

Trip McGill **Star Teacher**

Starting my freshman year, I took chorus because I got tired of band and my mom said I should. Little did I know that the man sitting on a stool beside the piano – wearing that shirt and tie that he didn't like wearing but did just because Joey Clinton told him he had to – would change the course of my life forever.

People like Trip McGill do not come around very often. I have never met someone who pours their life into everything they do like Mr. McGill. When people have the opportunity to attend a performance by one of his choirs, some are touched by the beauty of the choir or the message of the piece, but the thing that they never see is the one of most importance to me.

When he conducts, Mr. McGill is taken to another place and it is clearly visible by his facial expressions while conducting. All his hard work, passion, and beliefs are visible in those moments. Everything Mr. McGill does can be summed up right there. Everything he does is for his students, nothing else matters; all that he thinks about is putting us first and getting us to be the best we can be.

I recall one specific moment, on the stage of Carnegie Hall. I will never forget the look – that half smile just as he prepares to bring us in by taking the breath – in that moment we realize that he has brought us to the pinnacle; all of our hard work has paid off, and we can now just let the work speak for itself. That is just one of the many moments of Trip McGill that I will never forget.

Thank you for everything you have done for me and all the others in your life.

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