Mrs. Vernon considers herself privileged to have had many inspirational mentors and musical experiences. She credits her success to the dedication of her students, the ongoing support from her family, the love from her husband, Jamie and their beautiful daughter, Mia Nicole.

Steven M. Hopkins is in his second year of teaching at Henry Middle School. Mr. Hopkins is a graduate of Texas State University and holds a Bachelor's degree in Music Education. He conducts the Concert Band and teaches beginning trombone, euphonium, tuba, and French horn classes.

Mr. Hopkins has had extensive performance experience throughout his education. He was an active member of the Edinburg North High School Band and Orchestra program as well a trombonist for the South Texas Youth Symphony. At Texas State, he performed with the Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Orchestra, and Trombone Ensemble.

Mr. Hopkins has studied trombone under Jason Rogers, Chad Dempsey, Dr. Chris Gassler, Robbie Hochstetler, and Charles Hurt. He also credits his success to his former band directors, Brian Hildreth, Wilberto Perez, and Dr. Rod Schueller. He feels fortunate to have had mentors such as Dr. Mary Ellen Cavitt from Texas State University, and cooperating teacher David Stephenson.

Outside the band hall, Mr. Hopkins has an extensive background in the marching arts, both as an educator and adjudicator. He was a member of the Bluecoats Drum & Bugle Corps for five consecutive seasons; his final season, he was the horn sergeant. He later served as a member of the Bluecoats visual staff from 2006-2008. In 2009, he joined the brass staff of the Santa Clara Vanguard, working as a low brass instructor. Mr. Hopkins has worked with the James Bowie High School Marching Band for four years, serving as a visual instructor and marching coordinator. He has also run the Bands of Bowie Movement Camp the last four summers.

Steven credits much of his success to his loving and supportive family and friends who have always been there for him. He is honored to continue learning the art of music education with his colleagues in Leander ISD.

Hector J. Gil joined the staff at Vista Ridge High School and Henry Middle School as the Director of Percussion in the fall of 2008. He is in his eighth year of teaching and has previously served as a percussion instructor at Texas Christian University, Texas A&M International University, Surround Sound Percussion, Arlington Martin High School, Leander High School, Cedar Park High School, Georgetown High School, and Laredo United High School.

Mr. Gil received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Music Education from Texas A&M University-Commerce in 2001. During his time at TAMU-C, he performed in the Wind Ensemble, Steel Drum Band, and the drum line. He was also a member of the Percussion Ensemble that won the prestigious Percussive Arts Society "Call for Tapes" award in 2000, performed a showcase concert at PASIC, and was a member of the TAMU-C drum line that received second place at PASIC.

His performance experience includes, the Bluecoats Drum and Bugle Corps 1997-1998, the Laredo Philharmonic Orchestra, North East Texas Symphony Orchestra, and the Laredo Wind Ensemble.

Mr. Gil composes and arranges for numerous drum lines and serves as a clinician for several high schools throughout Texas.

His professional affiliations include the Percussive Arts Society, Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Bandmasters Association, and the TAMU-C Alumni Association. He is also an endorsed artist of Innovative Percussion Inc.

Mr. Gil loves to spend as much time as possible with the love of his life, his daughter Elena.

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Flute
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Vincent Lee
Debora Palmiere
Kaysie Tam 1

Oboe
Karin Davies 1, 2
Carlene Watson 1

Clarinet
Rachael Anderson 1, 2
Kristine Chen 1
Briar Coker 1, 2
Will Doh 1, 2, 3
Ye Chan Kim
India Martinez
Fernanda Padron 1, 2
Keelen Vu 1
Kevin Vu 1, 2

Bass Clarinet
Evan Coleman 1
Marissa Dominguez 1, 2

Bassoon
Steven Leal 1
Brian Maule 1, 2
Nick Meckstroth 1

Alto Saxophone
McKenzie Bolton 1, 2
Coy Reid 1
Rebecca Reinehr
Colby Rodriguez 1

Tenor Saxophone
Connor Fryar 1
Kevin Quibodeaux

Baritone Saxophone
Jonathan Charpentier 1

Trumpet
Andrew Cothrell 1, 2
Andrew Frowiss 1, 2
Luke Hoeft 1, 2
Dylan Lavelle
Michael Loa 1
John Malito 1, 2
Tori Renfroe 1
Benton Sharp

Horn
Zach Barbosa
Caroline Christian
Trevor Downs 1
Morgan Petrinec
Zac Richards
Calvin Woods

Trombone
Alex Cate
Michael McKee 1, 2
Ryan Murray 1, 2, 3
Matthew Smith 1, 2
Austin Teater 1, 2, 3

Euphonium
Seth Butler 1, 2
Brandon Nguyen

Tuba
Jason Ayala
Morgan Jones 1, 2, 3

Percussion
DJ Atkinson
John Cho
Bianca Crowley
Kevin Harris
Emily Holland
Alex Ma 1
Katrina Pardee
Bradley Raines

1 - District Band
2 - Region Band
3 - Region Orchestra

About the Conductor

Robert Tyrome Herrings is entering his seventh year of teaching and has been teaching at Henry Middle School in Leander ISD since 2004. Prior to coming to Leander ISD, he was the Director of Bands at Rockdale Junior High in Rockdale, Texas.

In 2003, Robert received his Bachelor of Music Education degree from Baylor University in Waco, Texas, where he studied under Michael Haithcock, Jeff Grogan, Dr. Kevin Sedatole and Barry Hopper. While in college, Robert was a member of the Baylor University performing wind bands, as well as a member of the Baylor University Golden Wave Band.

At Henry Middle School, Mr. Herrings teaches the Honors Band, assists with the Symphonic and Concert bands, and teaches beginning flute and trumpet. Since beginning his career in music education, Mr. Herrings' bands have achieved consistent UIL Sweepstakes ratings, as well as unanimous first division ratings, Best In Class, and Overall Outstanding Band honors at festivals around the state. In 2009, the Henry Middle School Honors Band was selected to perform at the Western International Band Clinic in Seattle, Washington, and earned distinction as a National Wind Band Honors Class AA winner. Most recently, the Henry Middle School Band program was named the 2009-2010 Texas Class CCC Honor Band.

Mr. Herrings is an active member of the Texas Music Educators Association and the Texas Bandmasters Association. He is also a mentor to new-to-profession teachers at Henry Middle School.

Mr. Herrings enjoys motivating young musicians to reach their highest level of performance by sharing his extreme love and passion for music with them on a daily basis. He feels honored, privileged and extremely blessed to have had many great mentors, band directors, and close friends who have influenced his career thus far.

Above all, his students have been his greatest inspiration!

About the Associate Conductors

Cara C. Vernon is in her fifth year of teaching at Henry Middle School. Mrs. Vernon is the conductor of the Symphonic Band, and she also teaches beginning clarinet, saxophone, bassoon and oboe. Bands under her direction have received consistent UIL Sweepstakes awards and first division ratings at various music festivals and competitions.

Mrs. Vernon is a 2002 graduate of East Carolina University with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education. While studying at East Carolina, she was a recipient of the Friends of the School of Music Scholarship, an active officer in Sigma Alpha Iota and served as Drum Major for the ECU Marching Pirates. She also performed in various ensembles, including the ECU Wind Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Scott Carter.

After graduating from East Carolina, she attended graduate school at the University of Texas at Austin, where she completed her Master's Degree in Clarinet Performance in 2005. While studying at the University of Texas, she performed in the UT Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Winds, and the Wind Ensemble under the direction of Jerry Junkin. She was also a clarinetist in the world premiere of John Corigliano's Circus Maximus at Bass Concert Hall, the New York Premiere at Carnegie Hall and at Festival Del Sole in Napa Valley, California in July of 2007.

Mrs. Vernon's clarinet instruction has been under Nathan Williams, Christopher Grymes and Richard MacDowell, among many others. In addition to teaching at Henry Middle School, Mrs. Vernon also enjoys teaching private clarinet lessons in the Austin area.

Her professional memberships include the Texas Music Educator's Association, Texas Bandmaster's Association, and Sigma Alpha Iota.

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Dublin Dances *de Haske* . . . . Jan Van der Roost

2. I. Brian Boru's March 2:34
3. II. The Minstrel Boy 3:07
4. III. The Irish Washerwoman 2:39

5. Nessun Dorma *UMPG* . . . . . Giacomo Puccini/arr. Johnnie Vinson 3:02

6. Fantasy on Childhood Songs *Grand Mesa Music Publishers* . . . . . Donald Moore 4:10
Cara C. Vernon, Conductor

7. Arabian Dances *Belwin-Mills/Alfred Publishing* . . . . . Roland Barrett 3:26
Steven M. Hopkins, Conductor

8. County Clare *Row-Loff Productions* . . . . . Bela Fleck/arr. David Steinquest 3:30
Hector J. Gil, Conductor

9. The Washington Post March *Carl Fischer* . . . . . John Philip Sousa/ed. Frederick Fennell 3:04

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