

2026 MSMEA All-State Junior High School Treble Honor Choir

Clinician and Repertoire Information

November 16 - 18, 2026

University of Southern Mississippi

Treble Clinician: Dr. McKenna Stenson

Treble Collaborative Pianist: Angie W. Rawls

Treble Coordinator: Calloway Ellis



As an innovative conductor, teacher, and vocalist, McKenna Stenson has built a career inspiring students to sing confidently and motivating communities to create lasting change through song. Stenson currently serves as an Assistant Professor of Choral Music Education at Florida State University. She conducts *Levana*, an advanced treble ensemble, and teaches undergraduate choral methods, graduate conducting, and graduate choral seminars. She is an active guest conductor, clinician, presenter, and adjudicator for choirs across the United States and abroad. Stenson has held state leadership positions and presented at state, regional, national, and international conferences, including the 2023 World Symposium on Choral Music in Istanbul. She was nationally recognized as a Country Music Association Foundation Music Teacher of Excellence in 2020 and was recently named a National Finalist for both the 2023 American Prize Conducting and Choral Performance Competitions. Before joining the faculty at Florida State, Stenson was an Assistant Professor at the University of Kansas, where she served as Associate Director of Choral Activities, conducting the KU Glee Club and Oread Singers. She earned her Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting from the University of North Texas, a Master of Music in Choral Conducting from Michigan State University, and dual Bachelor of Music degrees in Music Education and

Vocal Performance from The Ohio State University. In her free time, Stenson enjoys running, traveling with her son Luka and husband Bryan, and amplifying the voices of women conductors through her podcast *conduct(her)*, which she co-founded with her sister Kyra Stahr.

Title	Composer/Arr.	Publisher	JWPepper
Worry Bird (SSA)	Andrea Ramsey	MusicSpoke https://musicspoke.com/downloads/worry-bird/	N/A
*Silver Rain (SSA) All Soprano/Alto audition piece	B.E. Boykin	Oxford University Press 9780193565876	11536302
We Are the Music Makers (SSA)	Regional Wright	Oxford University Press 9780193564176	11415037
La Paloma (SSA)	arr. Cristian Grases	Walton Music WW1383	10027659
A Choice to Change the World (SSA)	Kevin Johnson	Carl Fischer LLC CM9744	11410886
Laudamus Te (SA)	arr. Doreen Rao	Boosey & Hawkes, Inc 48004348	1803493

Audition Repertoire:

All Singers: After the Wind (SATB) - Nicholas Ryan Kelly

All Soprano/Alto: Silver Rain (SSA) - B.E. Boykin

All Tenor/Bass: Actus (SATB) - Ryan Main

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JH SATB Clinician: **Cristi Cary Miller**

JH SATB Collaborative Pianist: **Tommy Creel**

JH SATB Coordinator: **Mitchell Crawford**



Cristi Miller is highly regarded across the United States as a master teacher, conductor and composer. After graduating from Oklahoma State University, she began her teaching career instructing grades 7-12. She eventually moved to the Putnam City School system in 1989 where she worked in the elementary classroom for 21 years. During her time at Putnam City, she was the co-director of the Putnam City Honor Choir. In 2008, Cristi became a National Board Certified Teacher and in 2010, Mrs. Miller became a part of the Fine Arts Staff at Heritage Hall Schools in the Oklahoma City area where she teaches middle school music. Many of her students have received All-State honors through her leadership and her choirs have maintained superior ratings at statewide contests. Mrs. Miller's honors include Putnam City Teacher of the Year, Putnam City "Excellent Educator" Award, Putnam City PTA Teacher of the Year and OMEA Exemplary Teacher. In addition, in 2014 she will be inducted into the OMEA Hall of Fame. Mrs. Miller is frequently in demand as a clinician and director across the United States and Canada. She has numerous choral pieces and books in

publication through the Hal Leonard Corporation and has also been the recipient of several ASCAP awards for her music. Cristi and her husband, Rick, live in Oklahoma City.

Title	Composer/Arranger	Publisher	JWPepper
*Actus (SATB) All Tenor/Bass audition piece	Ryan Main	Endeavor Music Publishing 1001216	11617209
Ubi Caritas (SATB)	Ola Gjeilo	Walton Music WW1386	10025943
Water Fountain (SATB)	arr. Kristopher Fulton	Mark Foster Music BP118	00300240
Both Sides Now (SATB)	arr. Roger Emerson	Hal Leonard 01152918	11524586
*After the Wind (SATB) All Singers, audition piece	Nicholas Ryan Kelly	Galaxy Music 1.3726	11593421
Téir Abhaile 'Riú (SATB)	Cristi Cary Miller	Available soon	Available soon

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