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Master Singers



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The Arkansas Master Singers exist as a fellowship of believers to proclaim the majesty and love of Almighty God, to share the gospel message of Jesus Christ, and to provide the encouragement of the Holy Spirit through the medium of music.

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DIRECTIONS

from
Jim Daniel



What a wonderful time we share whenever we gather in fellowship and worship at our Master Singers concerts. Our gatherings in Paragould and El Dorado were special, and we continue to pray that the Lord will bring lasting fruit from our labors. Now we turn our attention to the final two concerts of this season.

On Thursday, March 19, our entire ministry will come together for a time of fellowship and rehearsal. The chorus will begin at Balboa Baptist in Hot Springs Village, while the orchestra begins at the Woodlands Performing Arts Center, also in Hot Springs Village. The chorus will join the orchestra for our final rehearsal and sound check at the center before we share an evening meal together. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m.

These final concerts of the season will be especially unique, as we have a special opportunity to reach the community with the Gospel through music. Join me as we ask the Lord to bless our time together and for the presentation of the Gospel.

That presentation of the Gospel begins with you. As you interact with the staff, greet the audience, and sing or play with the love of the Lord reflected on your faces, you are sharing the Gospel. Everything we do should point back to the story of the Gospel, how it transformed our lives through salvation and how it continues to guide us in service.

We are encouraged by the words of the Apostle Paul: "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father." He also writes, "Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men" (Colossians 3:17, 23). As you pray and prepare, consider what the Lord has done in your own life, and prepare as though you are offering this day directly to Him as a sacrifice of praise, for that is exactly what He asks of us (Romans 12:1).

I am looking forward to serving alongside you again. May we each commit to giving our very best to the Lord as we prepare and present the Gospel in song.

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PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS



Katie Stauber
Women's Chorus President

I hope everyone has sufficiently recovered because our next concert is coming up quick! We have a unique and exciting opportunity to be out in the community of Hot Springs Village in the Woodlands Auditorium. While we love being in churches with our fellow believers, this is the kind of opportunity we have been searching and praying for to take the Gospel beyond church walls. We need to show up in a big way not just with our voices, but with our worship. The order of worship is already available in Planning Center/Music Stand and some of these we already have memorized. Let's see if we can add one or two more to our memory banks over the next couple of weeks (yes it's that soon!).

Remember that Resurrection Sunday is right around the corner and this concert could bring some non-believers and unchurched believers through the doors, seeking the joy we sing about. Let's get excited, and let's get ready! I'll see you in 2 weeks!

Publicity Items
2025–2026 Season

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Greg Childress
Men's Chorus President

Hello friends, it was so good to be back together at our recent concerts of worship in El Dorado and Paragould. Thank you to our wonderful hosts for opening your church to our group.

One of the incredible privileges I have of serving as the MS pianist is the opportunity to SEE the beautiful faces and expressions on those of you in the choir as you lead. Jim has been encouraging us this year to “memorize” our music, and although I get to have my piano music in front of me at all times, I do challenge myself each week as a worship leader at my church to study and know my music to be a better leader of worship.

I want to echo Jim's challenge to us to continue to memorize and prepare ourselves to LEAD worship as I consider these reasons...

1. We lead people, not paper: Eye contact and body language is so important when communicating the greatest message of all time. Remember, “Many will SEE and fear and put their trust in the Lord” (Psalm 40:3) as we sing the new song God has put in our mouths. They SEE our worship!
2. It frees us to worship, not just perform: We internalize the text and the theology behind the lyrics and sing with genuine conviction while modeling worship and not simply musical execution.
3. It is an act of worship: Taking time to prepare and memorize is a sacrifice of time, thought and energy and practice before rehearsal is a sacrifice that honors God.
4. It models preparation and stewardship: We set the tone that our offering matters and we honor God with our excellence (Psalm 33:3).
5. It allows us to LEAD in the moment: Memorization gives us the flexibility to respond to the Spirit without being tied to the page.
6. It keeps the focus where it belongs: We can focus on worship and not just survival and we can engage the congregation more fully as we sing confidently.
7. It makes Jim happy!!! We have ONE leader and when we have eyes on him and trust his leadership we are in one accord and unified toward a single purpose of glorifying our Savior!

WOODLANDS AUDITORIUM: HSV



Hello Friends,

The people of Balboa Baptist Church are eagerly waiting for March 19 when the Arkansas Masters' Singers will come to Hot Springs Village for a tremendous night of worship! HSV is the largest gated community in the United States. Located on 26000 acres, we have 11 lakes and 9 golf courses.

There are about 17000 people who live here.

You will begin your day at Balboa Baptist Church 415 Ponce de Leon Drive HSV, Arkansas 71909. You will come through one of 2 manned gates. The East Gate is at 1570 Desoto Blvd. The West Gate address is 111 Desoto Blvd. You must use these gates to enter. You cannot get access to the property through the other unmanned gates. Give the gate guard your name and tell them you are with Masters' Singers.

Our evening concert will be at the Woodlands Auditorium at 1101 Desoto Blvd. If I can be of any assistance to you please call me at 662 473 6184 or call the church office at 501 922 0155.

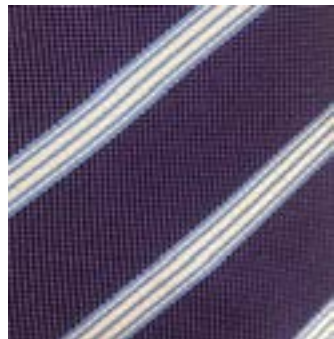
Concert Attire

For the HSV Concert of Worship we will be wearing our normal concert attire:

Men: gray slacks, white shirt, black jacket, and Master'Singers tie.

Ladies: Your purple and black outfits.

Master'Singers Tie



Tentative Order for the Concert

Orchestra Prelude

- All Creatures of Our God and King*
- We Will Glorify*
- The Power of the Cross*
- Come Christians Join to Sing*

Concert of Worship

- Rejoice*
- Psalm 40*
- The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*

Welcome

- Women's Chorus: *Honey in the Rock*
- Women's Chorus: *My Jesus I Love Thee*
- Men's Chorus: *Psalm 23 (Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy)*
- Men's Chorus: *At the Cross*

Combined Chorus

- Psalm 24*
- Christus Victor (Amen)*

Offertory Announcement

- Psalm 91 (I Will Say)*
- This Is My Father's World*
- Better*

Gospel Presentation

- Not To Us*

Tentative Schedule for March 19, 2026

- 10:30 am Leadership Team Meeting
- 12:15 pm Check-in at Balboa Baptist Church
415 Ponce de Leon Drive, HSV
- 12:45 pm Separate Rehearsals
- 2:00 pm Break/Transfer to Auditorium
- 2:30 pm Combined Rehearsal
- 3:45 pm Break
- 4:00 pm Rehearsal/Sound Check
- 5:30 pm Dinner
- 6:40 pm Choir in Seats
- 6:45 pm Orchestral Prelude

Rehearsal Directions: Balboa Baptist Church



Concert Directions: Woodlands Auditorium



Ruth Nininger / Ervin Keathley Award Nominations

This award was established in 2009 to honor a male and female Master'Singer who have made an outstanding contribution to music ministry in Arkansas. The Award will be presented at the Annual Master'Singers Retreat. Please feel free to nominate living or deceased male and female members. All nominations must be submitted by email to lgunter@absc.org by May 1st. Non-eligible members: **Current directors (Jim Daniel, Angela White, or Tim Gunter), current presidents (Katie Stauber or Greg Childress) or past recipients:**

2009 – Jean Pilcher and Tim Blann

2010 – Retha Kilmer and J. Paul Williams

2011 – Janie Thompson and John Dresbach

2012 – Peggy Pearson and Will Thompson

2013 – Donna Crenshaw and Glen Ennes

2014 – Donna Teague and Richard Wade

2015 – Glenda Riddle and Sam Wakefield

2016 – Mary Winters and Bob Endel

2017 – Elizabeth Barnett and Louis Criswell

2018 – Missy Hines and David Tatum

2019 – Vicki Bedford and Lee Barnett

2020 – Carrie Taylor and Doug Moore

2021 – Shelia Moore and Larry Grayson

2022 – Sharon Sanders and Jerry Miller

2023 – Lamona Gunter and Robert Ramsey

2024 – Bobbie Debusk and Darrell Spigner

2025 – Becky McPherson and Randy Cross

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Worship Leaders' Roundtables

There's one in your area!

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WORSHIP
LEADERS'
ROUNDTABLE

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

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July 13–17, 2026 – Ouachita Baptist University



2025 - 2026 Events

September 11–12, 2025
Annual Master Singers Retreat
Immanuel Baptist Church, LR

October 20, 2025
ABSC Annual Meeting
First Baptist Church, Russellville

January 26, 2026
ABSC Evangelism Conference
Geyer Springs FBC, Little Rock

February 26, 2026
Split Concerts of Worship
First Baptist, El Dorado
West View Baptist, Paragould

March 19, 2026
Concert of Worship
The Woodlands Auditorium
Hot Springs Village

April 23, 2026
Concert of Worship
Grand Prairie Perf. Arts Center
Stuttgart



2025-2026 Leadership Team



Jim Daniel
Director



Greg Childress
President



Matt Jones
1st Vice President



Randy Cross
2nd Vice President



Keith Stevens
1st Tenor Host



Brian Trostle
2nd Tenor Host



Trent Broussard
Baritone Host



Jerry Miller
Bass Host



Darrell Spigner
Chaplain



Greg Childress
Accompanist



Jeremy Raines
Past President



Tim Gunter
Instrumental Director



David Tatum
Communications



Angela White
Director



Katie Stauber
President



Kay Ferguson
1st Vice President



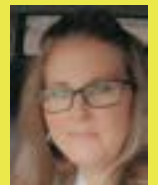
Carla White
2nd Vice President



Vicki Rudell
1st Soprano Host



Joy Gray-Bounds
2nd Soprano Host



Molly Miller
1st Alto Host



Jane Byers
2nd Alto Host



Michele Smith
Chaplain



Missy Hines
Accompanist



Lynda Chapman
Past President



Sharon Sanders
Outfit Coordinator