Cynthia moved to Katy, Texas in 2004 to pursue a career in elementary education. There she accepted her first elementary music position at Hutsell Elementary School in the Katy Independent School District. In 2006, she was honored to be one of two music teachers chosen to open Michael L. Griffin Elementary School, also in Katy ISD. In 2008, Mrs. Brodt completed her Level III Kodaly Certification through the Southeast Texas Kodaly Certification Training Program.

Cynthia and her husband Paul, a high school band director, reside in Katy, Texas. They have been blessed with a son, Isaac, age four. When she is not teaching, Cynthia enjoys spending time with her family and playing the oboe in her church orchestra.

Rita Scott, Accompanist

Mrs. Rita Scott graduated from West Texas A & M University with a double music major in piano and voice. While in school, she performed in musical dramas such as "The King and I", "Showboat", "Guys and Dolls", "The Music Man", "The Wizard of Oz", and the Opera "Beauty and the Beast". During her final summer at school, Mrs. Scott performed with the cast in the Texas Panhandle historical musical "Thundering Sounds of the West" which was later rewritten into the well known production "Texas". The play is still held in Palo Duro Canyon near Amarillo each summer.

She is a former music teacher, retiring from Katy ISD with 28 years of experience in Texas Public Schools, 18 of which were in Katy, Texas. She has taught every grade of music from Kindergarten through the Twelfth grade. A couple of her choirs in Amarillo and Katy High School performed on television. Mrs. Scott is the first high school choir director in Katy ISD to have a choir win Sweepstakes. Two of her high school show choirs qualified for the State UIL competition. She was also a co-director of the Katy Honor Choir for 5 years.

Rita and her husband, Ronnie, are blessed with three children, Aaron, Amber, and Audra, all married, and eight grandchildren.



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Jason Ritchie, Director

Jason Ritchie graduated summa cum laude from the Moores School of Music at the University of Houston with a Bachelor of Music Degree in 2005. While pursuing his undergraduate studies in piano performance with Robert Brownlee and music education, Mr. Ritchie apprenticed choral direction with the founder and artistic director of The Fort Bend Boys Choir of Texas, William R. Adams. Mr. Ritchie is an alumnus of, a former accompanist for, and now a director of one of the performing choirs in the organization.

In 2005, Mr. Ritchie accepted his first elementary music position in the Alief Independent School District. The following year, he was hired as one of two music teachers to open Michael L. Griffin Elementary School in the Katy Independent School District. Together, with his teaching partner Cynthia Brodt, they started a choir that is open to any fifth grade student wanting to sing. For six years now, they have worked together encouraging kids to strive for excellence. In 2012, Mr. Ritchie also served as a director of the Katy ISD Honor Choir. When he is not teaching at his elementary school or directing choirs, he enjoys teaching private piano lessons as well as working with the Houston Museum of Natural Science using LEGOs to teach computer programming to kids.

Cynthia Brodt, Director

Cynthia Brodt has been a music educator in the highly acclaimed Katy Independent School District for nine years. She graduated magna cum laude from Oklahoma City University with a Bachelor of Music Degree in 1999. Cynthia then moved to Denton, Texas where she pursued her graduate studies in oboe performance. She graduated from the University of North Texas with a Master of Music in 2001. Upon graduating, Cynthia returned to Oklahoma where she accepted the position of oboe professor at both the University of Central Oklahoma and Oklahoma Baptist University. While teaching at both universities she had the privilege of performing with the Oklahoma City Philharmonic Orchestra.

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