

Singing Brothers of Stilwell

Directed by Dr. Jimmy Cheek
Martha Ellen Stilwell School of the Arts
Jonesboro, Georgia



About the Ensemble: The Singing Brothers of Stilwell was established in August 2017 at M. E. Stilwell School of the Arts, Jonesboro, Georgia, to fulfill the vision of Dr. Kay Pace, Head Choral Director. This vocal group serves as an extra-curricular organization that seeks to provide male students enrolled/majoring in band, vocal music, orchestra, theatre and visual arts with the opportunity to experience brotherhood, team building, and enhanced musicianship through choral music performance. Since its inception, the group has performed for major events in the Clayton County Public School District and throughout Georgia. They received all superior ratings at the 2018 Georgia Music Educators Association's Large Group Performance Evaluation (LGPE).

This group includes members that have performed at Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, Spivey Hall, and participated in GMEA All-State Chorus and GMEA All-State Reading Chorus. Additional accomplishments include performing with the Peach State Opera Company and being selected as finalists for the Georgia Governors Honors Program. Group members recently were selected as the 2018 winners of the quartet and solo division at the Georgia High School Athletic Associations Literary State Championship.

About the Director: Dr. Jimmy A. Cheek is a native of Greensboro, North Carolina. His academic accomplishments include a Ph.D. in Music Education from The University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG) with minors in Educational Supervision, Choral Conducting and Research Methodology; Master of Music Education degree from UNCG; and Bachelor of Arts (cum laude) in General Music from North Carolina A&T State University. He currently teaches intermediate music theory, piano and serves as a choral Director at Martha Ellen Stilwell School of the Arts, Jonesboro, Georgia.

Dr. Cheek has taught kindergarten through graduate school levels. Over his 25-year career, his choral groups have consistently received superior ratings in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. He has served as a choral clinician and music adjudicator, published music teaching strategies, presented research at national and international conferences, and received numerous awards. He is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America, and the Georgia Music Educators Association.

