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2020-21 STUDENT AWARDS BANQUET

Outstanding Students Receive Music Ensemble Silver Medals

Near the end of each spring semester, many outstanding students from all fields of study and disciplines celebrate with faculty and staff for the Student Awards Banquet. At this year's banquet in April, students received awards in their own academic fields and were also presented the President's Award, Mr. and Ms. LCU, and music faculty awarded outstanding students for each ensemble.



Dr. Philip Camp (center), Director of Chamber Singers, Best Friends, and Praise Choir, with Silver Medal recipients: **Jared Pendergrass**, Sr. Psychology Major (Chamber Singers) **Abbey Langford**, Sr. Biology/Pre-PA Major (Best Friends) **Lauren Camp**, Jr. Pre-Music Therapy Major (Chamber Singers) **Hannah Ward**, Sr. Pre-Nursing Major (Praise Choir), **Luke Henderson**, Jr. Biblical Text & Preaching Major (Praise Choir)

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Dr. Laurie Doyle (right), Director of Forte, with Forte Silver Medal recipient, **Madison Simpson**, Sr. Theatre Major



Dr. Jackie Townsend (center), Band Director, with Silver Medal recipients: **Logan Parks, Jr.** IST Major (Symphonic Band) **Nathan Hargrove**, Sr. Music Major (Jazz & Symph. Bands)

Praise Choir & Chamber Singers

Choir Continues Performance Excellence Through Challenges of Covid-19



Praise Choir and Symphonic Band Performing for Presidential Inauguration of Dr. Scott McDowell

Choir Highlights

Praise Choir warms up for spring concert inside the new music facility, the Wayne & Yvonne Hinds Music Center



Praise Choir performs Byron Rogers' *This Man Receives Sinners*, a cantata for chorus, chamber orchestra, and soloist, based on Luke 15.

For highlights of this and other performances through the year, go to:

youtube.com/watch?v=Vh8fUs7mq1k

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Best Friends



BEST FRIENDS 2020-2021
 LUKE HENDERSON: Bass (Junior) • CALEB CATES: Tenor (Sophomore)
 GAVIN WARD: Tenor (Sophomore) • LOGAN PARKS: Vocal Percussion & Bass (Junior)
 DEVYON-RESEAN WILBORN: Live Sound Tech (Sophomore) • TRUETT CORDER: Baritone & Tenor (Freshman)
 ABRIANA FERNANDEZ: Soprano (Sophomore) • TAYLOR INSILAN: Alto (Sophomore)
 ABBEY LANCFORD, Soprano (Senior) • HANNAH WARD: Alto (Senior)

Though Best Friends was not able to travel in the fall semester, and even ended up having to cancel a Christmas tour due to the Covid-19 pandemic, they stayed very busy leading worship on campus for students, and working on two albums. Though both projects were a bit shorter, again, due to the challenges that were endured through the year, seven songs were recorded on the album STILL ROLLING STONES, released in February, and five songs were recorded for the Christmas album that will be released at a future date. However, as things opened up in the spring semester, Best Friends began receiving invitations to lead worship and present concerts in various places throughout Texas.



During the spring semester, Best Friends traveled to the following locations for youth retreats or concerts: Floydada, Cedar Hill, Amarillo, Goldthwaite, Marble Falls, Childress, Abilene, Shallowater, and various churches in Lubbock. Immediately following the spring semester, the group took a longer tour for performances in Texas (San Angelo, College Station, Willow Park, and Vernon), as well as Oklahoma (Admore, Lawton, and Edmond).

For booking information about Best Friends for 2021-22, contact Dr. Philip Camp at: Philip.Camp@LCU.edu

Best Friends, with Thomas Aduddell, leading worship for Encounter.

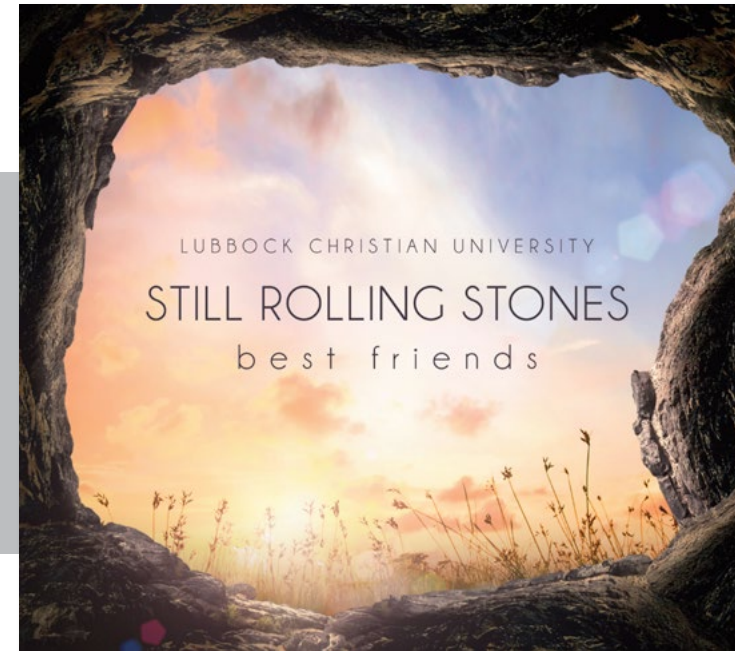


Find Best Friends videos, music links, touring and other information at LCU.edu/BestFriends or at [Facebook.com/LCUBestFriends](https://www.facebook.com/LCUBestFriends)

Check out Best Friends music on Spotify, Youtube, Amazon Music, or AppleMusic and iTunes.

Director: Dr. Philip Camp
 Technical Director: Nathan Anderson

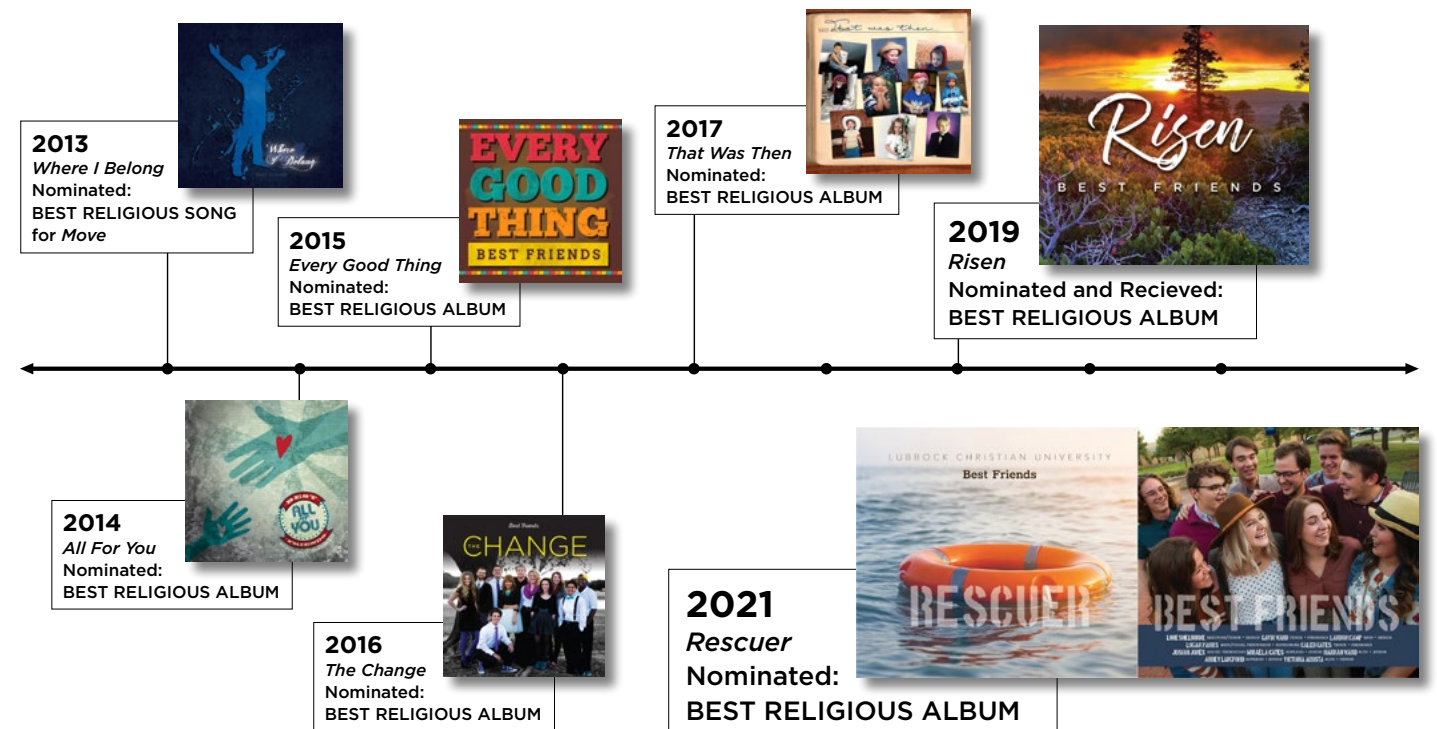
Best Friends Albums from 2020-21



To watch the "Still Rolling Stones" music video, go to: youtube.com/watch?v=G-QyjFZp4k



Nominations & Awards



Symphonic Band



Despite the many obstacles presented to us last year, the Symphonic Band was still able to give FIVE performances, including: the Presidential Concert in honor of our new President, Dr. Scott McDowell, the investiture ceremony for Dr. McDowell, the Big Blue Christmas event, a Christmas concert (sent as a digital Christmas card!), and a Spring Concert, featuring guest composer Jennifer Jolley! Dr. Jolley was kind enough to work with us on her piece "Lichtweg/Lightway" during rehearsal, and even introduced it at the concert in April.

(Above) President McDowell Investiture Ceremony

(Right) Online Christmas Concert



Jazz Band

This year marked the first year the Jazz Band performed under the direction of Ms. Lynda Reid, who also joined the group on tenor saxophone! The Jazz Band performed with the Symphonic Band for the Presidential Concert in September, as well as the Big Blue Christmas event, virtual Christmas Concert, and the Spring Concert. They also recorded the music for Master Follies in April, using our brand-new rehearsal hall!



The Jazz Band performed outdoors at LCU's annual *Big Blue Christmas*, held as a drive-through event this year.

Big Blue Basketball Band

During the Spring semester, the Big Blue Basketball Band was able to perform at all home games, adding plenty of extra cheers for our LCU Chaps and Lady Chaps. They also provided music during the "Lady Chaps Parade on the Mall" in April to celebrate our National Championship winning team!



Forte



Even in the midst of a pandemic, Forte continued to perform. They sang for music classes in Lake Dallas and Lubbock via Zoom. Alums Stephanie Hamilton and Amanda Allen hosted Forte for these concerts. Forte also performed live for Sonshine Preschool (alum Judy Linker), at Kingdom Prep Academy Academy (alum DeLeisha Sheppard), and at an elementary in Levelland (alum Alyssa Peschell).

Forte ended the year with an on-campus concert of songs from musicals made into movies.

Master Follies

Even with all of the changes required due to the new protocol to mitigate any chance of infection for our performances on stage, Master Follies was a tremendous success. Though the hosts were required to perform all of their songs on the left stage wing, the overall performance was just a solid if not one of the best Follies shows in the history of the production.

Our hosts and hostesses included Abbey Langford, Abriana Fernandez, Logan Parks, Hannah Ward, and Landon Gomez. With staging by Dr. Shawn Hughes and choreography by Tami Hodnett, Dr. Philip Camp served as the musical director for the hosts and hostesses, and the jazz band was directed by Lynda Reid.



Wayne & Yvonne Hinds Music Center



In the spring semester, we were blessed to move into the new Gullo Rehearsal Hall housed inside the Wayne and Yvonne Hinds Music Center.

This facility, completed in February, provides much needed space for studio lessons for students taking lessons on various instruments, but also provides much needed practice rooms and a permanent rehearsal space for the symphonic band and other instrumental ensembles. Further, with the social distancing we were observing last year, the 60-voices of the Praise Choir also were able to move into the Gullo Rehearsal Hall for daily rehearsals, which gave the choir more than enough space to maintain social distancing in an outstanding acoustical environment that made for more effective and efficient rehearsals. The facility was dedicated in April as a part of the homecoming activities, where family and close friends of Dr. Wayne and Yvonne Hinds celebrated with us.

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