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# SINGING MEN OF TEXAS



50TH ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION CONCERT

*August 15, 2025*

*7:00 p.m.*

RIVERBEND CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

*Austin, TX*



# *Welcome!*

We want to welcome you to the Singing Men of Texas 50th anniversary celebration! It's hard to believe that fifty years have gone by since Sam Prestidge started with a dream to reach Texas and beyond through the powerful medium of music. Six chapters across our state are now heading into a sixth decade. In addition to Texas, these chapters of Singing Men have engaged in ministry and mission trips across the world, including Australia, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, Eastern and Western Europe and China. Twenty-five years ago, these six chapters combined to present a special anniversary concert at the Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas. In 2018, the six chapters gathered in New York City and sang in Carnegie Hall, and participated in ministry projects throughout six boroughs.

The impact of the Singing Men of Texas has been vast, but most of the stories will never be heard or told...much of the impact happens quietly and privately in the pews, as people listen to these men sing and share the love of Jesus.

Tens of thousands have heard one or more of these groups all over our state and across the globe, and as part of tonight, we give thanks to our Lord for the vision He gave Sam Prestidge to begin this ministry. I hope you will take a fresh look at the Prestidge Endowment Scholarship Fund, which was born out of the Singing Men of Texas. Each year since 2019, this scholarship has contributed to the training of individuals who have been called to worship ministry and who are attending a Baptist institution. We would love to grow this fund to offer even more scholarships to students each year. Please pray for how you can help! What a perfect time, here on the 50th anniversary of Sam's vision, for you to be a participant in training the next generation of worship leaders! For more information, you can go to [txb.org/Prestidge](http://txb.org/Prestidge).

Thank you for your attendance and for your support of the Singing Men of Texas! May God continue to bless this ministry for many years to come.

***Soli Deo Gloria!***



**TOM TILLMAN**

Director, Music & Worship  
*Texas Baptists*



50TH ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION CONCERT

Pre-Concert Music

Texas Country Boys

|                         |                       |               |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Jericho                 | Orchestra prelude     | arr. Sterling |
| Praise You              | Solo, Adeline Payton  | arr. Knight   |
| Forevermore (Psalm 145) | Narrator, Phil Alford | arr. Keveren  |

Welcome

Tom Tillman

|                                    |                                       |                    |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| I'll Fly Away                      |                                       | arr. Lee           |
| O Worship the King with Doxology   |                                       | arr. Rouse         |
| Swing Down Chariot                 |                                       | arr. the Vagabonds |
| Midnight Cry                       | Solo, Allen Stowe                     | arr. Fettke        |
| Hymn of Heaven                     | Solo, Michael Holster                 | arr. Bolin         |
| I Speak Jesus                      | Soloists, Jon Ratzlaff & Peter McCann | arr. Knight        |
| The Majesty and Glory of Your Name |                                       | arr. Knight        |

Intermission

Texas Country Boys

|                                |                                   |               |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Deep in the Heart of Texas     | Solo, Bill Gammill                | arr. Huggins  |
| Thou, Oh Lord                  |                                   | arr. Knight   |
| Jesus Paid it All              |                                   | arr. Sterling |
| New Name Written Down in Glory |                                   | arr. Neal     |
|                                | Soloists, Greg Hall & Clay Mobley |               |
| Spiritual Medley:              |                                   |               |
| Precious Lord                  |                                   | arr. Sevier   |
| Ride the Chariot               | Solo, Matt Martin                 | arr. Smith    |
| Amen                           | Solo, Gerry Lewis                 | Hairston      |

Video & Prayer

Dr. Julio Guarneri, Texas Baptists Executive Director

|                    |  |              |
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| Lord of My Life    |  | Allen        |
| How Great Thou Art |  | arr. Forrest |



# Directors

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**ANDRE SIMON**  
*East*



**DAN BAKER**  
*Panhandle*



**JEFF NELSON**  
*Southeast*



**MARTIN CHERRY**  
*South*



**TODD WILSON**  
*West*



**TRENT BLACKLEY**  
*North Central*



**MARK HILL**  
*North Central*  
*Assistant Director*



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# *Directors*

(Current & Past)

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## **NORTH CENTRAL:**

**\*Trent Blackley, Don Blackley, Bill Green,  
Bill Pearson**

## **SOUTH:**

**\*Martin Cherry, Larry Danks, Jay Ghormley,  
Tommy Lyons, Lanny Allen**

## **EAST:**

**\*Andre Simon, Keith Wilkerson, Don Howren,  
Harlan Hall**

## **WEST:**

**\*Todd Wilson, Ty Morrison, David Cambell**

## **SOUTHEAST:**

**\*Jeff Nelson, Michael Douglas, Jay Ghormley,  
Ron Davis, Mark Terry, Gerald Ray,  
David Campbell, Thad Roberts**

## **PANHANDLE:**

**\*Dan Baker, Dan Thompson, John Glover**

*\*Current Director*

## *Special Guests*

**LISA PRESTIDGE**

*Daughter of Singing Men of Texas founder,  
Sam Prestidge*

**DON McCALL**

*Past Director of Music and Worship, Texas Baptists*

**TIM STUDSTILL**

*Past Director of Music and Worship, Texas Baptists*

## *Special Thanks*

**TRENT BLACKLEY**

*50th Anniversary Concert Coordinator*

**WILL JAMES**

*Orchestra Director*



## SINGING MEN OF TEXAS

# *Historical Timeline*

*1975*

**SMOT is formed. Five chapters (all but Panhandle)**

*1979*

**Sing at SBC annual meeting  
& Southern Baptist Music  
Conference**

*1980*

**Record album “He is My Friend”**

*1982*

**Brazil Mission Trip (album  
recorded)**

*1985*

**Record album “Let God Be  
Praised & Glorified”**

*1985*

**Sing at SBC annual meeting  
& Southern Baptist Music  
Conference**

*1985*

**Australia Mission Trip (album  
recorded)**

*1993*

**Romania Mission Trip**

*1994*

**Panhandle Chapter formed**

*1999*

**Spain Mission Trip**

*2000*

**25th Anniversary concert at the  
Morton H. Meyerson Symphony  
Center in Dallas (recorded a live  
CD of this concert)**



*2005*

**30th Anniversary – Impact  
Northeast Mission Trip**

*2007*

**Moldova Mission Trip**

*2007*

**Austria/Czech Republic Mission  
Trip**

*2010*

**Ukraine Mission Trip – 4,567 faith  
decisions**

*2010*

**Unified the constitutions for  
SMOT adopted by Exec Bd,  
allowing them to operate as tax  
exempt under the BGCT**

*2012*

**Ukraine Mission Trip – 4,303 faith  
decisions**

*2015*

**40th Anniversary Concert at  
Cottonwood Creek Baptist Church**

*2015*

**Ukraine Mission Trip**

*2017*

**New SMOT logo adopted**

*2018*

**Mission Trip to New York City –  
included concert at Carnegie Hall**

*2025*

**50th Anniversary Concert at  
Riverbend Centre, Austin, TX**

*\*This is not an exhaustive list, but a  
historical highlight of SMOT*

SINGING MEN OF TEXAS

50<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary Celebration

CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

\*Orchestra  
\*\*Director

|                   |                  |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Larry Abernathy   | Craig Bass       | Bobby Broughton  |
| Joey Acuff        | Mark Beatty      | Lindsey Burns    |
| John Adams        | Michael Beaty    | Tom Burns        |
| Barry Adkins      | Rodger Beck      | Doug Burton      |
| Christopher Ait   | James Beckham*   | Dodd Burum       |
| Danny Alford*     | Neill Beckham    | Daren Butler     |
| Phil Alford       | John Bell        | Norman Canon     |
| Chuck Allen       | Michael J Bender | Bain Cate        |
| Tim Allen         | Joe Berry        | Carlton Crudle   |
| Gary Anthony      | Don Blackley     | Larry Caudle     |
| Antonio Arango    | Trent Blackley** | James Cheesman   |
| George Archer     | John Bleakly     | Larry Cheesman   |
| Derrick Arellano  | Gary Bledsoe*    | Martin Cherry**  |
| Charles Austin    | Darrell Boling   | Dennis Christian |
| Larry Awbrey      | John Bordelon    | Lynn Christie    |
| Robert Bailey     | Ronald Bowren    | Bill Clark       |
| Dan Baker**       | Jeff Brain       | David Clark      |
| Robert Ball*      | Raymond Brannan  | Jim Clayman      |
| Charlie Barganier | Stephen Brewer   | Jeff Cleere      |
| Jerry Barker      | Michael Bridges  | Roger Cleere     |
| Mike Barker       | Cal Brim         | Joseph Clemmons  |



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|  | Jim Colbert        | Brent Edwards             | Robert Haefs            |
|  | Steve Colburn*     | Jim Ekrut                 | Greg Hall               |
|  | Dean Coleman       | Malcolm Elliott           | Richard Hamilton        |
|  | Ford Coleman       | George William MD English | Claude Harding          |
|  | John Coleman       | Joe Estes                 | John “David” Harrington |
|  | Larry Collins      | Rom Ethridge              | Chris Harris            |
|  | Charles Colvin     | Gary Etter                | William Harrison        |
|  | Joe Coombes        | Paul Etter*               | Steve Hartzell          |
|  | Wayne Corner       | Terry Ewing               | Ted Harvey              |
|  | Nathan Cook        | Jay Farrar                | Jason Haynes            |
|  | Michael Copeland   | Andy Faught               | Mike Henderson          |
|  | Chris Couch        | Dave Felts                | Lance Herrington        |
|  | Buddy Covin        | Barry Feriend             | Bob Hewett              |
|  | Gary Covin         | Jerry Fleming             | David Hightower         |
|  | Eddie Cox          | Ricky Flowers             | Mark Hill**             |
|  | Jim Crain          | Jim Ford*                 | Wayne Hodgin            |
|  | Mark Crouch        | Stephen Foster*           | Patrick Hogan           |
|  | Michael Cruz       | Wayne Gadman              | Kevin Hoggard           |
|  | Billy Curl         | William Gammill*          | Jim Holcombe            |
|  | Alfred Dale Sacco  | David Garrett             | Rick Holeman            |
|  | Austin Daniel      | Jay Ghormley              | Michel Holster          |
|  | Larry Danks        | Chuck Gilbert*            | Lewis Hooker*           |
|  | Ronald Davis       | Michael Gillespie         | Dennis Hoover           |
|  | Scott Davis        | Jay Givens                | David Hopper            |
|  | Randy Decker       | Johnny Glover             | Steve Horton            |
|  | Lee Deeds          | Bob Granger               | Michael Houston         |
|  | Billy Bob Dempsey* | Justin Green*             | David Howard            |
|  | Matt DesAutels     | Terry Green               | Bill Howell             |
|  | Michael Dossey     | Morris Greenwood          | Ralph Howell            |
|  | J B Douglas        | James Griffin             | Jimmy Hudson            |
|  | Andrew Duffer      | John Griffin              | David Hunt              |
|  | Scott Duffer       | Steven Griffin            | Eugene Huskey           |
|  | Joey Duncan        | Mark Griffith             | Bob Huston              |
|  | Joe Dunn           | Charles Hackett*          | Bill Ingram             |
|  | Carey Dyer         | Gary Hackler              | Charles Irwin           |

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|--|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
|  | Jim Jackson        | Robert Mathews     | Bill Norton       |
|  | Deblert Jacobson   | Steve Maxwell      | Steve Novak       |
|  | Brian James*       | John McAnelly, Jr. | James Nuckolls*   |
|  | Steve James*       | Peter McCann       | Justin Ogden      |
|  | Warren James       | Steve McClean*     | Chris Oliver      |
|  | Will James         | Tim McGaughy       | Harold Owen       |
|  | Daniel Jennings    | Troy McGilvray     | Barry Owens       |
|  | Cody Johnson       | Trey McKee         | Donnie Page*      |
|  | Mark Johnson       | Barry McKinney     | James Passman     |
|  | Jack Jones         | Charles McLeod*    | Stephen Passmore  |
|  | Joe Jones          | Terry McNeely      | Wayne Patterson   |
|  | Donald Kearney     | Gary Meyers        | Mike Paulk        |
|  | Rief Kessler       | Ed Miller          | Steve Payne*      |
|  | Bill Killion*      | Edward Miller      | Damon Pearce      |
|  | Lew King           | Greg Miller*       | Larry Permenter   |
|  | Teddy King         | Ted Miller         | Joshua Pettijohn* |
|  | Gary Koerner       | John Mischefsky*   | Dan Petty         |
|  | Danny Koonce*      | Jackie Mitchell    | Bruce Phillips    |
|  | Mike Korzenewski   | Lane Mitchell      | Michael Phillips  |
|  | Wyatt Kotal        | Clay Mobley        | Larry Pittman     |
|  | Preston Leach      | Randall Mobley     | Raymond Pittman   |
|  | Gerry Lewis        | Wayne Monk         | Bill Pollock      |
|  | John Lovitt        | BJ Moody           | Dale Prudhome*    |
|  | Dan Lowe           | Billy Moore        | Kern Railsback*   |
|  | William Kelly Lowe | Frank Moore        | Thomas Ramsey     |
|  | Doug Lusk          | Phil Moore*        | Scott Rash        |
|  | David Mace         | Stan Moore         | Jon Ratzlaff      |
|  | Chris Machen       | Chad Morgan        | David Ray         |
|  | Michael J Manley   | Jim Morrow         | Paul Reavis       |
|  | Rex Mann           | Eddie Murphy       | Kris Redus*       |
|  | Kevin Martin       | Bruce Muskrat      | Larry Reeves      |
|  | Matthew Martin     | Richard Mussler    | J. Rice           |
|  | Larry Marx         | Darwin Myers       | Jim Richardson    |
|  | Ralph Massey       | Terry Neel         | Nolan Richey      |
|  | Bill Massie        | Jeff Nelson**      | David Rickerson*  |



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|  | Randy Rives*      | Kent Spielmann*    | David Vernon      |
|  | Darryl Roberts    | Gregory Stahl      | Tim Waechter      |
|  | James R. Roberts  | Wayne Stahlheber   | Douglas Walker    |
|  | Lowell Rollins    | Larry Stanaland    | Harold Webster    |
|  | Richard Rossander | Todd Stearns       | Tom Webster*      |
|  | Daniel Roucloux   | Paul Stephens      | J.K. Weger        |
|  | Brad Rountree     | Charles Stewart    | Bill Wentzell     |
|  | Raymond Sanchez   | Eddward Stewart    | Larry Wesson      |
|  | Raymond Sanchez*  | Danny Stinson      | Ken Wharton*      |
|  | Jason Sandefer    | Brian Storey       | Dave Whittington  |
|  | Davy Sanders      | Allen Stowe        | Tom Wideman       |
|  | Michael Sanford   | Donnie Stribble    | Wiley Wilkerson   |
|  | Jay Sawyer        | Allen Stroud       | Jerry Williams    |
|  | David Scherler*   | Raymond Suffron    | Les Williams      |
|  | Woody Schober     | Matt Sumrall       | Michael Williams  |
|  | Jacob Sensenig    | Kermit Tandberg    | Phillip Williams  |
|  | Wes Sewell        | Vaughn Tatum       | Buddy Wilson      |
|  | Ronnie Shepperd*  | Allan Taylor       | John (Bob) Wilson |
|  | Larry Shields     | Jon Taylor         | Landry Wilson     |
|  | Ricky Shute       | Marcus Taylor      | Larry Wilson      |
|  | Michael Simmons*  | George W Terry     | Todd Wilson**     |
|  | Andre Simon**     | Gary Thedford      | Billy Wimpee      |
|  | Carey Skinner     | Derrel Thompson*   | Clay Winskie      |
|  | Michael Slaughter | Tim Timmons        | Mike Woodard      |
|  | Scott Slaughter   | Glenn Tobleman     | Charles Woodward  |
|  | Ken Smith         | Sam Trujillo       | Kevin Woolley     |
|  | Terry Smith       | Brian Tullos       | Paul Wyatt        |
|  | Steven Snowden    | Dan Turner         |                   |
|  | Tim Snowden       | Glen Vanlandingham |                   |
|  | Sam Spear         | Norman Vella       |                   |



**KEVIN BARHAM**

Electric Guitar/Vocals

**TRENT BLACKLEY**

Acoustic Guitar/Vocals

**Michael Bridges**

Acoustic Guitar/Vocals

**STEVE COLBURN**

Electric Guitar/Vocals

**JASON FARGASON**

Fiddle

**JOHN HEWITT**

Bass Guitar/Vocals

**PAUL JENNINGS**

Electric Guitar

**IHOR KUDELIN**

Keys

**TEXAS BAPTISTS**

*Music & Worship*

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