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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.

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

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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

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

Directors



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

Directors

(Current & Past)

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

50th

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 Caudle
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

	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 Comer	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	Michael 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

	Jim Jackson	Bill Massie	Jeff Nelson**
	Deblert Jacobson	Robert Mathews	Bill Norton
	Brian James*	Steve Maxwell	Steve Novak
	Steve James*	John McAnelly, Jr.	James Nuckolls*
	Warren James	Peter McCann	Justin Ogden
	Will James	Steve McClean*	Chris Oliver
	Daniel Jennings	Tim McGaughy	Harold Owen
	Cody Johnson	Troy McGilvray	Barry Owens
	Mark Johnson	Trey McKee	Donnie Page*
	Gene Jones	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

	David Rickerson*	Sam Spear	Norman Vella
	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	



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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