



SPECTRUM PROJECT

UNI / University of Northern Iowa

The Spectrum Project Show!

IT'S THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY, AND WE WANT TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU!

A Decade of Magic

It's showtime!!!

APRIL 6TH, 2025
@ 2:00 P.M.

AT GALLAGHER BLUEDORN
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER!

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SpectrumProject.org



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WHAT IS THE UNI SPECTRUM PROJECT?

The Spectrum Project is a Saturday program that brings together music, movement, drama, and art for children with differing abilities. Each week, UNI students guide activities based on the performers' own ideas, creating a fun and inclusive environment.

Our **Performers** range in age from 5 to 21 and come from across the Cedar Valley and as far as Des Moines. We meet every Saturday starting in January to prepare for today's show.

Each performer is paired with a **Buddy** – a volunteer student from UNI, Allen College, or Hawkeye Community College. Buddies come from all majors and dedicate their time each weekend to support and collaborate with our performers.

The program is led by **Student Directors and Support Staff** who work together to transform the performers' creative ideas into a final production that is both safe and enjoyable for all.

The Spectrum Project continues a local tradition of providing performing arts experiences for children with differing abilities. It grew out of Spectrum Theatre, founded in 2012 by UNI Theatre Professor Gretta Berghammer. Our program is inspired by the Ball State Prism Project, launched in 2009 by Ryan and Amy Hourigan at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.

We are proud to be supported by the UNI School of Music and generous community partners.

2026 SPECTRUM PROJECT!!!

Performer registration and Buddy applications open:

October 1, 2025

First rehearsal - January 24, 2026

Register at spectrumproject.org



2025 PROGRAM

Order	Group	Scene
1	Lilly Blackburn	Welcome to a Decade of Magic
2	Purple	The Greatest Show
3	Red	Magic: Rock!
4	Blue	24K Magic
5	Blue	Audtion
6	Gold	Everything is Not What it Seems
7	Gold	Superheroes
9	Purple	Magic School Bus
10	Purple	Magical Treasure Chest
11	Red	I Put a Spell on You
12	Red	Spectrum Species Project
13	Blue	Magical Buddy
14	Gold	Buckets of Magic
15	All Groups	Performer Introductions



ARLO BROWN
2025



**RAY
HANGARTNER**
2024



CLARK KOSTNER
2023



**CHLOE
THOMPSON**
2025



DANIEL VALIEV
2024



**JAYLYNN
WESTEMEIER**
2024



PURPLE GROUP



EMMA HARLE
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
SPENCER, IA



SHANNON MARLEY
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
GLENWOOD, IA



GRACE WALKER
SOCIAL WORK
CLEAR LAKE, IA



SHY BOWLING
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
PRESTON, IA



ELIZABETH BURGER
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
GOWRIE, IA



ANDREA GRUNDON
ELEM. & MIDDLE LEVEL ED.
JEFFERSON, IA



NORA ACKERSON
2024



SOPHIA ALLEN
2020



GABBIE DAVIS
2025



CARTER DROSTE
2024



ZANDER HORNER
2020



ZA'NYA JORDAN
2024



TUCKER MCDONALD
2020



SAMUEL O'CONNOR
2020



EASTON PALMERSHEIM
2025



MARIN PARSONS
2025



JACOB PETERSEN
2025



ORSON WOOD
2024



GOLD GROUP



ANDREA DALEY
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
ROCK ISLAND, IL



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COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND
DISORDERS
FOREST CITY, IA



KIERA JACKSON
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
FONT ANELLE, IA/CLINTON, IA



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COMMUNICATIONS SCIENCES AND
DISORDERS
DODGEVILLE, WI



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ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
ELDRIDGE, IA



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ROCK ISLAND, IL



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COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND
DISORDERS
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA



TRISTA THOMPSON
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
GRINNELL, IA



LILLI WHEELER
PSYCHOLOGY
ALTOONA, IA



BRADY BOLIN
2025



BRITTANY BRAND
2017



OLIVER BURGETT
2025



QUINN CHILDERS
2018



MACKENZIE ENGEL
2020



SAM HARBAUGH
2015



NOAH O'CONNOR
2017



PAETRA SAUER
2017



ANNIE SHORES
2018



GAVIN WESTEMEIER
2023



SHUNYE WORTHAM
2019



RED GROUP



SPENCER ANDERSON
MUSIC
MINNEAPOLIS, MN



VIKTOR CASTRO
POLITICAL SCIENCE
WHEATON, IL



CASSIDY CRAIG
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
CEDAR FALLS, IA



JD DENINGER
MUSIC EDUCATION
IOWA CITY, IA



SOPHIA JENSEN
THEATER PERFORMANCE
CHARLES CITY, IA



ISABELLE NELSON
CHEMISTRY TEACHING
WATERLOO, IA



MATTHEW RICHARDSON
MUSIC EDUCATION
MUSCATINE, IA



LILLY BLACKBURN
2020



SHELBY BLAKE
2016



STEVEN BRAND
2017



FREDDY BURGETT
2025



DAYTON JENSEN
2015



MAYA JENSEN
2015



KAYLA MCCORMICK
2018



JOSHUA SCHMIDT
2017



DANIELLE SHIMP
2015



ROSE WOLFF
2017



THOMAS YOUNG
2015



BLUE GROUP



JAYDEN BARTHOLE
COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND
DISORDERS
LEMARS, IA



DEREK FANGMAN
HISTORY EDUCATION
FARLEY, IA



GRETA HERBST
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
TECHNOLOGY
BETTENDORF, IA



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SPECTRUM PROJECT

ALL STAR BAND



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Thank You

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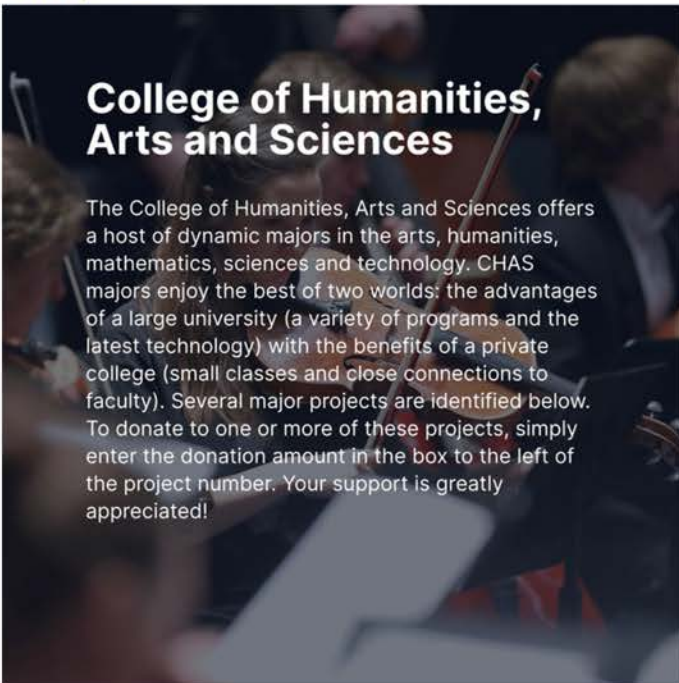
Sound Engineer

We extend our deepest gratitude to Tom Barry, who has been our incredible sound engineer since the Spectrum Project began in 2015. Tom's presence has been nothing short of essential, not only to our program, but to the entire UNI School of Music. With a lifetime of experience as a performer, teacher, and audio expert, Tom brings an unmatched level of care, professionalism, and heart to everything he does. He understands the spirit of the Spectrum Project and has supported our performers with patience, precision, and a genuine love for the work. Tom is the reason our sound is as magical as the show we create. We're endlessly thankful for his kindness and his unwavering belief in what we do.



Spectrum Project Foundation

Donations to the Spectrum Project can be made through the UNI Foundation. The UNI Foundation is a 501(c)3 with the mission to grow and sustain private resources and build relationships to support the University of Northern Iowa, its students, faculty, staff and programs. Gifts can be in the form of cash, planned giving, securities & stock or property. <https://foundation.uni.edu>



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Thank You to All Spectrum Buddies and Staff, Past & Present



Spectrum JamFest is May 17, 2025 in downtown Cedar Falls.

Spectrum JamFest is an outdoor live music event showcasing local youth and school bands (rock, country, hip-hop, pop, metal, punk, alternative, etc.). Proceeds and donations go to support the **UNI Spectrum Project**.

MANDY HARVEY is back! to headline

the 2024 Spectrum JamFest. Mandy is a singer, songwriter, author, and speaker who happens to be deaf. Mandy was Simon Cowell's "Golden Buzzer" pickon America's Got Talent. The video has collectively received over 500 million views. Mandy uses her talents and artistry to encourage others which can be seen by her many acts as part of nonprofit organizations such as No Barriers USA. At Spectrum JamFest, students will be invited onstage to sing and play the ukulele with Mandy.



MANDY HARVEY

- ▶ Bring a lawn chair & blanket
- ▶ Enjoy the food from local vendors
- ▶ Buy raffle tickets and win cool stuff
- ▶ Play ukulele with Mandy Harvey
- ▶ Rock out with Cedar Valley young musicians
- ▶ **Support Spectrum Project**

Rain date: Sunday, May 18, 2025

LOOKING FOR SPONSORS AND RAFFLE DONORS!

Is your Business or Organization Interested in being a JamFest sponsor or donate to the Raffle?

<https://tinyurl.com/jamfest25>



2024 SPECTRUM JAMFEST SPONSORS

Proceeds from our benefit concert fundraiser, the Spectrum JamFest, go directly to support the Spectrum Project.



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Learn guitar, bass, drumset, keyboard, ukelele, and singing (instruments provided)

With workshops in...
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Early Registration Fees - Before June 1, 2025

Commuter (Ages 9-11) - \$415*
Commuter (Ages 12-19) - \$435*
Residence (Ages 12-19) - \$680**

Regular Registration Fees - On or after June 1, 2025

Commuter (Ages 9-11) - \$465*
Commuter (Ages 12-19) - \$485*
Residence (Ages 12-19) - \$730**

Registration includes:

- Workshops and master classes
- Band practices with coaches
- Camp t-shirt
- End of camp jamfest concert

For more information...

contact kevin.droe@uni.edu
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* Includes lunch in a UNI Dining Center

** Includes three meals a day (breakfast, lunch and dinner)



Register

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