

ARMSTRONG SENIOR HIGH CHOIR



IN CONCERT

American Choral Directors Association

NORTH-CENTRAL REGIONAL CONVENTION

Radisson Hotel
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Saturday, February 11, 1978
1:30 - 1:55 p.m.

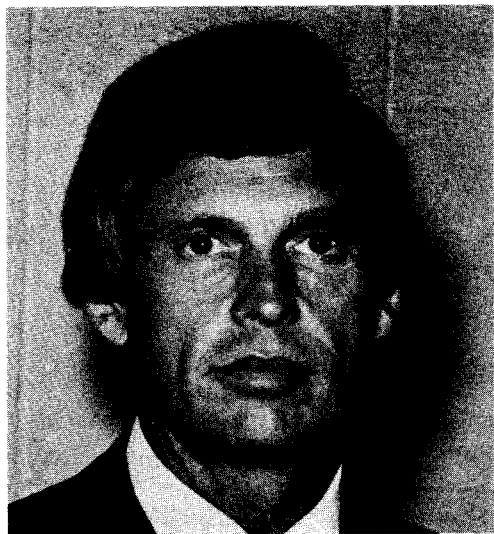
MUSIC IN DISTRICT 281

The elementary vocal music program is taught by 23 music teachers who visit each classroom for half-an-hour, twice a week. Vocal music performance is determined by desire and is practiced during the school day. Each of the 17 elementary schools has a fifth and sixth grade band which meets one full day a week, alternating sectionals and full rehearsals. An orchestra director is assigned half-day at each school for class lessons. Students are released from class for a half-hour lesson and 45-minutes for full rehearsals.

All four junior high schools have a seventh grade orchestra, a combined eighth and ninth grade orchestra, four choirs, and two bands at each grade level. Some of the groups are separated by ability. They have three 45-minute rehearsals and 24-minute sectionals weekly for all music groups. General music is required as an academic subject for all seventh graders.

The three senior high schools each have three performing bands grouped by ability, an orchestra, three or four choirs, madrigal singers, stage band, and other ensemble groups. Each school also offers music theory and music appreciation as an academic subject. All performing groups rehearse three to five times a week, in addition to a 20-minute sectional lesson.

DIRECTOR: RICHARD EDSTROM



Armstrong Senior High School's choir director is Richard Edstrom. He has been in demand as a clinician, specializing in sight-reading workshops. He will lead a session at the 1978 North Central Division Convention on this same topic.

Edstrom has taught 10 years at senior high schools in his 17-year career, including band at all levels, junior and senior high school vocal music, general music, and senior high school theory. He also taught for three years at the University of Minnesota's High School Musicians Project.

Edstrom is a professional singer, a church musician, a clinician, and adjudicator. He has undergraduate degrees from Northwestern College in Minneapolis and the MacPhail School of Music. He received his master's degree from the University of Minnesota.

ARMSTRONG SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

SOPRANO I

Barnes, Katy
 Charles, Sandy
 Cooper, Linda
 Gaines, Su
 Grose, Lana
 Linman, Jennifer
 Lund, Kim
 Ostby, Karen
 Reinhart, Laurie*
 Teig, Laurie

ALTO I

Bergseth, Barb
 Crodell, Kris
 Coy, Betsy
 Florian, Laura
 Hein, Lorie
 May, Sandy*
 Myking, Janet
 Nelson, Cathy
 Sandbaken, Carrie

TENOR I

Bostrom, Rick
 Garfield, Bob
 Knight, Steve
 Leighton, Tom*
 Peterson, Chris
 Sipe, Mike

BASS I

Bratsch, Pete
 Bolt, Bill
 Haagenson, Steve
 Jackson, Jim
 Murphy, Mike
 Strom, Craig*
 Swanson, Gary

SOPRANO II

Anderson, Tracey
 Baer, Jamie
 Johnson, Sheryl
 Knutson, Rhonda
 Redden, Mona
 Saucier, Sherri
 Strauss, Tricia
 Walter, Sandy*
 Zolik, Pam

ALTO II

Burns, Sue
 Burrill, Monica
 Dewey, Sarah
 Gjenvick, Krista
 Halbmier, Denise
 Kettner, Karen
 Lindstrom, Coleen*
 Sheppard, Sue
 Tobler, Valine

TENOR II

Barrett, Kevin
 Brown, Larry
 Dirks, Cal
 Krantz, Mark
 Thompson, Mark
 Zaugg, Chris*

BASS II

Haagenson, Rick
 Lingo, Steve
 Luksan, Mark
 Lyon, Dan*
 Seiler, Todd
 Wesloh, Scott

*indicates section leader

The Armstrong Senior High School choir of the Robbinsdale Area Schools consists of 61 singers auditioned from other choirs in the vocal music department. This choir is made up of juniors and seniors. The group has appeared at the Minnesota Music Educator's Association Convention on two occasions and at the convention of the Minnesota ACDA on two occasions. Each year the Armstrong choir joins with the Armstrong orchestra to present a major work and their spring tour generally covers areas within 300 miles of the Twin Cities.