

One World, One Voice!

Hammond Select Ensemble Austrian Concert Tour

Bio Info

Steven Hillard:

- Graduated from The University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Music Education (Choral) and Vocal performance.
- Toured nationally and internationally as tenor soloist for the USC Concert Choir
- Recently returned from a concert tour of Israel and Italy where he conducted in Jerusalem and Bethlehem , as well as, St. Peter's Basilica in Rome
- Worked extensively in church music for the United Methodist church for the past 10 years.
- Conducted numerous South Eastern regional choral clinic and concert festivals for children and youth choirs.
- Choral director for Hammond School since 2001
 - Directs 5th through 12th grade choirs at Hammond School
- There was no music in the middle and upper schools prior to Steven's arrival
 - Mr. Hillard's first year there was 19 upper school students in chorus (1 boy)
 - As of 2004 there are over 100 students in 3 different upper school choirs with 65% being male singers
- Associate director of music for Trenholm Road United Methodist Church in Columbia, SC.
- Conducted or sung under such directors as Dr. Larry Wyatt, Andrea Thomas, Anton Armstrong, Weston Noble, Martha Shaw, Moses Hogan, John Yarrington

Hammond School:

- School was founded in 1966 as an independent school in Columbia, South Carolina.
- Dr. Herb Barks, current Head Master
- Mr. Chris Angel, upper school headmaster
- 936 students (PK - 12th grades).
- The international student population includes students from Australia, Brazil, Ecuador, and Germany.
- 85% of students score in the top 15% on nationally standardized tests.
- 100% of students actively involved in the arts at Hammond School

Hammond Select Ensemble:

- Began in 2003
- Performed "Frostiana" with the National Philharmonic in Washington DC in 2004
- Released their first CD in the summer of 2004
- Extra curricular... these students come an hour early to school 3 times a week because of the love and enjoyment

Vision for my music program:

It is my desire to share a small piece of what I love... choral music! 100% of my students will graduate from Hammond and attend major universities across the nation in a variety of majors and may never have the opportunity to experience music's role in shaping and molding humanity. It is my goal to share with students the experiences I have had with choral music in order to enrich their lives as a whole. Hammond school is a global school that emphasizes the "whole" student. I wish to provide the utmost educational experience in the world of choral music for my students.

- Visit www.hammondschool.org for further information