

The logo for NDSU Challey School of Music features the text "NDSU" in a large, white, serif font on the left, followed by a thin vertical gold line, and then "CHALLEY SCHOOL OF MUSIC" in a smaller, white, serif font on the right. The entire logo is set against a dark green rectangular background.

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## 36th Annual High School Choral Festival

**Sunday, October 5th | 2:00 PM – Monday, October 6th, 2025 | 4:30 PM**  
**NDSU Challey Hall (formerly known as Reineke Fine Arts Center)**

We are pleased to invite you to sing with the Herd at the **36th Annual NDSU High School Choral Fest**. The event will begin on **Sunday, October 5**, with **registration at 1:15 pm** and a **2:00 pm Choral Concert** featuring the NDSU Concert Choir, NDSU Madrigal Singers and *Vivace* from Davies High School conducted by Carly Grandner. **The NDSU Choral Fest Concert, at 4:30 pm** on **Monday, October 6, 2025**, will conclude the event. Admission to both concerts is free.

**The NDSU Choral Fest Honor Chamber Choir will be conducted by Dwight Jilek** (Director of Choral Activities at NDSU). *The audition details are located below, in the online registration form.*

**The NDSU Choral Fest 11th and 12th Grade Mixed Choir will be conducted by Philip Brown** Starting in the fall of 2025, Philip Brown will be director of choirs at Grain Valley High School in the Kansas City metro area. In addition to leading all choirs, he will also be teaching classes in music technology, piano, and musical theatre. Brown will continue his work with community youth choirs as well in the KC area. He previously was the conductor of high school choirs (Cantanti Singers, Treble Singers) with Angelica Cantanti Youth Choirs. He has conducted Angelica Cantanti Youth Choirs at the 2019 and 2025 National ACDA Conference. His choral groups have also been selected for performances at state, regional, and national choral conferences for ACDA, NAFME, and Chorus America Conferences.

**The NDSU Choral Fest SSA 9th and 10th Grade Choir will be conducted by Charlette Moe** (Assistant Director of Choral Activities at NDSU).

**The NDSU Choral Fest 9th and 10th Grade TBB Choir will be conducted by Dean Jilek.** Dr. Jilek is currently the Director of Angelica and Cantus in the Central Dakota Children's Choir, Artistic Director of the Grand Forks Master Chorale, and Former Director of Choral Activities at the University North Dakota.

For the festival choirs, each school may send one or two SATB quartets to the Mixed Choir and a balanced trio to the Soprano/Alto Choir and a balanced trio to the Tenor/Bass Choir. If you have any questions about additional participation, please do not hesitate to email [charlette.moe@ndsu.edu](mailto:charlette.moe@ndsu.edu). For students interested in auditioning for the Honor Chamber Choir, please see the details in the Online Registration Form. The registration fee for each student is \$50, which includes a t-shirt, dinner on Sunday night, and lunch on Monday. Choral directors will be the guests of the NDSU Challey School of Music.

[Online Registration](#)

[Rehearsal Tracks](#)

**Registrations are due by Wednesday, September 17, 2025.**

The music to be performed in the festival choirs is listed below and is available through Popplers. Please note that there is a piece for the Honor Chamber Choir that you will need to download from CPDL (hyperlinked below).

**Honor Chamber Choir – auditioned grades 11 & 12 – Dwight Jilek, conductor**

The Rose	Ola Gjeilo	Walton
Non Nobis, Domine	Rosephanye Powell	Gentry Publications
There Was a Time	Elaine Hagenberg	Elaine Hagenberg Music
TaReKiTa	Reena Esmail	Oxford University Press
Alma Redemptoris Mater	Palestrina	<a href="#">CPDL Link Here</a>

**Soprano/Alto Choir – grades 9 & 10 – Charlette Moe, conductor**

Seasons	Ola Gjeilo	Walton
Sanctus	Rosephanye Powell	Hal Leonard
By The Rivers of Babylon	Susan Brumfield	Colla Voce
Who I Want To Be	Saleel Menon	BriLee Music

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## **Tenor/Bass Choir – grades 9 & 10 – Dean Jilek, conductor**

Since I Laid My Burden Down	Kyle Pederson	Santa Barbara
Tell My Father	Arr. Andrea Ramsey	Hal Leonard
The Word Was God	Rosephanye Powell	Gentry Publications
Riders in the Sky (A Cowboy Legend)	Arr. Norman Luboff	Hal Leonard

## **Mixed Choir – grades 11 & 12 – Philip Brown, conductor**

Ndandhileli	Charlotte Botha	Santa Barbara
Gloria (from Cacilianmesse)	Franz Joseph Haydn	Shawnee Press
Come and Go (To That Land)	Brandon Boyd	Gentry Publications
Therefore, I Will Hope	Alex Gartner	Santa Barbara*

*\*Please contact Popplers Music for purchasing this score as we are premiering the **new SATB arrangement.***

Please let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to working with your students at the 36th Annual NDSU Choral Festival!

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