



American Heritage School presents

The Spirit of
AMERICA
SPEAKS

52nd Annual Patriotic Program
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025



A Worthy Cause

AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOL

As an institution with a faith-oriented mission, American Heritage School is a non-profit 501(c)(3) public charity that receives no support from federal, state, or local governments. Many years ago, a widow named Alice Greene attended our Patriotic Program held at the “little old chapel” where American Heritage had its humble beginnings. Impressed by what she saw and felt, Mrs. Greene sent a check to cover the mortgage, and American Heritage School was freed from debt.

Like Alice Greene, our families have been very generous to American Heritage School over the years, and we are incredibly grateful for your support. Our current highest priority is the 2023-24 Annual Fund, which provides student financial aid and teacher tuition benefits. We have an additional \$700,000 to raise for the Annual Fund this year, and we ask you to please consider pledging a tax-deductible contribution to the School—paid in installments or all at once before the end of our fiscal year on June 30—to help us provide these important resources to our families and teachers.

Our dedicated teachers give of their time and talent because they care so deeply about children and Christ-centered education. Financially, many of these qualified educators could make more elsewhere, and yet they choose to be here because they believe in the unique mission of American Heritage School.

Can you help us? Admission for today’s program was free but we hope that you will feel inspired to give.

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Thank you

THE SALUTE TO ARMED FORCES

Army: "The Caisson Song" (Original Army Song-1907)

Over hill, over dale, we will hit the dusty trail,
And those caissons go rolling along.
In and out, hear them shout,
Counter marching all about,
And those caissons go rolling along.
For it's hi! hi! hee! In the field artillery,
Cout out your numbers loud and strong,
Two, Three, Four, Hut, Two, Three
and where e'er you go,
You will always know
That those caissons go rolling along.

Navy: "Anchors Aweigh"

Anchors Aweigh, my boys!
Anchors Aweigh!
Farewell to College Joys, we sail at break of day-ay-ay-ay;
Through our last night on shore, hail to the foam,
Until we meet once more, here's wishing you
a happy voyage home!

Coast Guard: "Semper Paratus" (1943 Version) Latin for "Always Ready"

We're always ready for the call,
We place our trust in Thee.
Through howling gale,
And shot and shell to win our victory.
"Semper Paratus" is our guide,
Our pledge, our motto too.
We're always ready do or die,
Aye! Coast Guard we fight for you!

Air Force: "The Air Force Song"

Off we go into the wild blue yonder,
Climbing high into the sun
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder (Boys)
At 'em boys, Give 'er the gun! (Girls)
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under
Off with one terrible roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame.
For nothing can stop the U.S. Air Force!

The Marines: "The Marines' Hymn"

From the Halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli;
We will fight our country's battles
In the air, on land, and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
Of United States Marines!

Space Force: "Semper Supra" was named after the USSF motto, which is Latin for "Always Above."

We're the mighty watchful eye,
Guardians beyond the blue,
The invisible front line,
Warfighters brave and true.
Boldly reaching into space,
There's no limit to our sky.
Standing guard both night and day,
We're the Space Force from on high.

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WELCOME

WELCOME: *Charné Adams (Assistant Principal K-5)*

OPENING PRAYER: *TBA*

THE SALUTE TO ARMED FORCES “*Armed Forces Medley*”

NARRATOR: *Ryan Anderson*

I STAR SPANGLED BANNER

BRITISH SOLDIER: *Grant Peterson*

GENERAL: *Lucas Welch*

DOCTOR: *Will Walkenhorst*

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY: *Bryce Brimhall*

NARRATOR: *Winnie Ford*

“STAR SPANGLED BANNER”

Conducted by September Howard

II PREMORTAL LIFE

SPIRIT CHILD OF GOD: *Gwen Christiansen, Evan Koo*

“I AM A CHILD OF ROYAL BIRTH”

Maya Dotter, Piper Jensen, Elodie Byrd, Rosie Robinson

“CHILDREN OF LIBERTY”

*5th Grade Students, Conducted by Emily Halverson,
Accompanied by Heather Nelson*

III ISRAELITE SCENE

NARRATORS: *Charlotte Field, Savannah Riggs, James Peterson*

MOSES: *Landon Park*

ISRAELITES: *Hailey Cluff, Brooklyn Terry, London Marshall*

IV SAVIOR SCENE

NARRATORS: *Lily MacArthur, Easton Amundsen*

V KING JOHN (Magna Charta)

STEPHEN LANGTON: *Gabe Penrod*

TOWNSPEOPLE: *Lucy Swan, Lydia Green, Lexi Goff*

COURT HERALD: *Charlie Henderson*

CHIEF OFFICER OF THE COURT: *Kamden Schmidt*

1st OFFICER OF THE COURT: *Connor Pusey*

2nd OFFICER OF THE COURT: *Calvin Patterson*

COURT READER: *Isaac Smith*

KING JOHN: *Charles Cook*

VI WYCLIFFE & GUTENBERG

PEASANT CHILD: *Knightley Stroshine*

PEASANT MOTHER: *Alli Gardner*

NARRATORS: *Savannah Hall, Quinn Harmon*

WYCLIFFE: *Jack Saari*

JOHANNES GUTENBERG: *Thomas Hunsaker*

VII COLUMBUS SCENE

NEPHI: *Briggs Brown*

COLUMBUS: *Asher Hausen*

KING FERDINAND: *Charlie Green*

QUEEN ISABELLA: *Quinn Walker*

SAILORS: *Jax Chertudi, Ezra Pierce*

NARRATORS: *Eva Bush, Julia Downs, Evie Olson*

SERVANT/DIEGO: *Sawyer Bishop*

VIII THE REFORMERS

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ROYAL CROWN: *Mormon Lakai*
MARTIN LUTHER: *Mason Peachy*
NARRATORS: *Sophie Holmes, Hollyn Black*

IX THE PILGRIMS

NEPHI: *Carter Brown*
PILGRIMS: *Gwen Mason, Celia Gibbs, Grace Hansen*
WILLIAM BREWSTER: *Wyatt Mudgett*
WILLIAM BRADFORD: *Noble Waite*

“I AM BOUND FOR THE PROMISED LAND”
7th & 8th Grade Middle School Choirs,
Conducted by Melissa Swingle, Accompanied by Sherrie Boren

X FOUNDING FATHER & MOTHER SCENE

“DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE”
Chantal Beesley, Olivia Lee, Addi West

GEORGE WASHINGTON: *Nash Knudsen*
THOMAS JEFFERSON: *Spencer Stevenson*
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN: *Kumi Beebe*
THOMAS PAINE: *Dawson Strong*
ALEXANDER HAMILTON: *Kai Booth*
GEORGE MASON: *Crew Larsen*
SAMUEL ADAMS: *Will Smith*
PATRICK HENRY: *Myles Martin*
MERCY WARREN: *Rachel Lewis*
ABIGAIL ADAMS: *Abigail Crabb*
DOROTHY QUINCY: *Grace Nelson*
CATHERINE LITTLEFIELD GREENE: *Emmalyn Babbitt*
LUCY KNOX: *Eva Barney*
SARAH LIVINGSTON JAY: *Audrey Poulter*
MARY WHITE MORRIS: *Nikolet Twitty*
JOHN ADAMS: *William Bacalski*
NARRATOR: *Molly Allred*

“AMERICAN ANTHEM”
7th & 8th Grade Middle School Choirs,
Conducted by September Howard, Accompanied by Rachel Benner

XI GEORGE WASHINGTON SCENE

GEORGE WASHINGTON: *Nash Knudsen*

MARTHA WASHINGTON: *Katelyn Smith*

“VOICES OF AMERICA”

5th grade, Conducted by Emily Halverson,

Accompanied by Heather Nelson

XII THE RESTORATION & SECOND COMING

NARRATORS: *Addi West, Chantal Beesley, Olivia Lee*

JOSEPH SMITH JR.: *Spencer Stevenson*

XIII GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

ABRAHAM LINCOLN: *Grant Beckwith*

XIV ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL

“Wade In The Water” Piano underscore by *Melissa Swingle*

NARRATORS: *Shandra Carlston, Eve Clayton, Lucy Poulsen,*

Arianna Dessiatnikov, Rebecca Dye, Dave Davaasuren

HARRIET TUBMAN: *Marianne Garrick*

FREDERICK DOUGLAS: *Shaun Dakshnamoorthy*

CHIEF JOSEPH: *Aidan Twitchell*

SUSAN B. ANTHONY: *Stella Redding*

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER: *Decker Martin*

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.: *Blair Hooke*

“CHILDREN OF LIBERTY”

5th grade choirs, Conducted by Emily Halverson,

Accompanied by Heather Nelson

“BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC”

Conducted by Melissa Swingle and Emily Halverson,

Accompanied by Sherrie Boren

American Heritage School
CHOIRS

Conducted by
Emily Halverson, September Howard, and Melissa Swingle

7th & 8th MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIRS

<i>Henry Allred</i>	<i>Jules Gardner</i>	<i>Jason Mishler</i>	<i>Mayah Stanford</i>
<i>Carston Amundsen</i>	<i>William Gerlach</i>	<i>Lucy Monson</i>	<i>Sadie Stanley</i>
<i>Rebekah Andersen</i>	<i>Abigail Goddard</i>	<i>Elizabeth Nelson</i>	<i>Brooklyn Steele</i>
<i>EksAyn Anderson</i>	<i>Alexi Graham</i>	<i>Rigby Norman</i>	<i>Lacey Stevenson</i>
<i>Eliana Batchelor</i>	<i>Joseph Green</i>	<i>Caleb Olayan</i>	<i>Ezra Stoddard</i>
<i>Coen Bates</i>	<i>Samuel Hamilton</i>	<i>Elias Olsen</i>	<i>Sadie Stone</i>
<i>Brooke Bellows</i>	<i>Paige Hansen</i>	<i>Emery Olson</i>	<i>Abigail Stosich</i>
<i>Bianca Bertilson</i>	<i>Cohen Hardman</i>	<i>Samuel Olson</i>	<i>Oriahna Suelzle</i>
<i>Gray Bischof</i>	<i>McKay Harmon</i>	<i>Victoria Overton</i>	<i>Ethan Surganovich</i>
<i>Isabelle Bliss</i>	<i>Lillian Heywood</i>	<i>Landon Pace</i>	<i>Abby Swan</i>
<i>Siena Boggs</i>	<i>Preslee Hill</i>	<i>Xiaoyu Pan</i>	<i>Isaac Swenson</i>
<i>Malachi Bonner</i>	<i>Tia Hill</i>	<i>Kelton Patch</i>	<i>Samuel Tedjamulia</i>
<i>William Boren</i>	<i>Winston Hume</i>	<i>Ella Patterson</i>	<i>Anna Thompson</i>
<i>Tallie Bratsman</i>	<i>Alyson Hunsaker</i>	<i>Scarlett Patterson</i>	<i>Evan Thompson</i>
<i>William Brewer</i>	<i>Collin Jenkins</i>	<i>Minna Paulsen</i>	<i>Charlie Tingey</i>
<i>Heber Brimhall</i>	<i>Luke Jensen</i>	<i>Grace Poulsen</i>	<i>Ella Twitty</i>
<i>Mason Brown</i>	<i>Gracie Johnson</i>	<i>Graham Poulter</i>	<i>Angela Valladares</i>
<i>Michael Bryant</i>	<i>Oliver Jubber</i>	<i>Isabella Price</i>	<i>Benjamin van der Beek</i>
<i>Genevieve Byrd</i>	<i>Addalyn Kelley</i>	<i>Brooklyn Pulley</i>	<i>Ellie Van Der Watt</i>
<i>Anessa Carr</i>	<i>Avalyn Kelley</i>	<i>Grace Reed</i>	<i>Rome Verzello</i>
<i>Kiera Chen</i>	<i>Jimmy Kesler</i>	<i>Henry Rees</i>	<i>Kelsy Viveros</i>
<i>Lila Christensen</i>	<i>Lucy Kim</i>	<i>Romee Reyes</i>	<i>Emory Waite</i>
<i>Hazel Christiansen</i>	<i>Min Kim</i>	<i>Elizabeth Richardson</i>	<i>Matthew Walters</i>
<i>Taryn Davis</i>	<i>Annalyn Kitchen</i>	<i>Canyon Riggs</i>	<i>Samuel Webb</i>
<i>Jonathan Dessiatnikov</i>	<i>Kaitlyn Lake</i>	<i>Aubriana Rutherford</i>	<i>Madison Welch</i>
<i>Adalyn Dowdle</i>	<i>Asher Lambert</i>	<i>Amelia Sanders</i>	<i>Anthony Werner</i>
<i>Joslyn Draschil</i>	<i>Crew Larkin</i>	<i>Beckham Shakespear</i>	<i>Gavin Wilson</i>
<i>Molly Duvall</i>	<i>Noah Larsen</i>	<i>Grant Shelley</i>	<i>Daymion Wood</i>
<i>Maxwell Dye</i>	<i>Ian Larson</i>	<i>Preston Shelley</i>	<i>Magdelaine Wood</i>
<i>Brigham Ferrell</i>	<i>Samson Lee</i>	<i>Abigail Smith</i>	<i>Tennysen Woydziak</i>
<i>Hannah Foster</i>	<i>Daisy Martin</i>	<i>Chloe Smith</i>	<i>Patrick Zhou</i>
<i>Gabriel Freeman</i>	<i>Joy Mellor</i>	<i>Jamin Smith</i>	
<i>Piper Freestone</i>	<i>Marriner Merrill</i>	<i>Melissa Smith</i>	
<i>Sydney Fuller</i>	<i>Tiare Mili</i>	<i>Gabriella Soderstrom</i>	



ABOUT THE AUTHOR *Geneve Cornell*

Geneve Taft Smith was born August 29, 1921 in Santaquin, Utah. She was the eldest daughter in a family of three brothers and five sisters. She graduated from Payson High School in 1939.

Geneve was a highly respected member of her community and maintained an active role in church, political and cultural activities. She was invited to teach at American Heritage School by H. Verlan Andersen, founder of the school.

Geneve's teaching career spanned 20 years during which time she served seven years as Director of American Heritage School. She was committed to instilling a fierce pride of patriotism and love of history in her students. She wrote and produced several programs during her career as a teacher including:

The Spirit of America Speaks (1973)

Statue of Liberty Centennial Program (1986)

William Dawes and Paul Revere Program

Miracle at Philadelphia (1987)

Bill of Rights (1989, performed to honor the ratification)

Columbus Quincentenary Program (1992)



2022 SCRIPT ADDITIONS *Bethany & Calvin Cory*

Bethany's involvement with the Patriotic Program began in 2013 when she joined the 5th grade faculty at AHS. Seeking to maintain the original Spirit and depth of Geneve's work, she has accepted assignments over the years to revise and add to the script for theatrical flow and extend its reach. She often turned to her husband, Calvin Cory (artist, writer and composer), who would translate their ideas into literary and visual refinement. Both feel passionate about the principles Geneve presented and honored to support the meaning and tradition of the program.

PROGRAM NOTES

MAGNA CARTA

The English document known in Latin as the Magna Carta was a decisive step in the development of constitutional government in England. Unhappy with the oppressive actions of King John, a council of barons and church leaders under the direction of the archbishop of Canterbury, Stephen Langton, met to draw up a list of rights they wanted John to grant them. Twice the king refused to sign the document. Finally, though under military pressure, King John signed the charter in 1215. The document came to be recognized as the foundation of the fundamental law of England. The ideals contained in the Magna Carta eventually became part of the framework of the Constitution of the United States.

COLUMBUS

God inspired “a man among the gentiles” (1 Nephi 13:12) who, by the Spirit of God, was led to rediscover the land of America and bring this rich new land to the attention of the people in Europe. That man was Christopher Columbus, who testified that he was inspired in what he did. “Our Lord,” said Columbus, “unlocked my mind, sent me upon the sea, and gave me fire for the deed. Those who heard of my enterprise called it foolish, mocked me, and laughed. But who can doubt that the Holy Ghost inspired me?” (Columbus’ Journal re-printed in Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson p. 577). Columbus’ first voyage was one of the most significant achievements of recorded human history and was, as well, a demonstration of Columbus’ supremacy as a mariner and navigator. His navigational skills became even more remarkable in view of the fact that his ships were of such inferior quality. At the time, the seaworthy ships were all being used to transport the Jews from Spain. By royal decree, all unbaptized Jews were to be out of Spain by August 2, 1492. Columbus had three compelling reasons that motivated him for this staggering undertaking. He was possessed with the idea of 1) sailing west to reach the east, and 2) to gain glory and honor for Spain. While these reasons were of great concern to him, they were of no more importance than his third motive. He wanted 3) to take Christianity to the people he would encounter. He gave all the credit to his God for his accomplishments counting himself unworthy and blessed beyond his merits. His statement, “What the human understanding could not attain, the divine will has granted to human efforts,” characterizes his life.

FOUNDING FATHERS

Speaking of the Founding Fathers, President Wilford Woodruff said, “They are the best spirits the God of Heaven could find on the face of the earth.” President Ezra Taft Benson stated that the Founding Fathers “were held in reserve to collectively come in the time and at the place when one of history’s greatest crises demanded their talents.” Undoubtedly one of the most venerable councils of outstanding, inspired men ever assembled, the Founding Fathers were led and directed by God. They were instrumental in bringing human rights and dignity to their highest level. Their utterances and writing fill volumes and the precedents they set have served as a timeless model for governments worldwide. The women of the era were no less remarkable. Abigail Adams, wife of John Adams, with her son and future president, John Quincy Adams, watched the British burn Charleston and heard the cannon roar at the Battle of Bunker Hill. John called Abigail “as fiery as a young grenadier.”

American Heritage School

PATRIOTIC PROGRAM
ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

DIRECTOR: *Johanne Perry*

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS: *Julie Arnold, Laurie Hansen,
Bethany Cory, Adam Hobson*

PRODUCER: *Charné Adams*

2022 SCRIPT ADDITIONS: *Calvin and Bethany Cory*

TECHNICAL DIRECTORS: *Jay Clark and Dan Morgan*

TECHNICAL STAFF: *Students in the High School Technical Theater Class*

HOUSE MANAGER: *Kristy Swenson*

Thank you to all the parents

WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED THEIR TIME AND SUPPORT
TO THIS PROGRAM'S SUCCESS ON AND OFF STAGE.

UPCOMING EVENTS



SAVE THE DATE

The Eras Family Dance Party

MUSIC FROM THE 70S, 80S, & 90S

Entertainment / Refreshments / Live Music

Friday, March 21, 2025
6:30 - 9:30 PM
Patriot Arena

\$7 / Person
\$45 Family Pass
Children 3 and under FREE

