



# SPECTRUM PROJECT

**UNI** / University of  
Northern Iowa



# 2026

# APRIL 19, 2026

# 2:00 PM

# GALLAGHER-BLUEDORN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

[SpectrumProject.org](http://SpectrumProject.org)

Art credits for 2026 season logo - Yesenia Tellez Chavez

## ***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 have 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.

This year's program is supported in part by a grant from the **Iowa Arts Council**.

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

### **2027 SPECTRUM PROJECT!!!**

Performer registration and Buddy applications open:

**October 1, 2026**

First rehearsal - January 23, 2027

Register at [spectrumproject.org](https://spectrumproject.org)



# 2026 PROGRAM

Order	Group/Person	Scene
1	Lilly Blackburn	Lilly to Introduce the Show
2	Red (T)	Growing Up!
3	Purple (M)	How Far I'll Go
4	Purple (D)	Dreaming of the Park
5	Blue (T)	Dreams
6	Gold (M)	Almost There
7	Gold (T)	What is a Box
8	Red (D)	Determine to Explore
9	Purple (T)	Hungry Catapiller
10	Lilly Blackburn	A Million Dreams
11	Gold (D)	Spectrum Hollywood Stars
12	Red (M)	Don't Stop Believin'
13	Blue (D)	Push It to the Limit
14	Blue (M)	Try Everything
15	All Groups	Performer Introductions and Dance Party - TRY EVERYTHING



**BRIGGS  
BOCHMANN**



**ARLO BROWN**



**EMMALYN  
CAMPBELL**



**CLARK KOSTNER**



**OLIVE ROWLAND**



**CHLOE  
THOMPSON**



**DANIEL VALIEV**



**JAYLYNN  
WESTEMEIER**

# PURPLE GROUP



**SHY BOWLING**  
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION  
PRESTON, IA



**ELIZABETH BURGER**  
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION  
GOWRIE, IA



**ZOIE CALLAN**  
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION  
NEW HARTFORD, IA



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



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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION  
SPENCER, IA



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ELEMENTARY EDUCATION  
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GLENWOOD, IA



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SOCIAL WORK  
CLEAR LAKE, IA



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**SOPHIA ALLEN**



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**ZANDER HORNER**



**TUCKER MCDONALD**



**MARIN PARSONS**



**JACOB PETERSEN**



**ZAVIER  
SAPPINGTON**

# GOLD GROUP



**LEO CRUM**  
MUSIC EDUCATION  
NEWTON, IA



**MATTIE DOOLEY**  
COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND  
DISORDERS  
EMMETSBURG, IA



**TAYLOR GASSMAN**  
COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND  
DISORDERS  
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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC  
EDUCATION  
FORT DODGE, IA



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DISORDERS  
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DISORDERS  
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ART EDUCATION  
WALCOTT, IA



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**EASTON  
PALMERSHEIM**



**ZACH SEVERSON**



**SHUNYE WORTHAM**

# RED GROUP



**VIKTOR CASTRO**  
POLITICAL SCIENCE  
WHEATON, IL



**TONY BERNARD**  
MUSIC EDUCATION: JAZZ  
OAKLAND, IA



**GRIFFIN BIEBER**  
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION  
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA



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NACHTIGAL**  
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC  
EDUCATION  
SPENCER, IA



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RECREATION, TOURISM, AND  
NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP  
CEDAR FALLS, IA



**TRISTA THOMPSON**  
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION  
GRINNELL, IA



**MORGAN WESTPHAL**  
MUSIC EDUCATION:  
INSTRUMENTAL  
AURELIA, IA



**LILLY BLACKBURN**



**SHELBY BLAKE**



**STEVEN BRAND**



**BRITTANY BRAND**



**SAM HARBAUGH**



**DAYTON JENSEN**



**MAYA JENSEN**



**NOAH O'CONNER**



**PAETRA SAUER**



**DANIELLE SHIMP**

# BLUE GROUP



**GAVIN WESTEMEIER**



**REBEKAH BENTLEY**  
WATERLOO, IA



**EMMA CLABAUGH**  
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION  
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA



**DEREK FANGMAN**  
SOCIAL SCIENCES EDUCATION  
FARLEY, IA



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ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING  
TECHNOLOGY  
BETTENDORF, IA



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# SPECTRUM PROJECT

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PROFESSOR OF THEORY  
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Sound Engineer

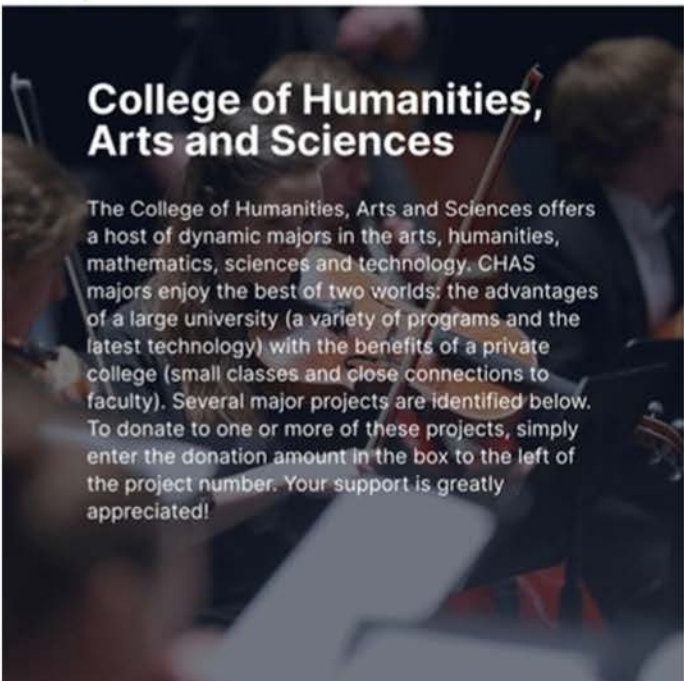
We extend our deepest gratitude to Tom Barry, who has been our incredible sound engineer since the Spectrum Project began in 2015. Tom's presence has been nothing short of essential, not only to our program, but to the entire UNI School of Music. With a lifetime of experience as a performer, teacher, 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

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



**Spectrum JamFest is May 16, 2026** 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**.

- ▶ Bring a lawn chair & blanket
- ▶ Enjoy the food from local vendors
- ▶ Rock out with Cedar Valley young musicians
- ▶ **Support Spectrum Project**

Rain date:

Sunday, May 17,  
2026



**LOOKING FOR SPONSORS AND RAFFLE DONORS!** Is your Business or Organization Interested in being a JamFest sponsor or donate to the Raffle?

[spectrumproject.org/jamfest](https://spectrumproject.org/jamfest)



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



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