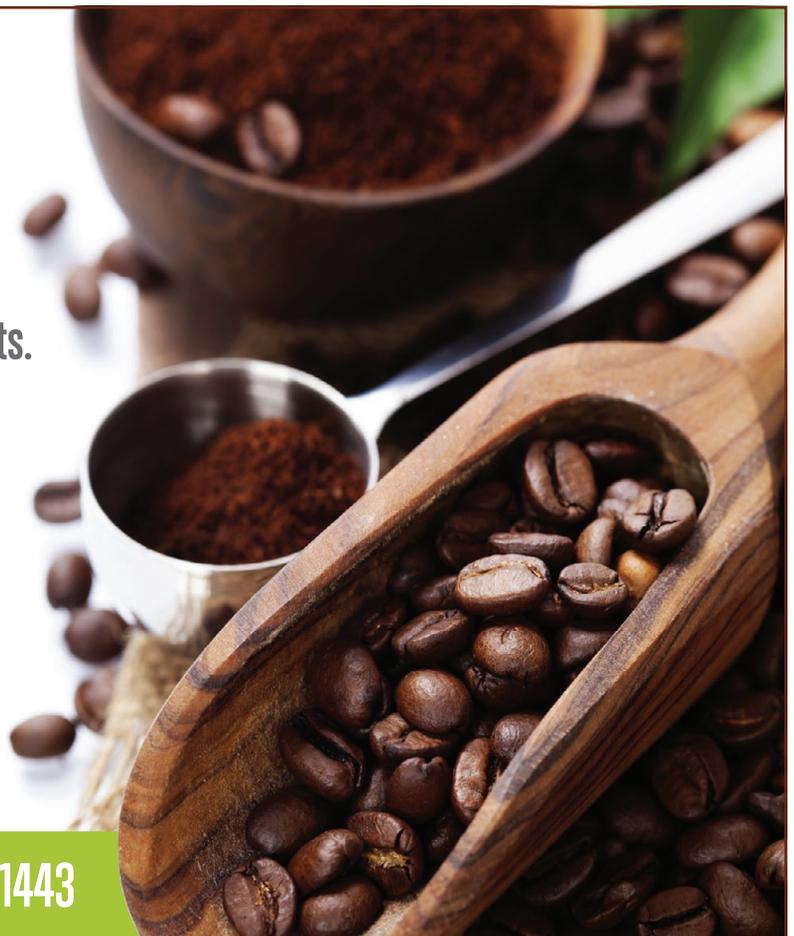
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Next, Buglewicz and Robson enlisted the help of nationally recognized, award-winning choreographer April James. James's creative process involved her focusing on the biggest numbers first, such as the opener and closer, and then moving to the middle song that set the story. James explained that working from a piece of literature offered a special advantage, as opposed to a movie or musical, because she could generate her own vision of the characters.

In addition to telling the story, James and Robson wanted to capitalize on the talent of the fifty-six Linn-Mar students. The combination of strong dancers, singers, and actors allowed this team of visionaries to be inspired by their students and highlight the teenagers' separate strengths.



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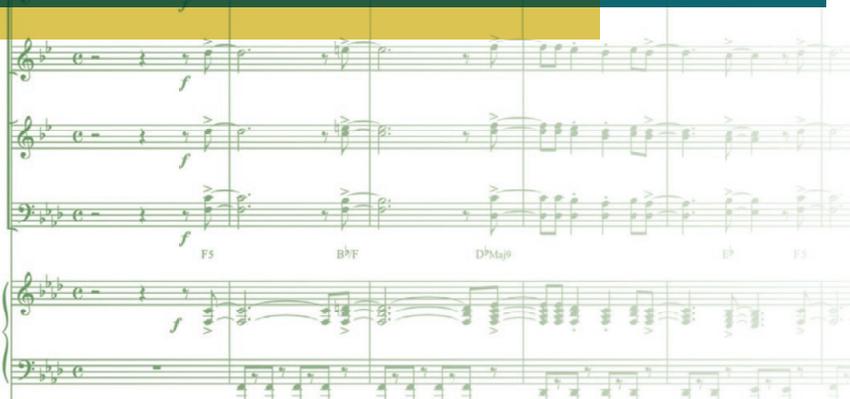
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The Process

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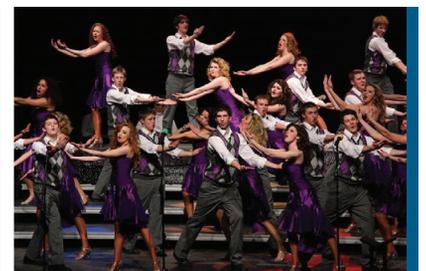
Early in the show's development, Buglewicz and Robson knew they wanted the performers to emerge from the wallpaper, and virtually overtake Charlotte. In the short story, Charlotte says, "Up and down and sideways they crawl, and those absurd, unblinking eyes are everywhere...[the wallpaper] dwells in my mind so!"

Encapsulating this moment was made possible by Buglewicz's brother, Kevin Buglewicz, who was the mastermind behind conceptualization of the yellow wallpaper pattern. He then worked with the costumer and company to ensure that the students could be perfectly camouflaged within Charlotte's personified madness.

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The topics of postpartum depression and psychosis are not typical in the world of show choir, nor are they ideas most people are comfortable exploring. Buglewicz, Robson, and James all expressed how therapeutic the process of epitomizing these issues was for them, as well as their students.

Delving into the intensity of the show gave James an opportunity for her to work through some of her personal anxieties; she playfully (with pun intended) noted it gave her ground to “exercise her demons.”

Similarly, during one of the first full costume run-throughs, the lead playing Charlotte began sobbing during a ballad. Robson, concerned, thought perhaps the student had injured herself. When Robson went to check on her, the student expressed how overwhelmed she was with Charlotte’s emotionality—the girl was devastated by the betrayal and injustice Charlotte was experiencing.

A Difficult but Rewarding Journey

Buglewicz and Robson were also very open to sharing how the creative process is not always a smooth one. James noted that she does the



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bulk of her preparation and choreography alone, so that she can decipher her ideas and realize her vision more effectively. Buglewicz and Robson, on the other hand, create as a team, occasionally in real-time with the students. But as Robson explained, trial and error is what will ultimately lead to success.

The creative team repeatedly mentions their love for the students and how powerful the experience was for all involved. Yes, the show was received well in competition, but that was not the top priority of the director and choreographers.

After the show debuted, Buglewicz, Robson, and James were approached by numerous affected audience members, adolescents and adults alike. The team received countless emails from audience members expressing how impressed they were by the performers' maturity and ability to portray a story of this magnitude.

An emotionally challenging journey rewarded not only the talented team who put the show together and the students who performed the show, but also all the audience members who were honored to experience this moment with them.

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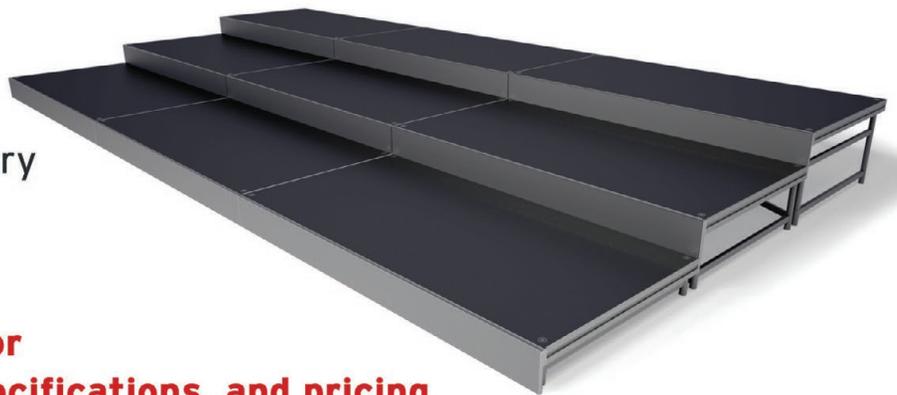


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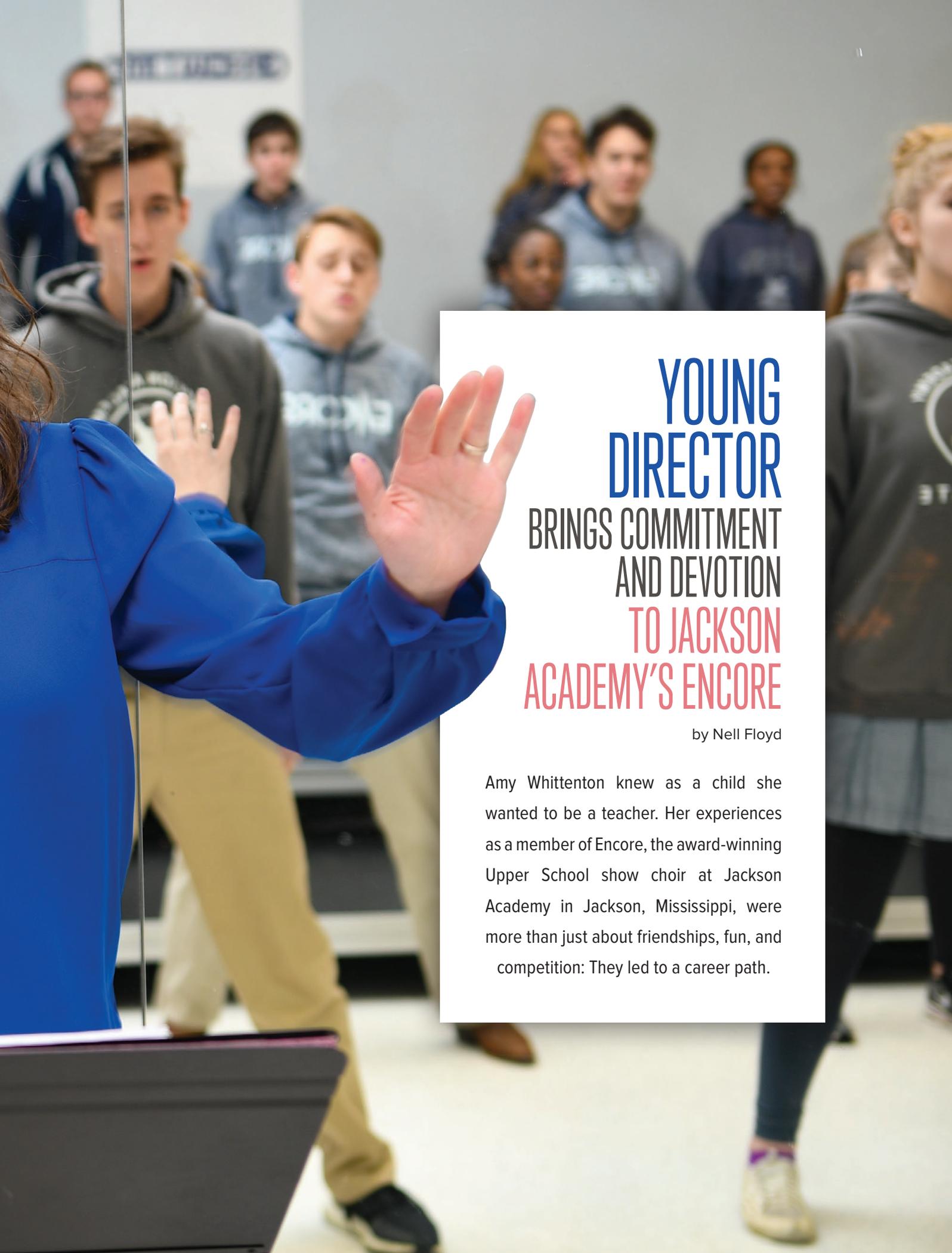
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"During my junior year, I became an Encore captain," said Whittenton, who always loved to sing. "As a captain, I had to re-teach choreography, clean choreography, and help students learn their music. I had to explain things to my peers. I felt comfortable doing that and learned I was good at it. That's when I knew I wanted to major in music education in college."

At Home in School

Whittenton earned a bachelor's degree in music education from Mississippi State University in 2016 and uses it daily at JA, the school she attended as a four-year-old child through graduation from high school in 2012.

At just age 25, Whittenton is the choral music director for both Middle School and Upper School at JA, the largest independent school in the Jackson area. In the 2018-2019 academic year, she became the first alumna to direct Encore, which she first saw perform as a fourth grader at the school and aspired to join when she became old enough.

Steve McCartney, head of Upper School at JA, said Whittenton has the skills for the job plus firsthand knowledge of JA's reputation

for excellence, noting, "She was a vital part of JA's musical productions and show choirs when she was a student at JA," he said. "Her insight as a former student, her talent as a choral instructor, and her enthusiasm are just the right combination for our students."

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McCartney knows from experience the commitment and devotion that a topnotch show choir demands. As a student, he played trombone in the band that accompanied Attaché, the award-winning show choir at Clinton High School in Clinton, Mississippi, and served as the group's instrumental director for seven years after graduation.

"I have been fortunate to play in the JA show choir band and in the orchestra of the school musical with Amy at the helm," he said. "Her passion, expertise, and leadership are the right combination to continue to build on the strong programs we have in place."

Whittenton recalls songs from her show choir days such as the Elvis Presley hits "Blue Suede Shoes" and "A Little Less Conversation" and admits there are still sparkly dresses

from those days in a closet at her parents' home. What's stuck with her more than every detail of every performance, however, is how beneficial the experience was and continues to be for students even after high school graduation.

Beyond Song and Dance

Whittenton notes, "Show choir helped me step out of my comfort zone and gave me stage presence," she said. "I don't think I would have confidence to stand in front of people like I do if I hadn't participated in show choir."

She continues, "There are so many life skills show choir teaches. Stage presence. How to work in teams. Delayed gratification because we begin working on a show in August but don't get to perform it for another six months. Time management."

Encore included about 20 students when Whittenton was a member, but it has flourished over the past several years, more than doubling in members since then.

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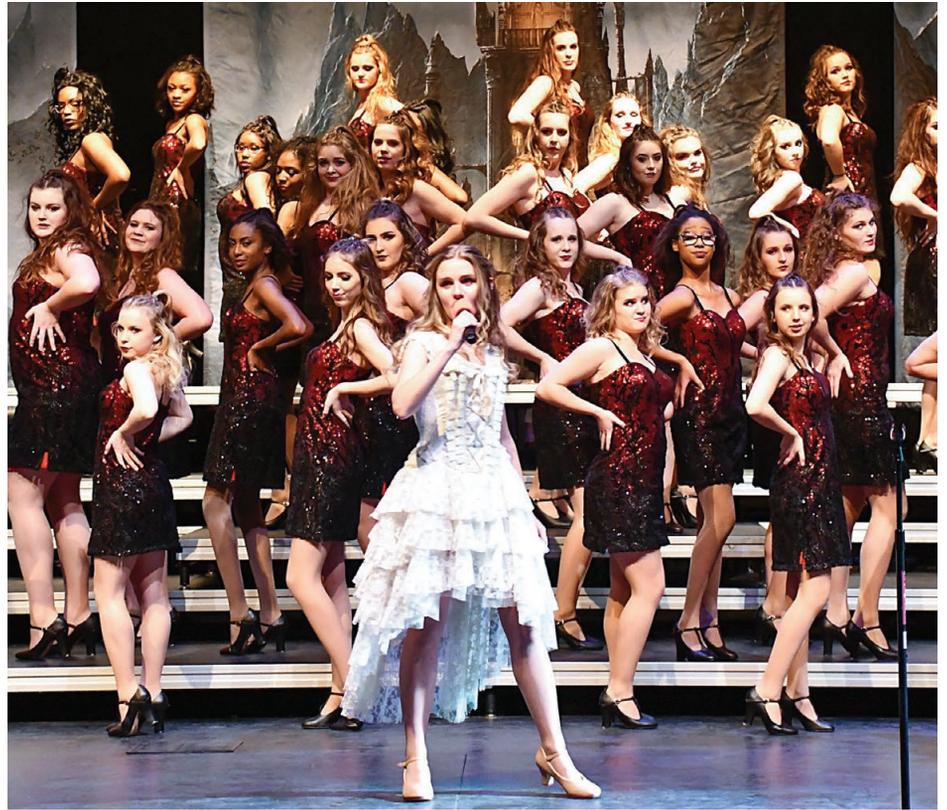
Will Whittenton. There is also a band comprised of 10 musicians, two of whom are JA students with the rest being a mix of JA parents and musicians from the community.

Pulling Together a Team

Whittenton comes up with the show's theme for the show before the school year begins. This year's show is "Transylvanian Lullaby." Professional choreographers Kevin Chase and Nick Quamme design the dance routines and help students perfect them.

Whittenton works with Gail McInnis of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, to create costumes for the females in the group, and Trinity Apparel Group, which specializes in men's custom clothing and is owned by the parents of an Encore member, designs the costumes for the male students.

Not to be overlooked are the show choir parents who offer support in every way imaginable from helping run the annual Jackson Academy show choir competition that JA hosts as a fundraiser to driving the rental truck filled with sets and more to competitions. Also helpful: the JA Arts Guild and the school's administration, both of which back the show choir experience 100 percent, she said.



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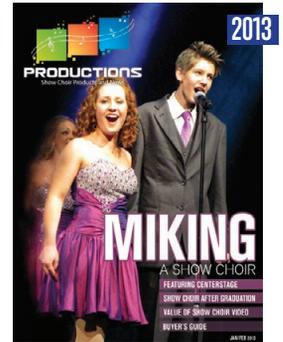
Whittenton directs both Encore and Showtime, JA’s show choir for seventh and eighth grades, and both groups have experienced high levels of success. In just the past season alone, Encore has earned first place in the large mixed division as well as awards for Best Costumes, Best Visuals, Best Overall Effect, Best Vocals, Best Set Crew and Grand Champion, and Showtime has won awards for Best Visuals, Best Overall Effect, Best Vocals and Grand Champion.

While competition and winning trophies are exciting, Whittenton believes the show choir experience is about so much more than that. Working together as a group, performing the best show possible, and being a good representative of the school are also important, she said.

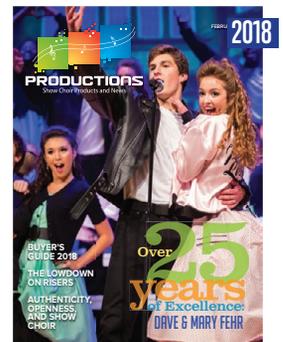
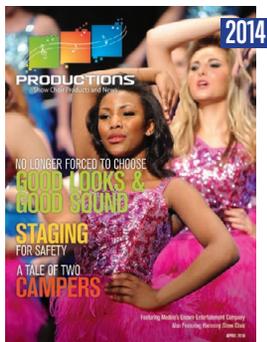


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Latham Nance, a senior at JA who has performed for four years in Encore and two years in Showtime, credits “Mrs. Whitt’s” leadership, her ability to relate to students, and her drive with making the 2018-2019 year the best yet for Encore. “She’s come in and made it magical,” said Nance, who is a featured singer/dancer. “Our show is fantastic and she’s done an amazing job her first year teaching Encore.”

Whittenton emphasizes the correct way to sing, and her energy energizes the group, said Nance, who plans to major in music education in college. This direction for his continued education came about largely because of his show choir experience, which he values because of the supportive culture and the friendships made across school boundaries.

Reese Anderson, a junior at JA and also a featured singer/dancer in Encore, remembers seeing Whittenton, then a high school senior, perform with Encore. She also watched as Whittenton played the role of Gertrude McFuzz, a bluebird, in “Seussical the Musical,” a JA production. “I was in the fourth grade,” Anderson said. “That’s my first memory of her.” These days, Whittenton makes an ideal director, Anderson said, because she is “always calm and collected, only intense when she needs to be.”

Encore’s vocal sound has been transformed thanks to Whittenton’s knowledge and ability to teach the basics of singing, Anderson said. “Vocals are her focus, and it has taken us to the next level,” Anderson states. “She’s helped us put it in practice. It’s ingrained in us now.”

Whittenton counts herself lucky to work at a school where her educational contribution is valued and where she continues to be part of its history, guiding the show choirs that she watched perform for many years and, in turn, performed with as a student. “I love this job,” she concludes. “I am blessed getting to do what I love every day.”

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SATIN STITCHES

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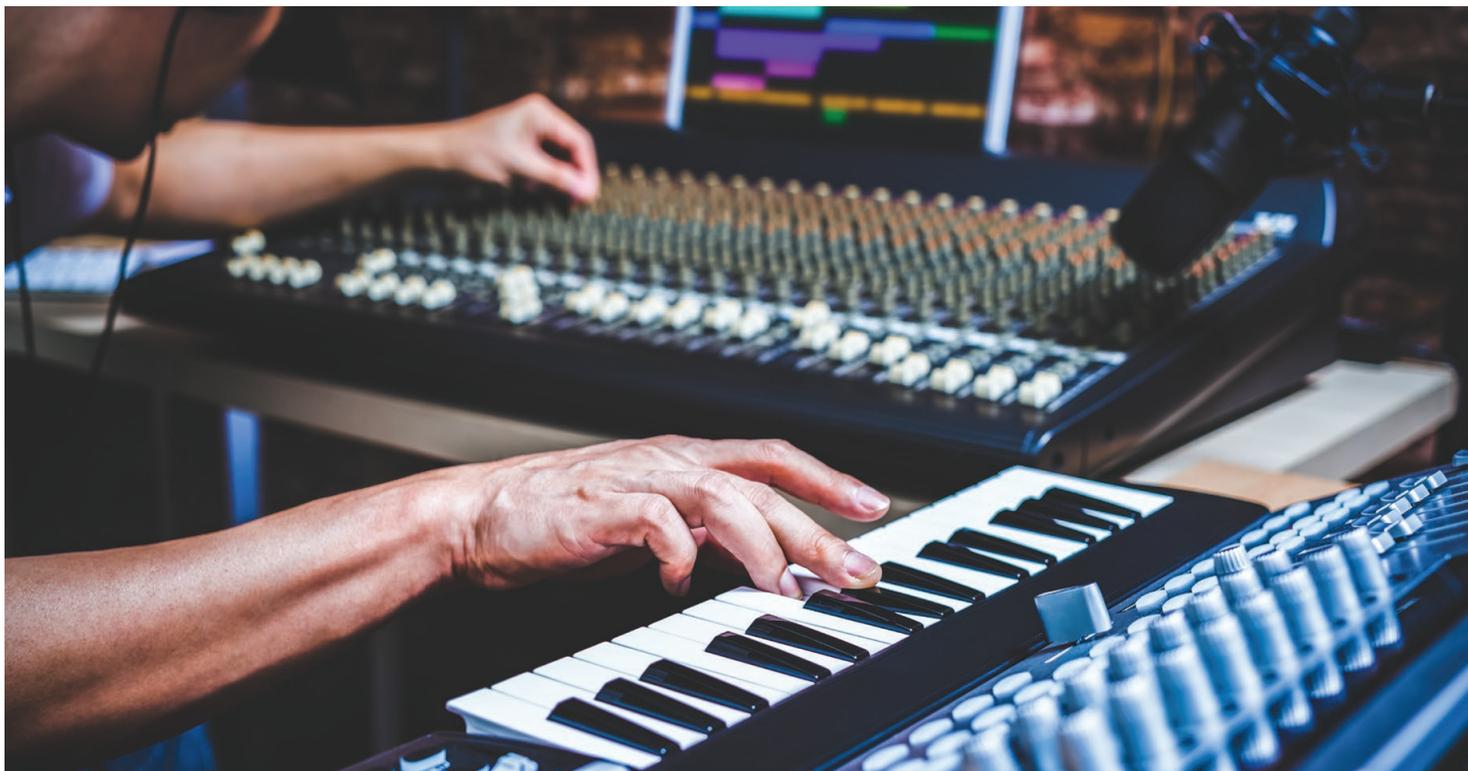
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Garrett Breeze is a media composer and arranger living in Nashville, TN. He is known primarily as an arranger for many of the top competitive show choirs throughout the United States and travels regularly in that role as a clinician and adjudicator. In addition to his choral work, Garrett frequently writes for high profile media projects including film, television, video games, and corporate media. He holds a bachelor's degree in Media Music from Brigham Young University and a master's degree in Commercial Composition and Arranging from Belmont University.

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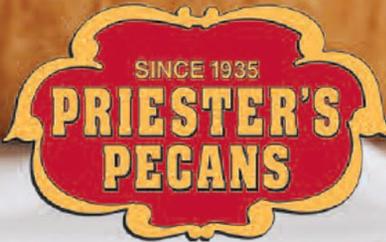


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Lifetime Achievement Award	Michael & Randie Parks
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