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The great American orator Paul Harvey once said, "for anyone to grow up complete, art is imperative." The MidSouth Music Institute is committed to play our part in providing the highest quality artistic learning opportunities and performance experiences for our community. It was the goal of MMI from the beginning to create and maintain a strong performing arts program to improve the lives of its participants and the community it serves, and that remains the standard today. We consider it a privilege that God has allowed us to serve in this capacity thus far, and we pray that these first eight years are just a prelude to an epic masterwork that will unfold over the coming decades.



Reese & Joelle Norris, Founders

In music, we often say that no two notes are created equal. Some are stronger, carry more weight and have more significance than others. We strive to embrace the ebb and flow of life that music naturally mimics. As an analogy, we have often reminded singers that a body of water that doesn't move becomes stagnant. Music should always be moving, or it too runs the risk of becoming lifeless. We'd like to think of MMI as a tangible representation of this same concept. We must keep moving, and we choose growth over decay. For this to happen, it must be a en masse effort. All parts are vital; singers, instrumentalists, conductors, concert planners, decorators, accounts managers, developers, publicists, chauffeurs, ticket purchases, advertisers, tech supporters, venue hosts, coffee runners, etc... Everyone is a vital cog in the engine that powers this behemoth.

To continue our analogy - no two years are created equal either. We are thrilled with the growth that this year has brought. Let us continue to move forward in a concerted, community-wide effort to help our young people AND our community "grow up complete."



Coro Vino

Molly Claire Darby

Posey Douglas

Melody Joy Eldridge

Lily Grace Guerieri

Ella Higdon

Mollie Kate Killough

Laurel Nichols

Sarah Page



Coro Corriente

Lilly Anderson
Logan Anderson
Hannah Babb
Loralee Cannon
Emma Chadd
Ella Chrestman
Jonah Connelly
Ruth Culver
Miles Darby
Aubri Donati
Delaney Dunn
Annalen Ellis
Serena Evans
Bella Fortino
Analise Germany

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Catherine Hearn
Rebekah Hurt
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Savannah James
Jade Jones
Jewels Jones
Sara Kate Kuykendall
Andi Lambert
Lexi Martin
Sydney Martin
Katie McDonald

Isabelle Norris
Mary Hasting Parker
Olivia Parker
Cadence Parsons
Mary-Russel Purvis
Madeline Reynolds
Alyssa Rhea
Josie Russell
Regan Scott
Tierra Summers
Audrey Thames
Alli Twilley
Kaylee Twilley
Luke Wilburn
Adrienne Wiley



Coro Arroyo

Lily Aldinger	Brooke Kicker	Gracyn Rowsey
Grace Boren	Hailey Kirkpatrick	Jayla Sanders
Bailey Brasher	Jasmine Larry	Elizabeth Schull
Mia Caccavano	Emmie-Kathryn McBride	Della Striplin
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Ayla Jackson	Faith Roberts	Whitney Wiltshire



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Mission & Vision

The mission of CoroRio is to offer children of all backgrounds the opportunity to better themselves and the community around them through the gift of music.

Our vision is to transform the lives of children from all ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds by giving them the skills, self-discipline and confidence to succeed in music and in life.



The organization strives to serve the community by offering various programs throughout each season that provide a myriad of performance experiences that expose the students and audience to a variety of repertoire from around the world, past and present while also fostering opportunities for team-building and leadership growth.



Although our main programming focuses on weekly music instruction through rehearsal, sight-reading class, music theory class, and voice class, we also offer other programs that reach community students outside of the organization.



At Camp CoroRio, students experience a wide range of music genres and mediums from folk and pop music to singing and using variety of instruments. We explore vocal techniques, making music, and movement with opportunities for group and solo performances. Camp is open to all children in grades 1-6.



DeSoto's Got Talent is hosted by CoroRio each spring to allow performance opportunities for a broader range of art forms. Open to community members in grades 3-12, students perform in a series of 3 competitive rounds and receive valuable feedback from experienced judges.



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Do you believe in the power of music to change the lives of young people? The MidSouth Music Institute is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and your tax-deductible donation can make a huge impact in our community. We would love for you to consider partnering with us!



Joelle Norris

Executive & Artistic Director, Founder

Joelle Norris graduated summa cum laude with a BME from Roberts Wesleyan College and a MME from Florida State University and directed choirs at Olean High School (NY) and Olive Branch High School (MS). While teaching in the public school system, Mrs. Norris' choirs were invited to sing at the 2008 Mississippi ACDA/MMEA State convention and the 2010 ACDA Southern Division Convention. Also in 2010, she was honored as a Mississippi STAR teacher. She had the privilege of serving as MSACDA R&S Chair for Women's Choirs in which capacity she coordinated the first Mississippi All-State Women's Choir from 2009-2010 and the ACDA Southern Division Women's Honor Choir in 2010.

In 2012, Joelle and her husband, Reese, co-founded the MidSouth Music Institute, Inc., a non-profit organization that supports a community youth choir, CoroRio, and a community adult choir, Mississippi River Chorale. She currently serves as Executive and Co-Artistic Director for MMI and conducts two of the six choirs. Joelle works from home where she also cares for children, Isabelle, Juliette, and Weston. She was a contributing author for the book, *Conducting Women's Choirs: Strategies for Success*, and also enjoys serving as a clinician, adjudicator and presenter across the Southeast.



J. Reese Norris

Artistic Director, Founder

J. Reese Norris is director of choirs at Hernando Middle School and is co-founder and co-artistic director of CoroRio. Mr. Norris received degrees from Delta State University and Florida State University, and in 2005 was named Delta State University Music Alumnus of the Year. Norris was the 2017 recipient of MMEA's Music Educator of the Year, the Ernestine Ferrell Lifetime Achievement Award given by the Mississippi Chapter of ACDA, and the Delta State University Educator of the Year Award.

Choirs under his direction have performed at Carnegie Hall, at the National Conference for Middle School Choirs, for the Alabama ACDA Summer Conference, twice for Mississippi ACDA's State Conference, twice for ACDA's Southern Division Conference, at the OAKE National Conference and at the ACDA National Conference. Norris has been honored to serve as a guest clinician across the U.S.

Mr. Norris' compositions have been performed in all-state choirs, at ACDA Conferences, in Carnegie Hall and across the globe. His compositions and arrangements are published by Santa Barbara, Lawson Gould, Colla Voce, G. Schirmer, and MusicSpoke.



Dr. Libby Hearn

Conductor

Elizabeth (Libby) Hearn is Assistant Professor of Choral Music Education at the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) where she conducts the Women's Glee ensemble and teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in choral music education and conducting.

Prior to joining the faculty at Ole Miss, Dr. Hearn received a Ph.D. in music education from the University of Alabama where she served as assistant conductor of the UA Women's Chorus. She also taught classes in music education, choral methods, and she facilitated the Chamber Choir.

Dr. Hearn is an active conductor, presenter, clinician, and adjudicator. She has presented her research at national, regional, and state conferences and recently conducted the UA Women's Chorus at the Alabama Music Educators Association conference. Her research interests include assessment in the music classroom, singing accuracy, ensemble identity, ACDA history, and job mobility in music education. Her most notable accomplishment is being Mom to Catherine (9) and Andrew (5).



Dr. Don Trott

Conductor

Donald Trott received his Bachelor of Music Education degree cum laude from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey. He obtained both the Master of Music degree and Doctor of Musical Arts degree in choral conducting from the University of Oklahoma under the guidance of Dennis Shrock. While at Westminster, he sang under notable conductors such as Leonard Bernstein, Raphael Kublik, Eric Leinsdorf, Joseph Flummerfelt, and Dennis Shrock. Following degree work he taught at Lawton Senior High School (Lawton, Oklahoma), Rogers University (Claremore, Oklahoma), and Longwood University (Farmville, Virginia). Dr. Trott has been the director of choral activities at the University of Mississippi since 2002. Dr. Trott is a past-president of the Southern Division of ACDA. He is editor of a new book titled *Conducting Men's Choirs*, published by GIA Publications. He is now serving as the co-conductor of CoroFuentes.



Terrell Hall

Sight-singing & Music Theory Instructor, Conductor

Terrell Hall graduated from the University of Mississippi in 2013 with a BME in Vocal Music Education and a MM in Choral Conducting in 2015. While at the University of Mississippi, Terrell was a member of the Concert Singers, Men's Glee, the Graduates ensemble, and the University of Mississippi Gospel Choir. Terrell began his teaching career in the New Albany Public School District. His choirs were very successful in both district and state choral adjudications. Terrell is currently in his third year as Director of Choral Activities at Olive Branch High School, and the Director of Elementary Music at First Presbyterian Church in Oxford, MS. Terrell is a member of the American Choral Directors Association, the National Association for Music Education, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. Mr. Hall also serves as the MMEA High School Division District 2 Chair and the District 2 Honor Choir Chair. He currently serves as the Instructor of Sight-Singing and Music Theory, a cappella pop ensemble conductor, and associate director of CoroFuentes.



Justin Wadkins

Conductor

Justin Wadkins is in his fourth year as director of choirs at DeSoto Central High School where his responsibilities include teaching five choral ensembles.

Wadkins holds the Master of Music degree in choral conducting from The University of Mississippi as well as the Bachelor of Music degree in music education from The University of Mississippi. Under his direction, the DeSoto Central High School choirs have consistently earned superiors at festivals and competitions as well as being named Best in Class ensembles. Recently, the DeSoto Central Chorale was selected to perform at the 2020 MSACDA-MMEA convention.

In 2015, he was a part of the world premiere of the new opera, Hamlet: Prince of Denmark which was performed in Oxford, MS, and in Prague, Czech Republic. He was inducted into both Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Kappa Lambda honors organizations at the University of Mississippi.

Justin is a member of the American Choral Directors Association and the National Association for Music Educators. He is currently serving as the Associate Director of Mississippi River Chorale.



Melinda Brown

Accompanist

With a love for piano, choral music, and children Melinda especially enjoys her time as the accompanist. An active member of Grace Bible Church, she serves as the accompanist there. Melinda has served as accompanist for the Hernando Middle School choral program since 2002 and serves as accompanist at Hernando High School as well. She is a member of GMMTA: Greater Memphis Music Teachers Association and MTNA: Music Teachers National Association and maintains an active piano studio in Olive Branch. She and her husband Jim have two grown children and three grandchildren. Melinda currently accompanies CoroNino, CoroCorriente, and CoroArroyo.



Jennifer Rushton

Accompanist

Jennifer Rushton began accompanying choirs over 35 years ago at the early age of 15 for her home church in Memphis, Tennessee. For 25 years she has served on staff at Carriage Hills and Desoto Hills Baptist Church as keyboardist and Music Associate. Her choral accompaniment role expanded in 2007 when she played for her first high school choir under the direction of Joelle Norris. Since then she has accompanied several middle and high school choirs in the Desoto County, MS area. Jennifer is also the accompanist for community choirs CoroRio, Mississippi River Chorale and Ictus. Since 2001 she has accompanied numerous musical theatre productions at Desoto Family Theater and other local playhouses. She also maintains a private piano studio in her home in Southaven, Mississippi where she resides with her husband, Lee.



Allen Sanders

Accompanist

Allen Sanders is a graduate of Mississippi State University, holding a BME in Music Education. While at MSU, he was in demand as a collaborative pianist for vocalists and instrumentalists, as well as performing in various ensembles such as the MSU Wind Ensemble and the MSU Chamber Choir. Currently, Allen serves as the accompanist for Coro Fuente and sings in Mississippi River Chorale and Ictus. He is also the organist at Maples Memorial United Methodist Church in Olive Branch, MS. Other engagements in the past have included accompanying the Mississippi Music Educators Association District II Honor Choir, and Mississippi-ACDA Children's Choir Festival, Mississippi ACDA All-State Women's Choir. In his ninth year at Southaven High School, Mr. Sanders is the Director of Choral Activities, teaching alongside Carmen Fowlkes, Co-Director. Allen conducts the Southaven Concert Singers, Southaven Men's Choir and the Southaven High Intermediate Choir. He has been with Coro Rio from its beginning. He is currently pursuing his Masters of Music Education at Florida State University. Allen lives in Southaven with his lovely wife, Caysee Sanders.



Tabitha Wadkins

Development Director

Tabitha Wadkins is a music graduate from the University of Mississippi. While there, she had the honor of being a part of the world premiere of the opera *Hamlet: Prince of Denmark*, which also went on to premiere in Prague, Czech Republic. Tabitha is actively involved in the music and theatre communities of DeSoto County. She not only serves as the Director of Development for CoroRio but is also an Account Executive for Contemporary Media, Inc. Currently, she lives in Southaven with her husband Justin and their son, Sawyer.



Katie Brown

Administrative Assistant

Katie Brown recently graduated from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey with a Bachelor of Arts in Music and a Minor in Piano Pedagogy. Her collegiate choral achievements include touring the country and China as a member of the Westminster Choir and Kantorei as well as performing with the New York Philharmonic and the Philadelphia Orchestra with the Westminster Symphonic Choir. Katie was also a resident chorister at the Spoleto Festival USA in Charleston, SC with the Westminster Choir in 2018 and 2019. While studying at WCC, she interned at a non-profit in Princeton.

Katie is the administrative assistant for the Midsouth Music Institute Inc. and is currently building a private piano and voice studio in Hernando, MS. She is a member of the Philadelphia Symphonic Choir, a professional choir that performs with the Philadelphia Orchestra.

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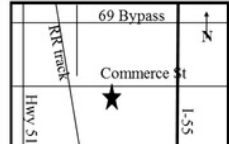
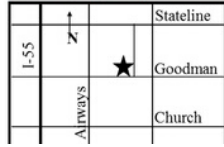
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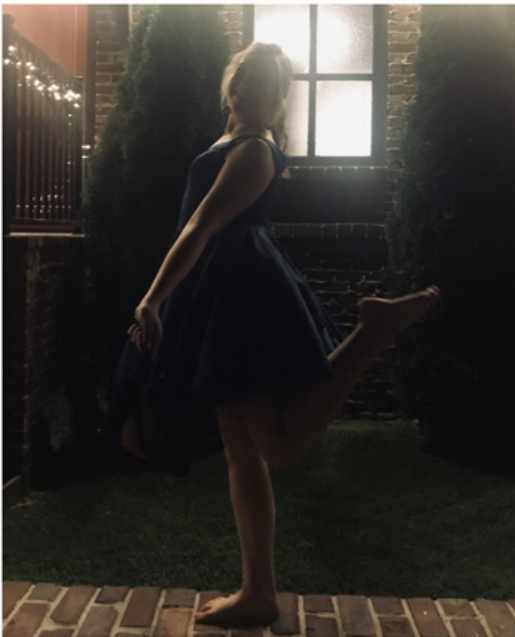


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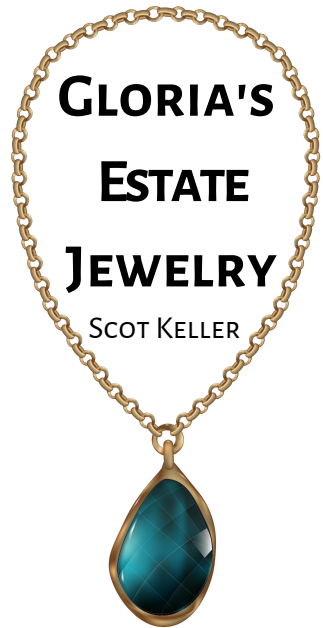


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