



CURRENT JAM IS EDINA HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR'S ICONIC SPRING CONCERT. FILLED WITH SINGING AND DANCING, CURRENT JAM HAS BEEN A CAN'T-MISS EVENT EACH SPRING FOR MORE THAN 45 YEARS.

The first Current Jam was conducted by William Hughes in the spring of 1973. It started as a way to showcase individual talents of students performing popular music and give the choir the opportunity to perform arrangements of pop tunes. Most of the arrangements were created by the students. The name "Current Jam" was suggested by Laurie Wilson Spencer '73, and the Edina-West Concert Choir of 1973. The students–with the help of Hughes–started what has become a "go to event" every spring.



Current Jam '77 was the first year with Dr. Robert Peterson at the helm. Current Jam became the Edina High School version of show choir. Under Dr. Peterson's leadership, technology was bought into the productions. The use of video projection and lighting became core to the shows.

In 1999, Current Jam was turned over to Dr. David Henderson, who had spent many years working with Dr. Peterson on the show. During D.H.'s tenure, Current Jam continued to remain "current," not only through its modern popular repertoire, but also with state-of-the-art sound, lighting, and video integration.

There were only three choreographers for the first 45 years of the show: Tom Amundson, Randy Winkler, and John Command. All three specialized in dance moves that worked onstage for dancers and non-dancers alike.

As Current Jam has evolved over nearly half a century, it has remained faithful to its roots as a well-balanced, entertaining show of large-group choral numbers with choreography, as well as special acts performed by a wide variety of solo groups. Tradition is a key element of the production: the senior video–introduced in 1977–has had the choir singing "Times of Our Lives" each year. The closing number, "Everyday," was first used in 1982 and was arranged by Chuck Beeson '83.

These time-honored traditions continue with 2019's show as a new artistic team takes the lead. Christopher Piela is C.J. Artistic Director, assisted by colleagues Scott Lehrke and Serina Jolivette. The C.J. Back-Up Band is conducted by EHS Orchestra Director Nick Gaudette, and after several years working on the EHS Happenin' concerts, Megan Kelly Hubbell choreographs Current Jam 2019.



Some NightsBhasker, Dost, Antonoff, and Ruess, arr. Mac Huff CONCERT CHOIR; Evelyn Adams, Jack Wolfe, Olivia Pierce, <i>soloists</i>
I See Fire Ed Sheeran
Anika Aadalen, <i>vocals</i> ; Will Swanda, <i>guitar & vocals</i>
Chicken FriedZac Brown & Wyatt Durrette Sean Baird, Jake Boltmann, Jon Bunce, Bennett Dykstra, Ryan Gallaher, Blake Harris, Gunnar Johnson, Jojo Karos, <i>vocals</i> ; Aiden Hengel, <i>guitar</i> ; Will Swanda, <i>percussion</i>
Here Comes the SunGeorge Harrison, arr. Alan Billingsley CONCERT CHOIR; Aiden Hengel, guitar; Gillian Northrup, bass
Everybody Talks
Matt Johnson, Emily Killen, Patrick Wehr, & Sydney Wetterberg, <i>vocals</i> ; Adam Porth, <i>acoustic guitar</i> ; Eli Wennen, <i>electric guitar</i> ; Wyatt Pepin, <i>percussion</i>
Rather BePatterson, Napler, & Marshall
CHAMBER SINGERS
Latch Lawrence, Lawrence, Napler, & Smith Lauren Gray & Amal Saeed, <i>vocals</i> ; Natalie Bartolomei, <i>guitar</i>
Hello, Mary LouGene Pitney and Cayet Mangiaracina, arr. Kirby Shaw MEN'S CHORUS
Doctor YouJonas, Gorres, Holter, and Ghaleb, arr. Brock Keiper MEN'S CHORUS
White FlagArmstrong, Armstrong, & Knowles
Evelyn Adams, Alexandra Bonthius, Shea Crowley, Jessika Hankinson, Giselle Hayes, Gillian Northrup, Lily Randall, Caroline Sprenkle, Hanna Tuchenhagen, Lizzie Wells, <i>vocals</i> ; Maria Holtmeier, <i>vocals & guitar</i> ; Wyatt Pepin, <i>drums</i>
Seeing Blind Horan, Cunningham, & Radosavich Quinn Cowing & Olivia Pierce, <i>vocals</i> ; Aiden Hengel, vocals & guitar; Gillian Northrup, <i>bass</i> ; Wyatt Pepin, <i>drums</i> ; Hendrik Grzybowski, <i>piano</i>
Galileo Emily Saliers
Lily Randall, <i>vocals</i> ; Natalie Bartolomei, <i>vocals & guitar</i> ; Anna Moylan & Riley Masica, <i>violin</i>
Take A Chance on Me Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus, arr. Brock Keiper CONCERT CHOIR

15-minute intermission; refreshments are being sold in the Commons.



I Want You Back F	Perren, Mizell, Gordy, and Richards, arr. Mark Brymer CONCERT CHOIR	
Diary	David Gates	
Grace Chapdelaine, vocals & guitar		
Send My Love Adele Adkins & Max Martin Quinn Cowing, Grady Hawthorne, Kirby MacMiller, Emily McLeod, Nicole Molitor, Olivia Pierce, <i>vocals</i> ; Gillian Northrup, <i>bass</i>		
•	Knowles, Germanotta, and Daniles, arr. Mac Huff horeography: Sydney Schroeder & Lauren Buysn	
EverybodyMax Martin & Denniz Pop Drew Bishop, Kevin Delaney, Jack Goetzmann, Caleb Griffiths, Stefan Gullickson, Aiden Hengel, Brendan Kiely, Michael Shoemaker, Michael Vorlicky, Jack Wolfe, <i>vocals</i> ; Joe Rendleman, bass; Evelyn Adams, keyboard; Wyatt Pepin, <i>drums</i>		
	Wyatt, Rossomando, & Germanotta Wesselman, <i>vocals</i> ; Aiden Hengel, <i>vocals & guitar</i>	
CONCERT CHOIR; the a	Billy Lane and Roger Nichols, arr. Lou Hayward Innual pictorial tribute to Concert Choir seniors; Griffiths & Evelyn Adams, <i>piano</i>	
Stop This Train	John Mayer	
Aiden Hengel, vocals & guitar		
	Bruno Mars & Phillip Lawrence y, <i>vocals</i> ; Aiden Hengel, <i>guitar</i> ; Gillian Northrup, <i>bass</i>	
Come On, Eileen	Rowland, Paterson, & Adams CONCERT CHOIR	
Everyday	The Archers, arr. Chuck Beeson, Class of '83 CONCERT CHOIR	
Concert Choir sings the Alma Mater,	written by Roger Sims '57, in the Commons after each show.	



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