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## Department of Music

Presents the

## A CAPPULLA CONGURAT CHOR

Highly Applauded from Coast to Coast



Versatilic Telstar of Songs

H. Edison Anderson, Conductor VELMA ERVIN. Accompanist

Monday, May 8, 1967 — 7:15 p.m.

Auditorium - Gymnasium

PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS



## President's Message ...

#### GREETINGS:

It is only proper and most fitting that I and the cabinet members congratulate the members of the A Cappella Concert Choir for their excellent record of performances at metropolitan points to the West Coast and back to our campus, February 9-24, 1967.

It makes us most proud to extend to them and all their supporters, friends, and relatives sincere and cordial greetings.

The quality of their work the past eight years reflects team work, spirit, artistic renditions, and a freshness and vigor that serves the community of America in developing friends and public relations for the college. It is our wishes that your success here tonight reflect only the best and that your name may be written indelibly and eternally.

A. I. THOMAS, President Prairie View A&M College

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#### Prairie View A Cappella Concert Choir Shatters Record in Eighth National Tour

Feted by The President and Executive Cabinet

The well known A Cappella Concert Choir in a Chartered Rocket V560 zoomed successfully in the eighth national tour of the Golden West February 9th-24th. Wearing collegiate attire and having placed the order for maroon blazers introduced by the president of the choir, Mr. Bob Duckens, we were keyed to the peak of readiness and boarded our scenicruiser.

The farewell and encouragement came from many well wishers of our library horseshoe circle, inclusive of Mrs. Gloria C. Anderson and our Department Head, Dr. R. von Charlton who spurred us on. Chaperoned by Mrs. L. C. Phillips, the Dean of chaperones, we exited on time in our Rocket V560, clocking the first lap pre-planned by the gracious and metropolitan city of Dallas. The smash hit program of versatility and variety paid off in good audiences at all points where we were invited. Los Angeles climaxed in appreciation with Dallas, Abilene, Phoenix, Midland and El Paso situated in the upper third high table land of graphic peaks in audience appeal.

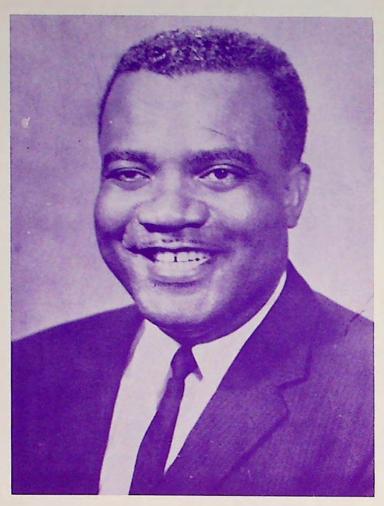
The choir showed and received many wholesome, educational and cultural experiences such as; a tour of the world's largest underground cave, Carlshad Caverns; unforgettable night ride over the Sacramento Mountain range, taking the Mohawk and Aztec trails inclusive of Casa Grande and Yuma, through tropical desert paradise and cactus wonderland of Sun Valley. At times it appeared to be Tombstone Territory enroute to the Pacific Ocean and back to Juarez, Mexico.

Arriving February 15, by way of well watered flowers, vegetable gardens and orange groves in Los Angeles, we were met by many friends, relatives and alumni in Reverend Edward V. Hill's church, Mt. Zion Baptist. The next day, February 16, by 11:00 a.m. our young philosophical and industrious Prairie View graduate, also a commissioner, took the whole choir on a chartered sight seeing tour as follows: Opportunity Industrialization Center, 103rd Street Infernal Row, Watt's residential area under reconstruction, the Civic Center, the Music Center, Mayor Samuel W. Yorty's Office, Counselor Mills' Office of the Democratic Convention, Mr. District Attorney's Office, The Miracle Mile, Beverly Hills and Hollywood, Century City (the world's most beautiful hotel and Hotel of

stars), Twentieth Century Fox Studios, and on past the homes of Don Newcombe, Ray Charles, Dr. Hudson, Dr. Wheeler and Dr. Edward V. Hill.

The honor students of the choir this year comprised 33 1/3%. They are: Miss Velma Ervin, Miss Laverne Mosley, Miss Bobbie White. Those nissing the honor roll by one point are Miss Julia Davis, Anthony Holliday and Kenny Arnold. Among the soloists who rated 87-95 as participants in the National Association of Teachers of Singing audition at the University of Oklahoma were: Miss Mary Hunter, soprano; Mr. Kenny Arnold, tenor; Miss Shirley Vaughn, soprano; Miss Joan Holhert, soprano; Mr. Bob Duckens, haritone; and Mr. Richard Perkins, haritone, a two time winner at the National Association Teachers of Singing auditions.

In summary: I. We are glad to have been able to include in our circle of tours for the first time, a performance in the plush Presbyterian Cathedrale at El Paso, Texas and Juarez, Mexico. 2. "Standing ovation in Phoenix, Midland, Roswell, New Mexico, Los Angeles, San Diego, California, El Paso, Austin and Waco, Texas." 3. Approximately seven-hundred miles covered in one day from Roswell to Los Angeles and performed the next evening with commendations from the audience ranging in the fourteenth encore. 4. As we returned to the United States by the Juarez Bridge, our reflections on the eighth National tour adventure show a total of 324 concerts and more than 61,460 miles to date with an average of 36 concerts per year. "Versatilic Telstar of Songs Internationale" was well received before all of our respective and enthusiastic audiences. 5. Austin, Texas: The Prairie View A Cappella Concert Choir, Dr. H. Edison Anderson, Conductor; Mrs. L. C. Phillips, Chaperone; Dr. A. I. Thomas, President, were the recipients of a citation the second time from the House of Representatives and Senate. Resolution No. 162 was passed in honor and appreciation of this year's trip to the Capitol, February 23, 1967, G. F. Mutscher, State Representative, Lt. Gov. Preston Smith, President of the Senate. 7. A special reception February 26, 1967 took the choir by surprise. in which President Thomas, Dean Dooley and Dr. von Charlton toasted the choir in a memorable citation.



Lyric Tenor and Conductor

H. EDISON ANDERSON
A. B., Prairie View State College
M. A., University of Iowa
Specialist, Columbia University
Ph. D., University of Iowa

For the eighth consecutive time, you have taken the Prairie View A Cappella Concert Choir on an outstanding national tour of the major cities in the U. S. We have made acquaintances, seen the wonders and outstanding attractions across the nation, traveled outside of the United States twice to Tijuana, Old Mexico, twice to Canada, and once to Juarez, Old Mexico, making music for all that even caught the attention of the U. S. capitol, and this year again the state capitol. For all of the memorable experiences you have made possible for us, we dedicate this souvenir program to you, our conductor, Dr. H. Edison Anderson, as only a small token of respect and esteem wishing we could do more.

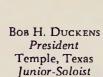
Many of us stop and marvel at the unusual skill which you displayed in planning and executing the

Eighth National Tour of the Prairie View A Cappella Concert Choir. It is unusual to find in one person talent, patience, understanding, intellectuality, love, common wit, sincerity, integrity, and willingness to share. These are all qualities we've found in you. The discreetness in which you handle all situations and sudden developments are other qualities that are commendable.

To you we say, "Thank You." We say thank you for guiding us through the appreciation and understanding of the beautiful, universal language of music. We have found unity, strength, and understanding from our performing as a unit under your direction. These are priceless treasures.

The A Cappella Concert Choir Salutes You, Dr. H. Edison Anderson.

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VELMA J. ERVIN Accompanist Hooks, Texas Junior



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GRACE NEWSOME
Nurse
La Marque, Texas
Junior

#### THE PRAIRIE VIEW

## A Cappella Concert Choir

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Shirley Haynes, Accompanist

I

### VERSATILIC TELSTAR OF SONGS INTERNATIONALE CLASSICAL, SACRED, SECULAR

THE A CAPPELLA CONCERT CHOIR					
"Alleluia"	Pergolesi-Agey				
"Psalm 138"	Knut Nystedt				
"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"	Will James				
SOPRANO					
"Je Veux Vivre" (I wish to live) Charles Gounod From the Opera Romeo and Juliet Robbie Sue Middleton					
THE A CAPPELLA CONCERT CHOIR					
"Coelos Ascendit Hodie" (He Ascended Into Heaven")					
	Charles V. Stanford				
UNIVERSITY QUARTET					
"I Really Do Believe"	arr. H. Edison Anderson				
SOPRANO					
"Chere Nuit" (Dearest Night)  CORNIS WELLS	Alfred Bachelet				

#### II

#### EXHIBITION NEO-CLASSICAL

ROMANTICISM, HUMOR, NATIONALISM, CANTATA

THE A CAPPELLA CONCERT CHOIR "Remembrance"	Philip G. Clepp
"I'm A Travelin' Man"	
BARITONE	
"Madamina" (Pretty Lady)	Amaedus Mozart
From the Opera Don Giovanni	

### THE A CAPPELLA CONCERT CHOIR Salutation

"Texas Our Texas"	(The Alma Mater)	Audience
"Vision of Peace"		Jean Berger

RICHARD PERKINS

A composition from the biblical text "Isaiah," divided into five sections without a break. They are "Andante non troppo Lento," "Allegro non Troppo," A recapitulation and episode of the first section, "Poco Allegro," and "Andante." The main theme—"Let the earth hear, and the world hear the word—PEACE!"

#### INTERMISSION

#### HEARTBEATS EXTRA-VEHICULAR

OPERATIC, IMPRESSIONISTIC, CONTEMPORARY, MODERN

#### THE A CAPPELLA CONCERT CHOIR

"Sextette and Chorus"

Giuseppe Verdi

From the Opera, "Lucia Di Lammermoor"

IOAN HOLBERT, JOHN SMITH, JOYCE RANGE, BOB DUCKENS, RICHARD PERKINS, KENNY ARNOLD

#### SOPRANO

"Pace, Pace Mio Dio"

Giuseppe Verdi

From the Opera "La Forza del Destino"

SHIRLEY VAUGHN

#### THE A CAPPELLA CONCERT CHOIR

"Vision"

David Stanley York

#### BASS-BARITONE

"Largo Al Factotum"

Giocomino Rossini

From the Opera, "Barber of Seville" BOR DUCKENS

#### UNIVERSITY LADIES' CHORUS

"The Dance of the Sugar Plums" Tschaikowsky

From the "Nutcracker Suite"

THE A CAPPELLA CONCERT CHOIR Johnny Mercer

"Dream"

#### UNIVERSITY MEN'S CHORUS

"Thunder" To the Legionaires"

Daniel Purnell

#### SOPRANO

"Casta Diva Che Imangenti" (Cavatina) Vincenze Bellini From the Opera, "Norma" (Goddess fairest, so brightly beaming")

IOAN HOLBERT

#### IV

#### FOLKSONGS RETROFIRE

#### THE A CAPPELLA CONCERT CHOIR

"I Want to go to Heaven When I Die" Herbert F. Mells "Yonder Come Day"

Arr. Frederick Hall

"Wheel, O Wheel"

Fela Sowande

#### **OPTIONAL**

#### LADIES' QUARTETTE

"A New Song"

"My Favorite Things"

"Quartette" – Don Giovanni

Three Soloist by Request

Series: 1966-67

## Frairie view a cappella concert choir Jan Mail Excerpts

March 7, 1967

"May I say I remain proud of you for your efforts, dedications, contributions to college and public relations for developing such an outstanding group."

Dr. T. P. Dooley, Dean School of Arts and Sciences Prairie View A&M College Prairie View, Texas

March 23, 1967

"This was by far the most outstanding event we have been able to bring to our city. The tremendous ovations received by the group prove to me that all of Midland joins me in this expression of gratitude to you and Dr. Anderson for making this unusual event possible for our community."

Mr. C. A. Thomas, Principal Carver Junior-Senior High School Midland, Texas

March 25, 1967

"It was one of the finest musical programs that we have had here and everyone was greatly pleased with the quality of the singing and the fine style with which the group sang. You can be proud of them."

Mr. Harry F. Taylor, Adjudicator National Association of Teachers of Singing 606 West Alameda Street Roswell, New Mexico

March 23, 1967

"Your concert was superb and most enjoyable." You represent Prairie View with dignity and great talent and this you be commende for."

Mrs. Harold D. Spears 3835 South Wisconsin Street Apartment No. 4 Los Angeles, Calif. 90037

March 11, 1967

"The choir is making a tremendous and aesthetic contribution to communities far and near and everyone seemed elated over your recent concert."

A. Maceo Johnson Hamilton High School Band Parents Dallas, Texas

## Personnel - 1966-67

#### H. Edison Anderson, Conductor

VELMA ERVIN, Accompanist

(Ist Sopranos)
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Iva Hopkins
Robbie Middleton
Cornis Wells
Barhara Thompson

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(BARITONES) \*Charles McFail Tom Iones Anthony Holliday Lorioun Gipson Carl Duncan Richard Perkins

(2nd SOPRANOS) \*Mary E. Hunter Bobbie White Marjorie Payne Phyllis Syers Shirley Vaughn Dollie Chaney

(2nd ALTOS) \*Joyce M. Range Roberta Esther Brenda Anderson Barbara Runnels Julia Davis

(2nd TENORS) \*Paul Collins lackie M. Gentry Alfred McKnight Larry Jackson

(BASSES) \*Bob H. Duckens Eddy Duckens Joe Berry Morris Bailey Shelby Perkins

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

To President A. I. Thomas; the Initial Committee; Chaperones: Mrs. J. R. Tapscott and Mrs. Lee C. Phillips; Dr. C. A. Woods and Public Relations Staff; Mr. Joseph McKammie - Bus Driver; Mr. J. L. Boyer and Dining Hall Staff; our well wishers, generous and co-operative friends here and absent, we salute you with special gratitude.

"Thanks" from the A Cappella Concert Choir

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## Performances

## Completed by The A Cappella Concert Choir 1966 - 67

	Occasion	DATE	Тіме	Place
1.	Chapel	September 25, 1966	11:00 a.m	Prairie View A&M College
2	Chapel	October 23, 1966	11:00 a.m.	Prairie View A&M College
3.	NATS	November 13-16, 1966 s: Richard Perkins, Joan Y.	Arranged	University of Houston
4.	Chapel	December 1.1, 1966	11:00 a.m.	Prairie View A&M College
5.	The Messiah	December 11, 1966	7:00 a.m	Prairie View A&M College
6.	Miss Prairie View Coronation	January 7, 1967	7:30 p.m	Prairie View A&M College
7.	Concert: 1. Choir 2. Band	January 14, 1967	7:30 p.m.	
8.	Matinee	February 2, 1967	1:15 p.m	(Fort Hood Army Base) Port Arthur, Texas
9.	Concert	February 2, 1967	8:00 p.m.	Port Arthur, Texas
10.	Chapel	February 5, 1967	11:00 a.m	Prairie View A&M College
11.	Matinee	February 9, 1967	2:00 p.m.	Lincoln High-Dallas, Texas
12.	Concert	February 9, 1967	8:00 p.m.	Hamilton High-Dallas, Texas
13.	Concert	February 10, 1967	8:00 p.m	Woodson High-Abilene, Texas
14.	Telecast	February 11, 1967	6:00 p.m.	Lubbock-Channel 11 KCBD
15.	Concert	February 12, 1967	3:00 p.m.	Dunbar High-Lubbock, Texas
16.	Telecast	February 13, 1967	6:00 p.m.	Midland-Channel 2 KMID
17.	Concert	February 13, 1967	8:00 p.m.	Carver High-Midland, Texas
18.	Telecast	February 14, 1967	4:00 p.m	Roswell-Channel 8 KSWS
19.	Concert	February 14, 1967	8:00 p.m	Pueblo High-Roswell, N. M.
20.	Concert	February 16, 1967		Mt. Zion Baptist, Los Angeles
21.	Concert	February 17, 1967		Lincoln Aud., San Diego, Calif.
22.	Concert	February 19, 1967		Phoenix Union-Phoenix, Ariz.
23.	Matince	February 20, 1967		Julian Elem. School
24.	Concert	•		First Presbyterian-El Paso
25.	Matinee	February 23, 1967		Rotunda Capital-Austin, Texas
26.	Concert	February 23, 1967		Ebenezzer Baptist-Austin, Texas
27.	Concert		· ·	Toliver's Chapel-Waco, Texas
28.	Chapel	March 19, 1967	11:00 a.m.	Prairie View A&M College
29.	Easter — "The Messiah"		· ·	Prairie View A&M College
30.	Concert	May 8, 1967	8:00 p.m.	Prairie View A&M College

