

## GROUP BIOGRAPHY

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### STEFANIE ALBRIGHT – Soprano

Stefanie has been a member of choirs and ensembles since her elementary school days. She performed in numerous productions and competitions in high school and had the privilege of singing abroad during her college years. She finds great inspiration from The Real Group and Margareta Bengtson. She currently is working on expanding her range. Stefanie has been married for five years and has a beautiful daughter named Claire.

### KIMBERLY HODGES – Alto

Kim made her performing debut at age two when she made a dash for the stage at a variety show, unbeknownst to her parents, and joined the cast for the finale, earning the title, "Hillbilly Jigger." She has been chasing the stage ever since, singing all over the world with various groups in high school and college. Kim is married to John, Clearly Vocal's baritone, and they have three children.

### DANNY BURGESS – Tenor

Coming from a long line of professional musicians, Danny Burgess is an accomplished pianist, composer, and arranger. Throughout his career, Danny has performed with artists ranging from Vic Damone to Neal McCoy.

### JOHN HODGES – Baritone

John has been a music addict for as long as he can remember. At an early age, he became entangled in a web of band, choir, musical theater and radio. So far, he has performed in thirty-four states and at least thirteen countries. John has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music from Harding University and a Master of Marriage and Family Therapy degree from Abilene Christian University. Currently, he is the Worship Minister at Glenwood Church of Christ in Tyler, Texas, where he leads a Monday night therapy group for compulsive singers.

### DON NEAL – Bass

Don gave up the trombone in the eighth grade to sing Bass in the choir, amazing everyone with his man voice at the age of thirteen. He sang in choral groups and small ensembles for the next ten years. He has been a missionary in Africa and now teaches eighth grade math.

## REPERTOIRE

<b>Big Bad World</b>	The Real Group
<b>Blue Moon</b>	Jazz Standard
<b>Bohemian Rhapsody</b>	Queen
<b>Brahms Lullaby</b>	Johannes Brahms (arr., Gene Puerling)
<b>Chattanooga Choo Choo</b>	Glenn Miller and the Modernaires
<b>Fever</b>	Peggy Lee
<b>Fly Me to the Moon</b>	Frank Sinatra (arr., by Danny Burgess)
<b>The Grass Grows Greener</b>	The Real Group
<b>Happy Birthday</b>	Traditional (arr., by Cliff Ganus)
<b>I Get a Kick Out of You</b>	Frank Sinatra
<b>I Sing, You Sing</b>	The Real Group
<b>In the Still of the Night</b>	Five Satins
<b>It Don't Mean a Thing</b>	Duke Ellington
<b>It's All Right</b>	Huey Lewis and the News
<b>It's So Hard to Say Goodbye</b>	Boyz II Men
<b>Java Jive</b>	Manhattan Transfer
<b>A Life for Me</b>	The Real Group
<b>The Lion Sleeps Tonight</b>	The Tokens
<b>The Longest Time</b>	Billy Joel
<b>My Funny Valentine</b>	Jazz Standard (arr., by Danny Burgess)
<b>Pulse</b>	Original (by Danny Burgess)
<b>Route 66</b>	Nat King Cole
<b>Run, Run, Run</b>	The Real Group
<b>Splanky</b>	Count Basie
<b>Stand by Me</b>	Ben E. King
<b>Unforgettable</b>	Nat King Cole
<b>Vincent (Starry, Starry Night)</b>	Don McLean
<b>The Way You Look Tonight</b>	Jazz Standard
<b>When I Fall in Love</b>	Jazz Standard
<b>When You Wish upon a Star</b>	Jazz Standard
<b>Words</b>	The Real Group

### CHRISTMAS:

**Feliz Navidad**  
**I'll Be Home for Christmas**  
**Jingle Bell Rock**  
**Jingle Bells**  
**Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow**  
**Mary, Did You Know?**  
**The Most Wonderful Time of the Year**  
**Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree**  
**Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer**  
**Santa Baby**  
**Santa Claus is Coming to Town**  
**The Twelve Days After Christmas**

### PATRIOTIC:

**America, the Beautiful**  
**Armed Forces Medley**  
**Battle Hymn of the Republic**  
**God Bless America**  
**God Bless the U.S.A.**  
**My Country, 'Tis of Thee**  
**Over There**  
**The Star Spangled Banner**  
**This Is My Country**  
**This Land Is Your Land**  
**Yankee Doodle**  
**Yankee Doodle Dandy**  
**You're a Grand Old Flag**

## APPEARANCES

Mouth Off Show podcast – [www.mouthoffshow.com](http://www.mouthoffshow.com)

A Cappella Centennial Celebration

Denton Jazz Fest

Edom Festival of the Arts

SoJam A Cappella Festival

Atria Willow Park Senior Living

Azalea Trails Assisted Living

Bernard Mediterranean Restaurant

Breakers: A Seafood Joint

Broadway Square Mall

Chamber of Commerce “After Hours”

Coyote Sam’s Bar and Grill

Destination Tyler

Emerald Bay Country Club

Glenwood Church of Christ

Hideaway Lake Country Club

Karing Kitchen

KE Cellars

Mario’s Italian Restaurant

New Life Church

Pico de Gallo Mexican Restaurant

Private Weddings

Le Potager Banquet and Conference Center

Rick’s on the Square

Rose Garden Center

Rotary Club

Sonoma Grill

The Waterton Plaza Senior Care

Willow Brook Country Club

## QUOTES

Runner Up, 2009 "Where Did They Come From?" Award, *Mouth Off Show*

"Clearly Vocal, the amazing Contemporary A Cappella League group out of Texas...so good. Who are these people? Why don't we have their CD?"

"They were so great. Not only are they just the nicest, nicest people in whole universe, they can really, really sing. It was so exciting to see a group of such high quality from the CAL [Contemporary A Cappella League] organization. It was really, really awesome to get to hear them sing." Christopher Diaz, *Mouth Off Show*

"They were just so spot on. The pitch was so good." Dave Brown, *Mouth Off Show*

"We just wanted to express our thanks and say how wonderful you sounded at the Destination Tyler event held in the Rose Garden Center this week." Deborah Cooper, *Destination Tyler*

"I thoroughly enjoyed hearing you at the Edom Arts Festival on Saturday. You all are wonderful! I have forwarded your website to KAAM Radio in Dallas. They play the songs you sing. I hope to hear you again soon!" Carol Birdsong, *Edom Festival of the Arts*

"You guys were awesome, and definitely deserve a better performing venue at next year's fest. Thanks for the entertainment." Joseph Iliff, *Denton Jazz Fest*

Special Recognition by Aubrey D. Sharpe, "The Man About Town," *BSCENE Magazine*

"I have had the great pleasure of listening to and experiencing Danny Burgess and **Clearly Vocal** at numerous parties and events. Without a doubt, the Big Band and Jazz sounds produced by this five member a cappella group are astounding. Not only are they all musically gifted, but they are real entertainers. Whether you prefer wonderfully special musical arrangements, beautifully tight harmonies, dancing the night away or laughing till your sides hurt, you'll get it all with Clearly Vocal. They are my favorites."

Aubrey D. Sharpe, Ed.D.  
Dean, Continuing Studies  
Tyler Junior College

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### CLEARLY VOCAL HOSTS A CAPPELLA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION Several East Texas Vocal Groups Participate in Free Community Concert

Tyler, Texas – April 18, 2009 – Clearly Vocal hosted the A Cappella Centennial Celebration, 7 P.M., Saturday, April 18, 2009, at Glenwood Church of Christ in Tyler. Five vocal groups of varying styles entertained sans instruments in a free community concert celebrating 100 years of collegiate and contemporary a cappella music. Performers that night included the Tyler Junior College Chamber Singers, The Blessing (women's contemporary worship), Faithful Praise (gospel), Then & Now (barbershop quartet) and Clearly Vocal.

The Yale Whiffenpoofs began singing in January 1909. As the first college a cappella group, they were the spark for today's exploding college and high school a cappella scene. College a cappella, in turn, was the birthplace of numerous contemporary a cappella groups, including Rockapella, The House Jacks, and many that followed in their footsteps.

The A Cappella Centennial Celebration is 100 days of a cappella concerts around the world, celebrating college a cappella and the musical movement it inspired. Running from Valentine's Day 2009 (Saturday, February 14) through Memorial Day weekend (Sunday, May 24), this "virtual festival" celebrates all styles of all-vocal music as performed by more than 5,000 ensembles around the globe.

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