# GILBERT CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

#### Women's Chorale

Women's Chorale is a non-auditioned, full-year women's choral ensemble open to high school students with a limited musical or choral background. The course of study consists of the basics of vocal production, fundamentals of music theory, music listening, historical knowledge, and fine ensemble singing. A varied repertoire of literature is selected from antiquity to the present. Students will strive for musical excellence in both musical endeavors and personal character. Chorale may perform in concerts and community events; therefore, commitment to each rehearsal, concert, and tour is mandatory and expected. With the approval of the director, students will have the opportunity to compete in events such as Solo-Ensemble Contest, Central Regional Choir, and Arizona All-State Choir. A one-year commitment is required for this course. This course may be repeated for credit.

### **Advanced Women's Choir**

Advanced Women's Chorale is an auditioned, full-year women's choral ensemble open to high school students with a limited musical or choral background. The course of study consists of advanced vocal production, fundamentals of music theory, music listening, historical knowledge, and fine ensemble singing. A varied repertoire of literature is selected from antiquity to the present. Students will strive for musical excellence in both musical endeavors and personal character. Advanced Women's Choir will perform in concerts, festivals, domestic tours, and community events; therefore, commitment to each rehearsal, concert, and tour is mandatory and expected. With the approval of the director, students will have the opportunity to compete in events such as Solo-Ensemble Contest, Central Regional Choir, and Arizona All-State Choir. A one-year commitment is required for this course. This course may be repeated for credit.

### **Concert Choir**

Concert Choir is an auditioned, advanced mixed chorale ensemble open to high school students with a strong musical and choral background. The course of study consists of continuing to develop proper vocal technique, music theory, sight-reading, historical knowledge, and fine ensemble singing. A varied repertoire of advanced literature is selected from antiquity to the present. Concert Choir performs in all festivals, concerts, domestic tours, and community events; therefore, commitment to each rehearsal, concert, and tour is mandatory and expected. Students will strive for musical excellence in both musical endeavors and personal character. Students are encouraged to compete in events such as Solo/Ensemble Contest, Central Regional Choir, and Arizona All-State Choir. Only Concert Choir members may audition for Bel Canto Singers. A one-year commitment is required for this course. This course may be repeated for credit

## **Bel Canto**

Bel Canto is the top-tier vocal ensemble at GCS open to high school students with a strong musical and choral background. The course of study consists of developing proper vocal technique, a strong emphasis on sight-reading and ear training, historical knowledge, and ensemble singing in a small group. A varied repertoire of advanced literature is selected from antiquity to the present. All music in Bel Canto is performed a cappella. Bel Canto has a greater number of performances, festivals and tours than any ensemble at the school; therefore, commitment to each rehearsal, concert, and tour is mandatory and expected. Students will strive for musical excellence in both musical endeavors and personal character. Students are HIGHLY encouraged to compete in events such as Solo/ Ensemble Contest, Central Regional Choir, and Arizona All-State Choir. This ensemble meets before school Monday-Thursday from 7:00-7:40. Though this group is not technically a course, a one-year commitment is required.