

University of Northern Iowa

Spring Concert

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featuring

Cecilians Varsity Glee Club Andante & The SingPins

Alan Beving
Amy Kotsonis
Talita Pizarro
John Wiles
conductors

Bryson Grove
Talita Pizarro
piano
Aldo Escalera
flute

Program

Mia Makaroff

Spes

Franz Schubert

Psalm 23

John Wiles

Love Everyone

C.A. Pinto Fonesca

Muié Rendêra

Kristina MacMullen

Holy Manna

Jay Broeker, arr.

Wild Mountain Thyme

Rollo Dillworth, arr.

I Sing Because I'm Happy

Cecilians



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(Program continued)

Kolton Weber, arr.

The Night We Met

Andante & The Sing Pins

Daniel Protheroe, arr.

Laudamus

Nancy Hill Cobb

Evening

Andrea Ramsey

The Roof

arr. Moses Hogan

Abide with Me

Tantsulaul

Veiljo Tormis



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(Program continued)

Dave Volpe, arr.

Creep

Saunder Choi

Leron, Leron Sinta

Joseph Martin

Sing Your Way Home

Varsity Glee Club



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About the Artists

The University of Northern Iowa **CECILIANs** (formerly the Women's Chorus) is a premiere ensemble dedicated to



artistry, friendship and preserving its heritage as the oldest ensemble on campus. The ensemble builds upon its rich tradition through innovative programming and forward thinking commissions, drawing members from across academic disciplines. Cecilians creates an inclusive community of

strong, proud treble singers through song while embracing their 130 year heritage. Cecilians was founded as the Cecilian Glee Club in 1888 by Julia Curtiss, and was the start of the choral program at UNI. An unauditioned ensemble, the Cecilians have performed across the globe, most recently in Italy (2024). The Cecilians favorite new tradition is Tea Time, when the student leadership makes tea for the entire ensemble during Wednesday rehearsals.

The **UNI Varsity Glee Club**, established in 1888 by brothers Charles and Robert Fullerton, has a rich history marked



**Varsity
GLEE CLUB**
1888

by resilience and excellence. Initially known as the Iowa State Normal School Glee Club, the ensemble performed throughout Iowa for the first thirty years of its existence. Activities were suspended during both World Wars but revived in 1960 by Dr. Les Hale. The Glee Club has toured extensively, and in 2026 the group will embark on its 23rd

international tour. The Glee Club has produced dozens of recordings, appears on the CENTAUR and MARK Record Labels, and can be heard on all major streaming services.

If you visit the local pizza joint by campus after rehearsals, you'll hear the legacy of Charles and Robert Fullerton come to life, as the guys lift their glasses and sing Brothers, Sing On!

Coming from Northwest Iowa, **Alan Beving** is in his first year of study at the University of Northern Iowa as a graduate student in Choral Conducting. Prior to matriculating to UNI, he was the Director of Choral Activities at Southeast Valley High School in Gowrie, IA, where he taught 9th-12th grade choir, music theory, and piano class. Along with his teaching responsibilities, Alan also coached a jazz choir as well as directed multiple stage productions including Mary Poppins, Little Shop of Horrors, and They Promised Her the Moon. When not studying or working with UNI choirs, Alan spends his time experimenting with his cooking skills or losing a match in his favorite video games.

Amy Kotsonis is the Director of Choral Activities at the University of New Hampshire, where she conducts Chamber Singers, Concert Choir, Treble Choir and teaches choral methods. She also serves as conductor and instructor at the Summer Youth Music School. Prior to her appointment at UNH, Dr. Kotsonis was Associate Professor of Choral Ensembles and Music Education at the University of Northern Iowa, where she conducted UNI Singers and Cecilians, and taught music education courses. Her choirs have toured internationally to Ireland, Germany and Greece. An active clinician, she has worked with colleges, high schools, and middle schools as well as conducted honor choirs throughout the United States. Dr. Kotsonis has presented at regionally, nationally and internationally including the Phenomenon of Singing International Symposium, the American Choral Directors Association National Conference, and various state music education conferences, and her research is published in the International Journal of Music Education. Dr. Kotsonis is committed to the advancement of diversity,

equity, and inclusion in education as well as the greater community, bringing in experienced speakers to work with UNH students, programming a variety of music and composers with her choirs, and presenting at conferences on representation in the music classroom. In 2022 she was awarded the Iowa Choral Directors Association Honors Initiative Award for Collegiate Directing. Dr. Kotsonis has served as the Artistic Director for the Metropolitan Chorale and UNI Children's Choir in the Cedar Valley, as well as Conductor of Soho Voce and Assistant Conductor for the Soharmoniums in New York City. Previously, she was Assistant Conductor, Director of Workshops, and Satellite School Teacher for the Young People's Chorus of New York City, and taught in public schools in New York City and Boston. Dr. Kotsonis completed a Doctor of Philosophy in Music Education and Choral Conducting at The Florida State University, a Master of Arts in Choral Conducting and Music History at the University of New Hampshire, and a Bachelor of Science in Music Education at New York University.

Bryson Grove is a third-year Choral Music Education major from South English, Iowa. Bryson grew up on his parents' family farm along with three brothers, and his family has always supported his music endeavors. Bryson's passion for music began when his mother started teaching him piano when he was three years old. He has been involved in music ever since, and Bryson is thrilled to serve as the Glee Club accompanist this year! Some of his other hobbies include spending time with friends, playing sports, and watching movies, especially The Lord of the Rings.

Talita Pizarro is a pianist, arranger, and recording artist with a diverse career spanning performance, choral collaboration, and music production. She has accompanied choirs, instrumentalists, and vocalists in Brazil, Chile, and the U.S. and has contributed to numerous album releases as a producer, arranger, and pianist. She earned her bachelor's degree in Piano Performance from the

University of Campinas, Brazil, refined her artistry at the Vienna Conservatory in Austria, and is currently completing her Master of Arts at UNI. Skilled in software such as Pro Tools and Finale, she combines technical proficiency with artistic creativity, transitioning between classical and contemporary styles in both live and studio environments. Based in Ames, IA, she stays active in the music community through teaching and creative collaborations.

UNI Professor of Music, **John Wiles**, grew up in the Arizona desert. He began taking piano lessons from his mother at a young age, but always dreamed of playing professional basketball for the Phoenix Suns. When it became clear that basketball was not a viable employment option, he moved to Texas to study music in college. Throughout his education, John studied under patient and wise teachers. He and his wife, Amy, met as freshman in college and John has spent every day since their first date trying to be a loving partner. In 2010 he came to teach at the University of Northern Iowa and is grateful for every moment. (Well, almost every moment.) The university, along with the students, alum, and his colleagues support him in a myriad of professional and personal ways. When not at the university, John likes to spend his time shooting hoops with his two children, Ruthie and Tommo, who fill him with boundless joy. Visit <https://music.uni.edu/directory/john-wiles> if you'd like to read about his professional achievements.

Choral Personnel

Cecilians

John Wiles, Conductor
Alan Beving, Assistant Conductor
Talita Pizarro, Piano

Soprano I

Aeryn Anderson, Kinesiology: Pre-Health; Greene, IA
Elly Carlson, Elementary Education - Teaching; Eldridge , IA
Alexandria Caughron, Elementary Education - Teaching; Bellevue, IA
Lana Cook, Music Education; West Des Moines, IA
Olivia DeGeeter, Elementary Education - Teaching; Brooklyn, IA, IA
Kenadi Fay, Elementary Education - Teaching; Kalona, IA
Ella Fortmann , Communication Sciences & Disorders; Marion, IA
Kaetlyn Hansell, English Teaching; Durant, IA
Kennedy Kisling, Elementary Education - Teaching; Urbana, IA
Azriella Luce, Art History; Maquoketa , IA
Isabelle Lukes, Psychology; Stewartville, MN
Liz Middendorf, Comprehensive Secondary Science Teaching; Des Moines , IA
Rachel Miner, Gerontology; Emmetsburg, IA
Brooke Peterson, Early Childhood Education - Teaching; Reinbeck, IA
Sophia Peterson , Elementary Education - Teaching; Norwalk, IA
Hannah Rechkemmer, Elementary Education - Teaching; North Liberty, IA
Emily Reeser, Elementary Education - Teaching; Clinton, IA
Trista Stinehart, Economics; Waseca, MN
Elise White, Statistics and Actuarial Science; Charles City, IA
Izabell Yoder, Social Work; Mount Pleasant , IA

Soprano II

Anna Anderson, Social Science - Teaching; Waterloo, IA
Isabella Arens, Management Information Systems; Remsen, IA
Aleigha Ausman, Middle Level Education - Dual; Pella, IA
Theo Bell, Art Education; Waterloo, IA
Laura Comstock, Environmental Science; Muscatine, IA
Caye Dahlquist, TESOL/Spanish Teaching; Belle Plaine, IA
Ella Dorman, Kinesiology: Pre-Health; Winthrop, IA
Megan Fowler, Biology (B.A. or B.S.); Cedar Falls, IA
Rylie Henry, Deciding; Johnston , IA
Emma Horton, Elementary Education - Teaching; Bondurant , IA
Corley Jewell, Communication Sciences & Disorders; Dodgeville, WI
Kali Kaczinski, Elementary Education - Teaching; DeWitt , IA
Aster Kmetz, Graphic Design; Cedar Rapids, IA
Gracie Lackore, Elementary Education - Teaching; Forest City , IA
Emily Lowe, Elementary Education - Teaching; West Des Moines, IA
Miranda Lozada, Psychology & Spanish; Le Mars, IA
Gracie McCusker, English; Manchester, IA
Molly Miller, Interior Design; Forest City, IA

Kaci Miller, Art Studio: Painting; Cedar Rapids , IA
Kara Ouverson, History - Teaching; Clear Lake, IA
Olivia Parsons , Communication Sciences & Disorders; Cedar Rapids, IA
Ava Petersen, History; Algona, IA
Caitlyn Schooley , Biochemistry; Cedar Rapids, IA
Anna Stone, Chemistry; Ashland, IL
Charlotte Suski, Family Services; Murphysboro, IL
Gabbie Thilges, Communication Sciences & Disorders; Cedar Falls, IA
Natalie Walker , Management Information Systems; Algona, IA
Victoria Woods Lombard , English Teaching; Panora , IA

Alto I

Grace Avitt, Early Childhood Education - Teaching; Indianola , IA
Lauren Ballard, Deciding; Bettendorf, IA
Sadie Blomberg, Biology (B.A. or B.S.); Newhall, IA
Cassidy Bowen, Elementary Education - Teaching; Lime Springs , IA
Cristina Garza, English Teaching; Belmond, IA
Thalia Gonzalez, Deciding; Cedar Falls, IA
Ivy Hemmer, Environmental Science; Cedar Falls, IA
Karissa Howard, Communication; Des Moines, IA
Emma Kacer, Elementary Education - Teaching; Ankeny , IA
Elisabeth Knapp, Psychology; Pleasant Hill, IA
McKinleigh Milledge, Biology Teaching; Chariton, IA
Molly Moorhead, English Teaching; Perry, IA
Abigail Murty, Elementary Education - Teaching; Marshalltown, IA
Addie Scanlan, Music Education; Fort Madison, IA
Katey Schmit, Communication Sciences & Disorders; Raymond, IA
Abi Stearns, Theatre Design and Production; Ankeny, IA
Easton Steffen, Computer Science; Cedar Falls, IA
Kate Utrie, Elementary Education - Teaching; Jefferson, WI
Kassidy Van Der Brink, Art Studio: Printmaking; Rock Valley, IA
Mady Weinberg , English Teaching; Le Mars, IA

Alto II

Max Andrews, Psychology; Marion, IA
Annika Borkgren, Graphic Design; Cedar Rapids , IA
Sophie Brecht, Middle Level Education - Dual; Belle Plaine, IA
Jordan Clemens, Music Education; Brooklyn , IA
Jayden Daugherty, Environmental Science; Center Point, IA
Ella Diulio, Communication Sciences & Disorders; Bettendorf, IA
Em Eekhoff, English Teaching; Clarion, IA
Esther Farran, Chemistry; Burlington, IA
Kira Ginther, Psychology; Marion, IA
Allison Halstead, Elementary Education - Teaching; Bondurant , IA
Candace Hoisington, Psychology; Perry, IA
Kyla Johanson, Psychology; Lake Mills, IA
Hannah Johnson, Interactive Digital Studies; Cedar Rapids , IA
Emily Jones, Psychology; Charles City, IA
Neah McGovern, TESOL/Spanish Teaching; Bondurant, IA
Maddy Moen, Communication Sciences & Disorders; Ankeny, IA
Ella Olander, Theatre Design and Production; Carlisle, IA
Natalie Olsen, Art Education; Cedar Falls, IA
Grace Pratt, Art Studio: Sculpture; Cumming, IA
Haley Roorda, History; Montezuma, IA

Caroline Schafer, Elementary Education - Teaching; Cedar Falls, IA
Emi Scott, Mathematics Teaching; Ely, IA
Paige Steffen, Business Analytics; Cedar Falls, IA
Olivia Walley, English Teaching; Hopkins , MN
Claire Widmer, Biology (B.A. or B.S.); Iowa City, IA

Varsity Glee Club

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Tenor I

Alan Beving, Graduate Student, Music; Hartley, IA
Tyler Blauvelt, Freshman, Political Science; Tiffin, IA
Aldo Escalera, Freshman, Music Performance; Ames, IA
Bryson Grove, Junior, Music Education; South English, IA
Dom Hammel, Senior, Theatre Design and Production; Dubuque , IA
Carter Homan, Freshman, Kinesiology: Pre-Health; Independence, IA
Keelan Hunter, Sophomore, Environmental Science; Earlham , IA
Garrett Lamp, Sophomore, Real Estate; Charlotte , IA
Pierson Lee, Sophomore, Biology: Biomedical; Adel, IA
Benjamin Lumley, Junior, Psychology; Boone, IA
Davis Manternach, Junior, Elementary Education - Teaching; Cascade , IA
Jackson Mraz, Freshman, Biology (B.A. or B.S.); Waverly , IA
Maclain Ray, Junior, Business Administration; Cedar Rapids , IA
Matthew Richardson, Sophomore, Music Education; Muscatine, IA
Lance Schmitt, Senior, Cybersecurity and System Administration; Waucoma, IA
Benjamin Trainer, Freshman, Biochemistry; Algona, IA
Joey Trainer, Senior, Biology (B.A. or B.S.); Algona, IA
Nick Wallestad, Junior, History - Teaching; Ankeny, IA

Tenor II

Nolan Balk, Sophomore, Music; Garner, IA
Ethan Brincks, Freshman, Interior Design; Carroll, IA
Carter Bush, Senior, Physics Custom Degree (B.A.); Waterloo, IA
Connor Doyle, Sophomore, Environmental Resource Management; Cedar Falls, IA
Mitchell Duesing, Sophomore, Mathematics Teaching; Marion, IA
Aiden Frost, Freshman, Kinesiology: Pre-Health; Bondurant, IA
Aidan Grafft, Senior, Elementary Education - Teaching; Geneseo, IL
Treyton Hulbert, Sophomore, History - Teaching; Waucoma, IA
Reece Madren, Freshman, Music Education; Grinnell, IA
Zach Midtling , Freshman, Music Education; Fort Dodge , IA
Gabe Mueller, Junior, History; Riceville , IA
Ian O’Neill, Senior, Communication; Clinton, IA
Cade Parker, Sophomore, Elementary Education - Teaching; Altoona, IA
Gabriel Salazar, Junior, Political Communication; Muscatine , IA
Chase Sternhagen, Graduate Student, History; Monticello, IA
Luke Walter, Senior, Elementary Education - Teaching; Decorah, IA

Baritone

Matthew Anderson, Sophomore, Communication; Park View, IA
Grant Behrens, Freshman, History - Teaching; Fort Dodge, IA
Erlin Bell, Junior, History - Teaching; Monticello, IA
Nathan Buelow, Sophomore, Psychology; Center Point, IA
Jack Buser, Sophomore, Digital Media Journalism; Lone Tree, IA
Alexander Franzen, Freshman, Automation Engineering Technology; Winthrop , IA
Ishimwe Gentil, Junior, Computer Science; Tama, IA
AJ Gibson, Senior, Social Science - Teaching; Colfax, IA
Noah Hartman, Sophomore, Music Education; Johnston, IA
Hank Hewitt, Freshman, History; Shakopee, MN
Nick Huinker, Senior, Kinesiology: Exercise Science; Garner , IA
Owen Jackel , Sophomore, Computer Science; Lamoni, IA
Adam Johnson, Junior, Social Science - Teaching; Walnut, IL
Grant Kramer, Sophomore, Biology (B.A. or B.S.); Manchester, IA
Will Krueger, Junior, Psychology; Clive, IA
Brice Lund, Senior, History; Pensacola, FL
Jackson Minton, Sophomore, Environmental Science; West Des Moines, IA
Marshall Mogensen, Freshman, Biology: Biomedical; Odebolt, IA
Luke Nelson, Junior, Finance; West Des Moines, IA
Jack Noehren, Sophomore, Biochemistry; Cedar Rapids, IA
Alex Oswald, Sophomore, Accounting; Monticello, IA
Alex Otterpohl , Junior, Biology (B.A. or B.S.); Missouri Valley , IA
William Palma, Junior, Computer Science; Waterloo, IA
Finnigan Riley, Freshman, Music Education; Alburnett, IA
Cedric Sattgast, Freshman, Elementary Education - Teaching; Winthrop, IA
Ian Shelton, Freshman, Music: Technology; Harlan , IA
Brock Trenkamp, Junior, Physical Education Teaching; Delhi, IA
Ethan Ver Helst, Junior, Elementary Education - Teaching; Ankeny , IA
Josue Villatoro, Sophomore, Digital Media Production; Urbandale, IA
Michael Wagner, Freshman, Music Education; Fort Dodge, IA
Brandon Wellman, Senior, Social Science - Teaching; Manchester, IA
Kyle Williams, Senior, Digital Media Production; Clive , IA

Bass

Mikael Anderson, Senior, Finance; Fairfield, IA
Kyle Burke, Freshman, Social Science - Teaching; Davenport, IA
Kaleb Carda , Sophomore, Music Education; Sioux city, IA
Nick Chen, Senior, Communication; Earlville, IA
Finn Coons, Sophomore, Theatre Design and Production; Des Moines, IA
Braxton Cross, Senior, Business Management; Shell Rock, IA
Jason Dennis, Freshman, Biology Teaching; Ankeny, IA
Noah Elgatian, Senior, Digital Media Production; Muscatine, IA
Jacob Gochenouer, Senior, Art Education; Parkersburg, IA
Evan Heggen, Graduate Student, History; Cambridge, IA
Toby Houser, Senior, Anthropology; Keokuk, IA
Brendan Janicki, Freshman, Business Administration; Grinnell , IA
Nathan Johnson, Sophomore, Elementary Education - Teaching; Manning, IA
Aidan Leahy, Freshman, Music Education; Davenport, IA
Christopher Long, Junior, Business Management; Clear Lake, IA
Quinn Mahoney, Freshman, Computer Science; Harlan, IA
Paul Marlow, Alum, Graphic Design; Cedar Rapids, IA
Aidan McMahon, Senior, History; Centerville, IA
Kolton Messer, Freshman, Accounting; Pella, IA

Hunter Philpott, Senior, History - Teaching; Waukee, IA
Ethan Schnee, Freshman, History - Teaching; Sergeant Bluff , IA
Austin Sellers, Freshman, Advertising and Digital Media; Marion, IA
Lucas Shirbroun, Sophomore, Elementary Education - Teaching; Coon Rapids, IA
Parker Sjomeling, Sophomore, Mathematics; Delano, MN
Isaac Thornton, Senior, Communication; Oelwein, IA
Jon Turner, Junior, Music Education; Independence , IA
Kolten Webber, Graduate Student, Interactive Digital Studies; Fairfield , IA
Matt Webster, Freshman, Music Composition/Theory; Ankeny, IA
Kaleb Wesselink, Freshman, Computer Science; Cedar Rapids, IA
Kyle Zimmerman, Junior, Manufacturing Engineering Technology; Fairbank , IA