

UNIVERSITY OF
NORTHERN IOWA
VOCAL ARTS FESTIVAL
2024

PROGRAM

Dr. Sara Blessing
Mr. Duane Philgreen, accompanist

Gloria Fanfare

Jeffrey Ames

Alleluia

Eurydice Osterman

To Sit and Dream

Rosephanye Powell

Psalm 61

Zanaida Robles

Dies Irae

Jose Mauricio Nunes Garcia
Arr. Matthew Harrison

CONDUCTOR

Sara Blessing is Assistant Professor of Instruction in Choral Music Education. Prior to her appointment at UNI, she was Director of Choral Activities at Graceland University. Sara has conducted a variety of regional honor choirs and has been a guest clinician at several schools around the Midwest. In 2016, she was the recipient of Graceland University's Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching, for which she was nominated by her students. In April of 2016, her choirs performed the world premiere of "You Guided Me" after commissioning the work from composer Michael John Trotta. Under her direction, the Graceland choirs have gone on 4 tours, performing in several states across the U.S., including Colorado, Missouri, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, New York, Ohio, Washington D.C., Pennsylvania, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Nevada, and California. In addition to teaching, Sara is an active soprano soloist.

Throughout her studies, Sara has had the privilege to work with many choral mentors including René Clausen, Morten Lauridsen, Ola Gjeilo, John Rutter, Jo-Michael Scheibe, Rollo Dilworth, Eric Whitacre, James Mulholland, Michael John Trotta, Timothy Stalter, David Puderbaugh, and Tim and Sandra Peter. She states: "The passion, diligence, drive, artistry, and scholarly work of these individuals has been an inspiration to my work as a choral conductor."

Sara is a member of the American Choral Director's Association, both the Iowa and Missouri Choral Director's Association, the National Association for Music Education, and the College Music Society. In addition, she is a member of both the Golden Key International Honor Society and Phi Kappa Phi – honor societies which recognize academic achievement.

Outside of teaching, Sara loves to travel, camp ("glamp"), hike, play piano, read and spend time with her family and friends.

ACCOMPANIST

Duane Philgreen is recently retired after 34 years as a music educator, the last 26 years at West Delaware High School in Manchester, Iowa. Duane received his Bachelor of Music degree from Drake University with additional coursework at The University of Iowa. He has served as president of the IHSMA Executive Committee as well as the Section 4 representative for the National Federation (NFHS) Music Advisory Committee. Mr. Philgreen has arranged music for many groups with several of his arrangements being sung at Regional ACDA Conventions. He has written numerous compositions for his choirs, including the 2019 winner of the ICDA/ IFA Choral Composition Competition.

In retirement Duane keeps busy as a freelance accompanist and clinician. He loves spending his free time with his grandson as well as making toys in *Grandpa's Workshop*.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC VOICE AND CHORAL FACULTY

Dr. Korey Barrett

Dr. Sara Blessing

Prof. Jeff Brich

Dr. Suzanne Hendrix-Case

Dr. John Hines

Prof. Michelle Monroe

Prof. Kathryn Saulsbury

Dr. John Wiles

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS AND DIRECTORS

Algona	Todd Herbst-Ulmer
Clear Creek Amana	Brittany Calloway
Clear Lake	Jason Heitand
Denver	Tim Baird
Dike-New Hartford	Cassidy Benschoter
Dunkerton	Madeleine Regan
East Marshall	Sheryl Mullikin
Garner Magnet	
Indianola	Valorie Hagener
Marshalltown	Amy Ose
Nevada	Shawna Dumbaugh
Newman Catholic	Jason Behrens
North Union	Paige Lang
Paton-Churdan	Shannon Hobbs
South Hardin	Jill Stanish
Thomas Jefferson	Travis Walker
Waterloo West	Holly Roseland
Waukon	Sarah Bieber
Waverly-Shell Rock	Greg Wessel & Alli McQueen
West Central Community	Stacy Fink
West Delaware	Jackie Hawkins-Keck

HONOR CHOIR

Soprano

Emily Story	Aplington-Parkersburg
Sierra Sessler	Aplington-Parkersburg
Kennedi Blair	Algona
Adeline Reyonolds	Algona
Mada Steburg	Algona
Lauren Jurgens	Clear Lake
Alida Lundberg	Clear Lake
Sadie Anema	Dike-New Hartford
Kristen Best	Dunkerton
Claire Boevers	Dunkerton
Brooklin Smith	Dunkerton
Alivia Stafford	Dunkerton
Caitlin Brodie	Indianola
Emma Brown	Indianola
Peyton Weeks	Indianola
Ashlyn Bane	Marshalltown
Avery Patterson	Newman Catholic
Emma Kirkegaard	North Union
Anastasia Hobbs	Paton-Churdan
Lily Mitchell	Thomas Jefferson
Kalesta Olsen	Thomas Jefferson
Jaelyn Reed	Thomas Jefferson
Megan Townsend	Thomas Jefferson
Sophie Lange	Waterloo West
Annie Ellingson	Waukon
Trinity Protsman	Waukon
Meredith Ellingsworth	Waverly Shell Rock
Alex Johnson	Waverly Shell Rock
Gabby Lee	Waverly Shell Rock
Lamija Mujezinovic	Waverly Shell Rock
Lily Myrmo	Waverly Shell Rock
Kate Nelson	Waverly Shell Rock

Mezzo-Soprano

Hannah Conner	Clear Lake
Kaylee Ostrander	Clear Lake
Chiara Chappell	Nevada
Kambry Katzer	Nevada
Samanatha Pang	Newman Catholic
Keira Udelhofen	Newman Catholic
Jocelynn Wolff	Waterloo West
Eireann Goettel	Waukon
Alaina Bardgett	West Delaware
Emma Millenkamp	West Delaware
Maya Pennington	West Delaware
Ali Robinson	West Delaware
Grace Sleper	West Delaware

Alto

Audrey Story	Aplington Parkersburg
Ada Switzer	Aplington Parkersburg
Maleah Wessels	Aplington Parkersburg
Catherine Hart	Algona
Natalee Reemtsma	Algona
Hannah Severson	Algona
Cecilia Clark	Clear Lake
Lauryn Coleman	Clear Lake
Kennedy Burk	Denver
Lily Copper	Denver
Sydney Anema	Dike-New Hartford
Mia Huntington	Dike New Hartford
Laikyn Kaufman	Dike-New Hartford
Olivia Klingenberg	Dike-New Hartford
Alex Brewer	Dunkerton
Savannah Cahalan	East Marshall
Jessa Heitland	Garner Magnet
Kate Jones	Indianola
Kelci Petersen	Indianola
Nicole Ruby	Indianola
Leslie Ibarra Murillo	Marshalltown
Veronica Juarez	Marshalltown
Ella Reynolds	Marshalltown
Samantha Garcia	Nevada
Meagan McGaffin	Nevada
Cadence Lemmens	North Union
Ella Tasler	Paton-Churdan
Katherine Stanish	South Hardin
Jasmine Bartalon	Thomas Jefferson
Ava Hurley	Waterloo West
Kara Oberheu	Waterloo West
Trinitee Stokes-Flowers	Waterloo West
Halea Corwin	Waukon
Jada Protsman	Waukon
Kalli Troester	Waukon
Eva Whalen	Waukon
Emma Anhalt	Waverly Shell Rock
Addie Backer	Waverly Shell Rock
Kiley Clewell	Waverly Shell Rock
Megan Groth	Waverly Shell Rock
Gracie Lee	Waverly Shell Rock
Lyla Pier-Atkinson	Waverly Shell Rock
Billy Jensen	West Central Community
Makayla Seeley	West Delaware

Tenor

Lindy Aswegen
Elliot Bieber
Jonah Carney
Elijah Garrett
Ryley Riggert
Reign Krumwiede
Carma Morris
Anthony Bering
Nathan Borlaug
Walker Thomas
Michael Rendon
Braeden Moore
Mark Bradley
Kaleb Hrubetz
Samuel Kirkegaard
Koen Zotz
Mason Davis
Ryan Wei
Michael Koester
Toby Treptau
Keaton Anderson
Oliver Gibson
Braden Knight
Keizel Rivera

Aplington Parkersburg
Aplington Parkersburg
Aplington Parkersburg
Algona
Algona
Clear Lake
Clear Lake
Dike-New Hartford
Indianola
Indianola
Marshalltown
Nevada
Newman Catholic
Newman Catholic
North Union
North Union
Thomas Jefferson
Waterloo West
Waukon
Waukon
Waverly Shell Rock
Waverly Shell Rock
Waverly Shell Rock
West Delaware

Baritone

William Flage
Connor Reagan
Abraham Clark
Isaiah Olson
Owen Jack
Aaron Wetzler
Eddie Garcia
Lincoln Ose
Eayon Phipps
Landon Deetz
Jackson Abraham
Kyle Squire
James Lockie
David Sun
Aston Chesmore
Eli Shipley

Aplington Parkersburg
Algona
Clear Lake
Dike-New Hartford
Indianola
Indianola
Nevada
Nevada
Nevada
Newman Catholic
Thomas Jefferson
Waterloo West
Waverly Shell Rock
Waverly Shell Rock
West Delaware
West Delaware

Bass

CJ Awe
Isaiah Harrison
James Cavanary
Bergen Klaehn
Xander Peterson
Daniel Merrill
Miles Engstrom
Simon Mills
Dexter Walker
Kyle Bussin
Beau Taylor
Sean Engle
Korbin Bouska
Anthony Feldhake
Matthew Hommowun
Owen Neuendorf

Algona
Algona
Clear Creek Amana
Clear Lake
Denver
Dike-New Hartford
Nevada
Nevada
Nevada
Thomas Jefferson
Waterloo West
Waukon
Waverly Shell Rock
Waverly Shell Rock
Waverly Shell Rock
Waverly Shell Rock

ADDITIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

In consideration of the performers and other members of the audience, please enter or leave a performance at the end of a composition.

Cameras and recording equipment are **not permitted**. Please turn off all electronic devices, and be sure that all emergency contact cell phones and pagers are set to silent or vibrate.

This event is **free** to all UNI students, courtesy of the Panther Pass Program.

Performances like this are made possible through private support from patrons like you! Please consider contributing to School of Music scholarships or guest artist programs. Call 319-273-3915 or visit music.uni.edu to make your gift.

