

*Concert Dates*

Student performances are an important part of the AFA experience. AFA students are required to participate in performances of their respective large and small ensembles. AFA requests that applicants check for any conflicts with the performance dates below before applying to the Conservatory.

**Solo Voice Recital**

Friday, July 6th, 7:00 pm  
Ovations  
(West University Place)

**Choral Showcase Concert**

Friday, July 13th, 7:00 pm  
South Main Baptist Church  
(Midtown area)



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*About AFA*

American Festival for the Arts (AFA) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) music education and concert presenting organization based in Houston, Texas. Founded in 1993, AFA was inspired by the desire to enhance the future of American culture and music by providing nationally competitive, community-based educational opportunities of lasting impact for youth thereby encouraging the realization of students' full potential and by broadening the audience for both the American and classical music repertory.



In the summer of 1996, AFA reached its goal of establishing an annual Summer Music Conservatory and Concert Series for the youth and communities of Houston, Texas. Through its twelve year history, the Conservatory has experienced significant annual growth in enrollment, faculty, curriculum, special projects and collaborations and is recognized as one of the most important annual events in Houston's cultural life and as a model for programs of its kind around the nation.



With campuses located at Episcopal High School (Houston) and Austin Middle School (Beaumont), the Conservatory takes place during June and July, enrolls talented fourth through twelfth grade students from the communities in and around each campus and provides important need-based tuition scholarship support for deserving students.

In 2006, AFA enrolled over 250 students from more than 100 different local middle and senior high schools and presented seventeen concerts to thousands of area music lovers featuring more American works and world premieres than any other area presenter.



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## *Choral & Vocal Studies*

**Program Dates:** June 25-July 13, 2007, Monday through Friday  
**Daily Hours:** 8:45 am-3:30 pm  
**Who May Apply:** Graduating 8th-graduating 12th grade singers, all voice types and ranges  
**Tuition:** \$575

### *Choral Faculty*

Guest Conductor  
to be announced  
Please visit [www.AFAtexas.net](http://www.AFAtexas.net)  
for more details  
Daniel Ponce  
Galena Park High School  
Richard Robbins  
University of Houston

### *Master Classes*

Isabelle Ganz  
vocal improvisation  
Chris Lidvall  
Alexander technique  
Dr. Richard Stasney  
vocal health

### *Voice Faculty*

Christopher Michel  
Sam Houston State University  
Carole Nelson  
HSPVA  
Rebecca Pyper-Busselberg  
Private Instructor

*All faculty subject to change.*

### *Daily Activities*

- Chamber Choir (Men's and Women's choirs)
- Diction & Sight-Singing Class
- Music Theory, History, and Electives
- Madrigals (by audition only)
- Mixed Chorus (including one piece performed with the AFA Symphony Orchestra)
- Voice Class
- Private Voice Lessons

For more detailed information, please visit [www.AFAtexas.net](http://www.AFAtexas.net).

### *How to Apply*

- Visit [www.AFAtexas.net](http://www.AFAtexas.net) and click on "Apply Now" to fill out the General Conservatory Application and, if desired, the Scholarship Application.
- Apply early, as several departments fill quickly.
- Paper applications are available by calling 713-522-9699

### *Auditions*

#### *Regional Auditions*

Wednesday-Thursday  
March 28th-29th  
Austin HS (Fort Bend ISD)\*

Wednesday-Thursday  
April 17th-18th  
South Houston HS\*

Saturday  
April 21st  
The Centrum

#### *Auditions at Episcopal High School*

Saturday, April 14  
Saturday, May 12

#### *Audition Requirements*

- Two contrasting solos from the art song, operetta, musical theatre or opera repertory
  - Pitch memory exercises (given at audition)
  - Sight-singing (may use solfège)
  - Applicant must provide sheet music for piano accompaniment
- \*No accompaniment will be provided at Austin HS or South Houston HS regional auditions

### *For More Information...*

- Please visit [www.AFAtexas.net](http://www.AFAtexas.net) to learn more about:
- Details of the Choral department
  - AFA's other programs and departments (orchestra/chamber music, middle school string orchestra, jazz, piano, composition)
  - Faculty biographies
  - 2007 Master Class updates

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