

The UNI Children's Choir

The University of Northern Iowa Children's Choir (UNICC) is a choral program for students in grades 3 through 9. UNICC provides a program of music education and choral performance that seeks to fulfill each child's potential, while striving to create a model of artistic excellence and diversity that represents, enriches, and gives back to the community. Singers receive training in healthy vocal technique and music literacy and have the opportunity to foster friendships while making music together with their peers.

New members welcome! Members of UNICC rehearse weekly on Tuesday evenings during the academic year on the campus of the University of Northern Iowa and present performances throughout the year. Collaborative highlights and featured performances for the choir include the Association of Teacher Education Tri-I Conference, the Heartland Millennium Festival, the Metropolitan Chorale, the North Central Choral Festival, the Iowa Choral Directors (ICDA) Convention, the Midwest Children's Choir Festival, the UNI Chamber Orchestra, UNI Varsity Glee Club, and the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Symphony Orchestra.

The Community Music School

The UNI Children's Choir is part of the UNI Community Music School (CMS). The UNI Community Music School (CMS) offers a variety of engaging music education experiences, taught and led by professional musicians and UNI students to the Cedar Valley community. CMS embraces a diverse and inclusive learning environment with exceptional programming where everyone is welcome regardless of ability, age, or financial means.

Quality musical instruction is provided for our community through private and group music lessons, membership in the New Horizons Band, Children's Choir, Camp Musicmania, and UNI Community Horn Choir. Participants in CMS programs range from ages 4 to 90 plus years old and come from several Iowa schools and communities. The Community Music School routinely offers financial need-based scholarships thanks to the generous donations from community members. that share our mission of offering year-round opportunities to study music for Cedar Valley students of all ages and abilities. Each year we offer financial support for families in need for all CMS programs.

Become a partner by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/SupportCommunityMusicSchool>. Funds are used for scholarships (Lessons, Music for Little Mozarts, Camp Musicmania, Community Horn Ensemble, and Children's Choir), to purchase music, instruments, and supplies, as well as pay guest artists.



For more information: www.cms.uni.edu

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The University of Northern Iowa honors the ancestral stewards of the land on which our university rests. Through the work we do every day to live our mission, the University of Northern Iowa aspires for you to see a community that: honors Native and Indigenous People and culture, lives the 7th Generation Principle, does good for the people and communities we serve, and embraces stewardship of our mission and land. Please see our full stewardship statement at president.uni.edu/stewardship-statement.



UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA CHILDREN'S CHOIR

SPRING CONCERT

MAY 12, 2026
7:30 PM

RYAN OCCEÑA, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
MARIKO MORITA, PIANO

CATHERINE CASSIDY GALLAGHER GREAT HALL
GALLAGHER BLUEDORN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



PROGRAM

Bee, I'm Expecting You!.....Emma Lou Diemer



Song of the River.....Mark Patterson

In the Arms of an Oak.....Andy Beck

Allegro Choir



Music of Life.....B.E. Boykin

Can You Hear Me.....Bob Chilcott



Come in from the Firefly Darkness.....Amy F. Bernon

Vivace Choir

Wade in the Water.....arr. by Dan Davison

Combined Choirs

Join the Fun!



Registration for the 2026–2027 UNI Children’s Choir season is now open. The choir welcomes singers in elementary and middle school from across the Cedar Valley for a year of music-making, growth, and fun. early registration is encouraged.

Learn more and register at music.uni.edu/cms.

We want to express our heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who supports our Children’s Choir members—whether it’s bringing them to rehearsals, helping them practice, or cheering them on every step of the way. Your encouragement makes all the difference!

A special **THANK YOU** to all the dedicated music educators who inspire and guide our students. Your passion and commitment help them grow and shine!



CHILDREN’S CHOIR MEMBERS

ALLEGRO



Mackenzie Barfels	St. Edwards CVS (Waterloo)	Evelyn Mueller	St. Patrick Catholic School (CF)
Amos Boehmler	Homeschool (Sumner)	Mae Price	Homeschool (CF)
Emily Campbell	Lou Henry Elementary (Wloo)	Harper Ramaker	St. Edward Elementary (Waterloo)
Emmalyn Campbell	Orchard Hill (CF)	Jackie Rumsey	Homeschool (CF)
Gabriel Drucker-Johnston	Sacred Heart Bilingual School	Jacob Sharkey	Sharkey Classical Lutheran Home School (CF)
Madison Hall	Southdale Elementary (CF)	Gwen Simpson	Lincoln Elementary (CF)
Mei Harlow	Hansen Elementary (CF)	Ramona Smith	North Cedar Elementary (CF)
Ailin Kerndt	Homeschool (CF)	Hailey Swarts	St. Patrick Catholic School (CF)
Jensen Malley	St. Patrick Catholic School (CF)	Reece Turpin	Kingsley Elementary (Waterloo)
Brynlee Martin	Hansen Elementary (CF)	Banks Van Blaricom	Cedar Heights Elementary (CF)
Iryna Mischenko	Southdale Elementary (CF)		

VIVACE

Breann Bahr	Lincoln Elementary (CF)	Alexander Jensen	Maynard West Central Community (Maynard)
Nora Ballenger	Cedar Heights Elementary (CF)	Annabelle Johnson	Homeschool (Waverly)
Ellie Barclay	Hoover Middle School (Waterloo)	Shannon Komen	Hudson High School (Hudson)
Brenna Barlow	Homeschool (Waterloo)	Alexis Longhorn	George Washington Carver (Waterloo)
Jaxson Bergman	Hoover Middle School (Waterloo)	Veronica Occeña	St. Patrick Catholic School (CF)
Allison Reid	Hoover Middle School (Waterloo)	Hannah Prochnau	Homeschool/Valley Lutheran (CF)
Jonah Crouch	Hoover Middle School (Waterloo)	Ethan Rohde	Cedar Ridge Christian (CF)
Lillian Davis	Homeschool (CF)	Riley Satterlee	Aldrich Elementary School (CF)
Laurell Dennis	Blessed Maria Assunta Palotta (Wloo)	Isaiah Sharkey	Sharkey Classical Lutheran Home School (CF)
Iris Gilles	St. Patrick Catholic School (CF)	Wilemina Turner	North Cedar Elementary (CF)
Alan Hruby	Homeschool (Waterloo)		
Marianne Hruby	Homeschool (Waterloo)		



CHOIR ASSISTANTS

Abby Perry, Vocal Music Education Major, University of Northern Iowa
Akela Salter, Vocal Music Education Major, University of Northern Iowa

