

# News Release

## Springhurst's Swietlicki is Music Teacher by Day; TV Composer by Night

**Dobbs Ferry, March 23, 2017**--Springhurst Elementary School's very own music impresario, **George Swietlicki**, has gone Hollywood. One of his recorded arrangements was recently purchased by the television show "**Homeland**," airing Sunday nights at 9:00 pm on Showtime (EST), and it is now being played throughout season six as part of the lead-in to all 12 episodes. Homeland is an award-winning American crime thriller television series.

In the opening credits sequence of every episode this season, you can't miss the five-second choral rendition of "**And the home of the brave**," the poignant last line of the Star Spangled Banner. But not all versions of the National Anthem's final verse are created the same. Sung by the Nashville Children's Choir online, Swietlicki couldn't mistake his arrangement in four-part harmony. It is an original sound and music to your ears.

"There are notes underneath and extra notes above that provide the harmony," Swietlicki explained. "It's very distinctive and I spent weeks figuring it out...I did my homework. To give it its full value, you have to know what notes to use and when."

Homeland purchased the rights to Swietlicki's arrangement through his long-time publisher Bourne Music Company. The **Springhurst Harmonaires** have been singing The Star Spangled Banner, under Swietlicki's direction, at Mets games since 1989. "It is probably the most famous song in America," Swietlicki said, "and Harmonaires, past and present, still have all those magic notes in their heads."

Catch episode 10 of season 6 this Sunday night, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 pm on Showtime and don't miss the intro! Click here to watch video of the Springhurst Harmonaires singing The National Anthem at City Field in 2013...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nUIoJUOo-dk>

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