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The Centrum, Cypress Creek Performing Arts Center
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- Benefit from the marvelous acoustics provided by recent remodeling in the gorgeous Centrum, the Cypress Creek Performing Arts Center.
- Join other varsity choirs in a day of sharing fine choral music
- Receive a superlative professional recording for archives/future auditions
- Take home constructive comments & participation awards
- Seek a special "Performance of Distinction" award
- Vie for designation as one of the 2025 Honor Choirs which perform at the 2026 Event.

2025 HONOR CHOIR PERFORMANCES



Deer Park Chorale Women, Anita Ladd, Director



Shadow Creek Varsity Tenor Bass, Frankie Espinoza & Jennifer Gallagher, Directors



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Adjudicators

Dianne Brumley is Director of Choral Music Studies and Professor of Music Education, Emerita at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley – Brownsville. She was appointed in 2003 and was the first person to hold the position of Director of Choral Studies at the University. Brumley was the founding conductor of the University Master Chorale. During her ten-year tenure at UTRGV, the Master Chorale was selected to perform at the 2011 Texas Music Educators Association Convention and toured internationally. Brumley also served for 20 years as the founding Conductor and Artistic Director of the South Texas Chorale and Orchestra. Brumley is a frequent guest conductor, clinician, motivational speaker, and adjudicator throughout Texas and the United States. Currently, she serves as a choral music education consultant. Before her time with the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Brumley was a successful choral music educator in public schools. Choirs under her direction were selected for honor performances at Texas Music Educators Association conventions, American Choral Directors Association regional and national conventions, and a featured performance at the Texas Choral Directors Association convention. Active in Texas choral music endeavors for many years, in 2011 Brumley was honored to receive the Texas Choral Excellence Award and in 2018 the Texas Choir Master Award from the Texas Choral Directors Association.



Jessica Nápoles is Professor of Choral Music Education and Conductor of the Concert Choir at the University of North Texas. A native of Florida with a Cuban-American background, Dr. Nápoles taught in the public schools of Miami and Orlando, FL. She received 3 degrees in music education from the Florida State University. Prior to her appointment at UNT, she taught at the University of Utah for 11 years. Dr. Nápoles is an active conductor, clinician, and adjudicator, frequently engaging in guest conducting opportunities locally, regionally, and nationally. She has conducted All State and honor choirs in over 20 states. Additionally, she was the featured conductor for the World Strides Honors Performance Series and the National Youth Choir in Carnegie Hall on multiple occasions. In addition to her work as a conductor, Dr. Nápoles is a well-known researcher, with numerous publications in prestigious journals. Her research interests center on testing pedagogical claims empirically, conducting expressivity, burnout, perfectionism, and teacher talk. She has served her profession through work on editorial boards, as Assistant Conference Chair for the national ACDA conference (2019, 2021, 2025), ACDA Honor Choir Coordinator (2015, 2017), and Chair of the Research & Publications Standing Committee for ACDA.



Originally from New England, Dr. Ruff is an educator, bass-baritone, and conductor. He began his career as a dedicated church musician and middle school choir teacher. Dr. Ruff has appeared in concert with several orchestras and choruses across the world including the New World Symphony and the National Chorus of Korea. Dr. Ruff is a former member of the Grammy Award-winning ensemble: Chanticleer. He is also currently on the roster of several of this nation's finest choral ensembles including: the Santa Fe Desert Chorale, Conspirare, Seraphic Fire, and Exigence. Dr. Ruff has conducted ensembles across the country including the Cantabile Youth Singers of Silicon Valley, the Parkway All District Honor Choir, and, most recently, the Missouri Choral Artists. Dr. Ruff attended Central Connecticut State University where he studied Music Education & Voice Performance. He holds a dual Master of Music Degree in Choral Conducting and Voice Performance from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and earned his Ph.D. in Music Education from Florida State University. He is a proud member of the American Choral Directors Association, the National Association of Negro Musicians, the Society of Pi Kappa Lambda, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.





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