

THE 46TH ANNUAL



CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW

DECEMBER 1 - 2, 2023



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 46th Annual
Christmas Variety Show!

The Glee Club has been dreaming of putting on this show for the past year and has been preparing the music for the past several months. We are so excited to get to share the evening with all of you. We hope that for the next couple of hours you will be able to sit back, smile, and enjoy yourself while we all celebrate the holiday season.

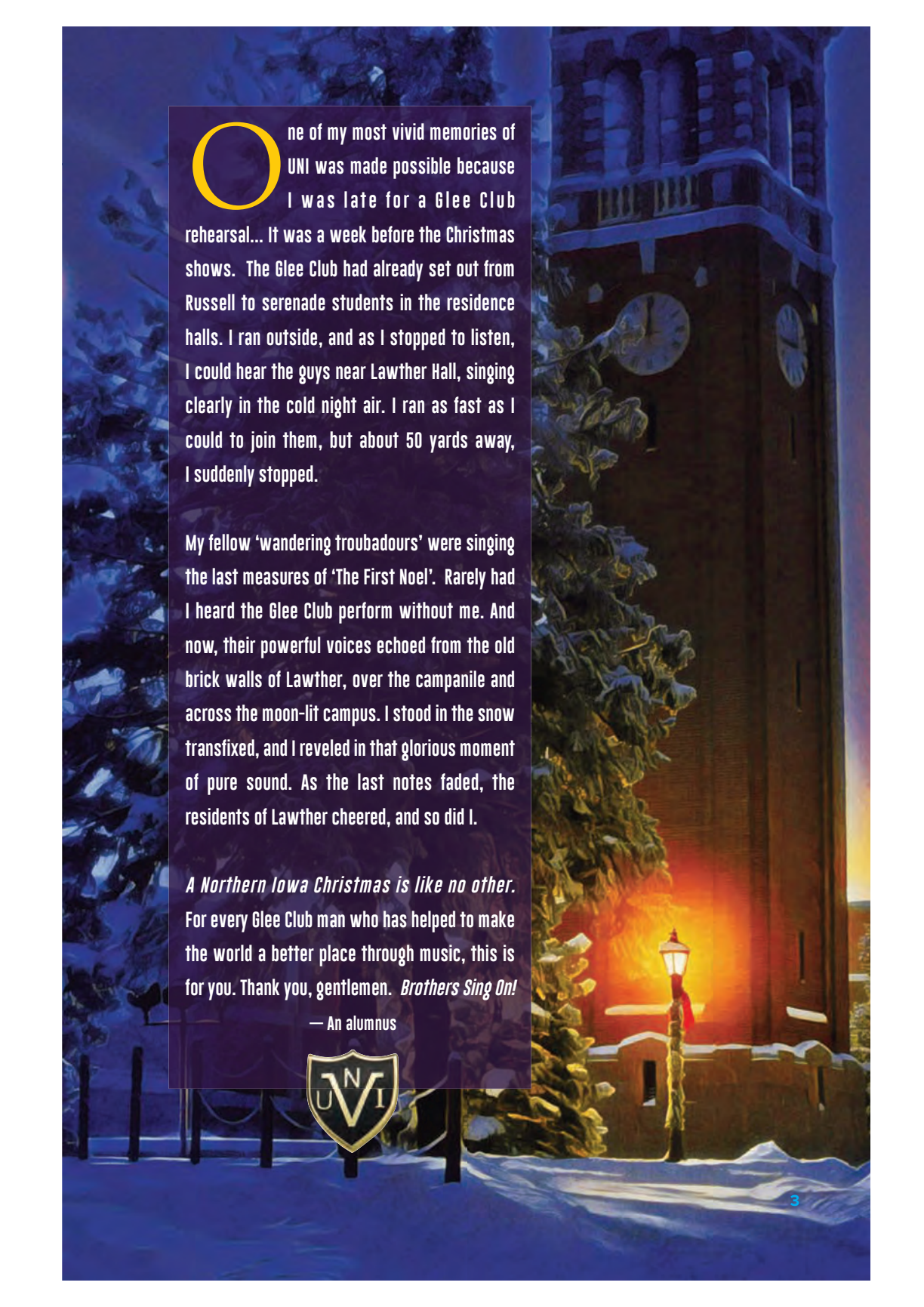
The Glee Club has a long history of offering great performances designed to entertain and inspire. From our traditional favorites such as *"The First Noel"* to some of our new favorites like *"Bonk' Abaphandle,"* we plan this concert so that it will be special for the whole family. We even have a special guest from the North Pole!

On behalf of the Glee Club, I'd like to offer my deep thanks to everyone who has supported the Glee Club over the years. Supporters like you, alum, donors, parents and (most of all) our current Glee Clubbers have been vital to the Glee Club's continued success.

Thank you to everyone.

Brothers, Sing On!

John Len Wiles
Director



One of my most vivid memories of UNI was made possible because I was late for a Glee Club rehearsal... It was a week before the Christmas shows. The Glee Club had already set out from Russell to serenade students in the residence halls. I ran outside, and as I stopped to listen, I could hear the guys near Lawther Hall, singing clearly in the cold night air. I ran as fast as I could to join them, but about 50 yards away, I suddenly stopped.

My fellow 'wandering troubadours' were singing the last measures of 'The First Noel'. Rarely had I heard the Glee Club perform without me. And now, their powerful voices echoed from the old brick walls of Lawther, over the campanile and across the moon-lit campus. I stood in the snow transfixed, and I reveled in that glorious moment of pure sound. As the last notes faded, the residents of Lawther cheered, and so did I.

A Northern Iowa Christmas is like no other. For every Glee Club man who has helped to make the world a better place through music, this is for you. Thank you, gentlemen. Brothers Sing On!

— An alumnus



As former director Bob Byrnes described it, Glee Club members begged people to come to the first Christmas Variety Show in 1978, offering free admission to the 600-seat Russell Hall auditorium. But it was a fun show—slightly irreverent, and full of wonderful holiday music from the Glee Club and the University community.

Bob borrowed ideas from a forgotten Phi Mu Alpha Symphonia show, and made them the Glee Club’s own, with such traditional favorites as the Glee Club Play, and the always hilarious Arthur Murder Dancers.

Several Glee Club tunes date back to that first show, such as *“We Need A Little Christmas”*, *“Lo, How A Rose E’re Blooming”* and *“The First Noel”*.

Every year, the show got better. Glee Club members took initiative and sold tickets, and serenaded co-eds outside the dorms the night before the show. Soon, a ticket to the Variety Show became the hottest ticket in town. A holiday tradition was born.

With assistance from Bob, the Glee Club took the shows from those humble days in Russell Hall, to sold-out performances nearly every year.



Biscotti Brass is the student-lead brass quintet of the University of Northern Iowa, and features talented musicians who are passionate about bringing the sound of brass to life. We are pleased to feature The Biscotti Brass for the first time on the 2023 Variety Show. They will accompany the Glee Club on “Gloria”. The group features Owen Weimer on trombone, Mason Bush on tuba, Morgan Stumpf on horn, Megan Bennett and Kate McAlister on trumpet.

The move to the 1,550-seat Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center in 2000 only broadened the show’s appeal. To date, the Glee Club can boast more sold-out performances at the GBPAC than any other student or professional group.



UNI Children's Chorus

The Professors Piano Duet

Kate Saulsbury and Dr. Michelle Swanson are professors at the UNI School of Music, and are considered two of our beloved *“dozen daughters”* as they both accompanied the Glee Club as undergraduate students. Kate (Smalley) played from 1988-1989. Michelle (Hyde) played from 1989-1992. As colleagues at UNI, both continue to be huge fans of the Varsity Men’s Glee Club. Professor Saulsbury is currently in her first year of teaching voice at UNI, and Dr. Swanson is in her 26th—and final year of teaching music education.



Kate Saulsbury



Dr. Michelle Swanson

Orchesis Dance Company is the longest running student organization at UNI. Providing dance instruction of various dance styles with a professional instructor, many performances throughout the year, and student leadership opportunities. Members are chosen through an audition process held at the end of each semester.

UNITUBA is among the oldest tuba and euphonium ensembles in the world. Composed entirely of tuba and euphonium students at UNI, the group is a credit ensemble in the School of Music and rehearses weekly. UNITUBA was formed in 1974 by former UNI faculty member Donald Little and is currently under the direction of Dr. Brett Copeland. UNITUBA performs regularly on campus at UNI and around the state. The ensemble has been featured in performances at the International Tuba and Euphonium Conferences in Iowa City and Lexington, Kentucky, ITEC Regional Conferences at Illinois State University and Gustavus Adolphus College as well as on tour with the UNI Wind Symphony in Hungary and Italy.

Andante

Andante is a student-led and organized treble a cappella group formed in 2022 as a complimentary group to the Cecilians treble choir. The 15 auditioned members of Andante keep a diverse repertoire of classic choral music combined with contemporary pop and everything in between.



Andante a Cappella

Arthur Murder Dancers

Arthur Murder is the world-renown and hilarious dance troupe that has performed on every Christmas Variety Show since 1978.

John Carlson of *The Des Moines Register* said of the Arthur Murder Dancers: *“The scary thing is, they were pretty good... The crowd loved it, and why not? It’s one more Christmas tradition that’s worth a trip across Iowa—even on a cold, snowy night.”*

Father Paul Peters

The Variety Shows would not be the same without the talents of our favorite organist from Prairie du Chien, WI, Father Paul Peters. Accompanying the Glee Club on the Great Hall organ, Fr. Peters has been with us on every Variety Show but one. This year marks 45 years of performing with the Glee Club—an astonishing record. His version of *“Good King Wenceslaus”* rocks the house, and often Fr. Paul likes to close the Variety show with *“God Bless America.”* You won’t hear that on just any Christmas Show!

The holiday program is filled with everything from the sublime to the ridiculous. There is no intent to offend anyone with our reverie. All music has been chosen with great thought and sensitivity. Any portrayal in the spirit of fun and entertainment is not intended to demean any group. The Glee Club is fully dedicated to the worth and dignity of every human being, including those in the LGBTQ+ community.



THE GLEE CLUB

is among the most diverse student groups on campus. The members represent many different majors offered by the university, ranging from business and engineering to the arts.



VARSITY
MEN'S GLEE CLUB

1888

Excellence

It is our commitment to excellence that defines The UNI Varsity Men's Glee Club. The Glee Club strives to be the hardest-working group on campus.

Our philosophy is: *Anything worthwhile is not easy, and mediocrity is not an option.* Because we challenge each other to work hard and do our very best, Glee Club men have set themselves apart, both within the group and beyond. Past and present members have earned many honors, including the University's highest student achievement award, the Lux Medallion.

The vast majority of Glee Clubbers are not music majors. About 80% of members are majors outside the UNI School of Music, though music majors are always welcome.

We proudly represent our University, the State of Iowa and the United States when touring overseas.

In the span of 63 years, the Varsity Men's Glee Club has toured Europe 21 times, performed with the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Symphony Orchestra and many ensembles in Europe, sung on venues throughout Iowa and the Midwest, recorded many albums, and was even featured in an award-winning documentary.

We take pride in our strong midwest work ethic to make the music the best that it can be. *Because this is the way.*

Tradition

You don't have a group around as long as the Glee Club without establishing a few traditions along the way.

Many are self-evident, and revolve around the Glee Club's performances. Every Variety Show starts with the classic *"We Need A Little Christmas"* and ends with the infamous Arthur

Murder Dancers. Songs such as *"Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming"* and *"The First Noel"* are venerable standards.

Even though the guys have fun, *(and we do have fun!)* when it comes to the music, we're all business. All music is memorized by performance time—another Glee Club tradition.

Other traditions are less evident, but no less important. Making good friends, supporting each other in times of crisis, and helping the group succeed are just as important as creating extraordinary music.

Glee Clubbers are leaders on campus, and continue to be leaders in life after college. That is one of the Glee Club's finest traditions.

Camaraderie

The UNI Varsity Men's Glee Club is a vibrant social organization. Weekly rehearsals are enhanced by after-rehearsal gatherings (Seminar), and other events. Many alumni will tell you that some of their happiest college memories are of the times spent around the tables at The Other Place *"The O.P."* (or *Tony's*, or *The Lark*) with their Glee Club buddies, in the true spirit of camaraderie.

The Glee Club has visited most of the great cities of Europe—from Athens to Zurich—and many places in between. The powerful strains of *"Brothers, Sing On!"* have been sung from such places as the summit of Mount Vesuvius in Italy, a glacier in the Tyrolean Alps, ancient castles in Wales, the deck of a ship on the tossing Aegean Sea, and the Coliseum in Rome.

To visit these amazing places is awesome, but to experience them with the Glee Club is truly a life-changing experience!

We Need A Little Christmas

JERRY HERMAN
VARSITY MEN'S GLEE CLUB

Candlelight Carol

JOHN RUTTER
VARSITY MEN'S GLEE CLUB

Gloria

RANDALL BASS
VARSITY MEN'S GLEE CLUB

Auld Lang Syne

ARR. ERIK LICHTÉ
VARSITY MEN'S GLEE CLUB

Joy to the World

ARR. MELODY BOBER
SAULSBURY & SWANSON

It's Not Christmas Without You

ROYALTY HIP HOP
ORCHESIS DANCE COMPANY

Lay Me Down

ARR. JAMES MCHUGH
THE SINGPINS

***The Play:
"The Mystery of
Who Stole Christmas"***

WRITTEN & DIRECTED
BY ALEX HANSON

Bonk' Abaphandle

ARR. MICHAEL BARRETT &
MBUSO NDLOVU
VARSITY MEN'S GLEE CLUB

• I N T E R M I S S I O N •

***Starlight and Jump Out of Bed!
from Nutcracker Surprise***

ARR. NANCY GIFFORD
UNI CHILDREN'S CHORUS

FEATURING FR. PAUL PETERS
ON THE GREAT HALL ORGAN



> **Panda-monium**— Glee Club director John Wiles gets into fisticuffs with the Magic Christmas Ninja Panda during the 2013 Variety Show.



Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

ARR. ARCHIBALD T. DAVISON
VARSITY MEN'S GLEE CLUB

Ave Maria

FRANZ BIEBL
VARSITY MEN'S GLEE CLUB

The First Noel

ARR. FENNO HEATH
VARSITY MEN'S GLEE CLUB

Larger Than Life / Everybody

JAMES MCHUGH
THE SINGPINS

Text Me Merry Christmas

ARR. ADAM SCOTT
VARSITY MEN'S GLEE CLUB

Make Someone Happy

ARR. MIKE CONRAD
VARSITY MEN'S GLEE CLUB

Santa Claus is Comin' to Town

THE AUDIENCE

***Dance of The Sugar
Plum Fairies***

PETER TCHAIKOVSKY

***Santa Claus Visits
the Great Hall***

and

Christmas Can-Can

TRADITIONAL
THE 2023
ARTHUR MURDER DANCERS

The First Noel

ARR. AIDAN ANDERSON
UNITUBA

God Rest ye Merry Gentlemen

ARR. AUBREY SNYDER
ANDANTE

UNI Fight Song

VARSITY MEN'S GLEE CLUB



Our current director of the UNI Varsity Glee Club, **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, his colleagues, and the Les Hale Endowment Fund Board, 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.



2023 PERSONNEL



Matthew Anderson
Junior
Fort Dodge, IA



Mikael Anderson
Freshman
Fairfield, IA



Spencer Anderson
Junior
Champlin, MN



Dan Bennett
Freshman
Knoxville, IA



Adrian Benson
Freshman
Burlington, IA



Jack Border
Freshman
Davenport, IA



Jeremiah Brown
Junior
Vinton, IA



Chase Burbridge
Senior
Farley, IA



Aaron Burger
Senior
Grimes, IA



Carter Bush
Senior
Waterloo, IA



Brayden Butler
Freshman
Burlington, IA



Nick Camp
Sophomore
Calumet, MI



Ryan Carlin
Senior
Huxley, IA



Kaleb Carda
Freshman
Sioux City, IA



Nick Chen
Junior
Earlville, IA



Luke Clewell
Freshman
Waverly, IA



Emily Clouser
Senior
Waukee, IA



Aaron Copic
Junior
Fort Madison, IA



Daniel Craig
Theatre/Acting
London, England



Braxton Cross
Junior
Shell Rock, IA



Dallas DeNeve
Senior
Grinnell, IA



Connor Doyle
Freshman
Cedar Falls, IA



Drake
Vocal Performance
Toronto, Ontario



Noah Elgatian
Sophomore
Muscatine, IA



Jacob Erickson
Senior
Oakland, IA



2023 PERSONNEL



Nick Fox
Junior
Avoca, IA



Noah Frederickson
Senior
Denison, IA



Doug E. Fresh
Supply Chain Mgmt
Clinton, IA



Caleb Gehle
Senior
Fort Madison, IA



AJ Gibson
Junior
Colfax, IA



Jake Gochenouer
Alum
Parkersburg, IA



Ryan Gosling
Theatre
London, Ontario



Trevor Goulding
Senior
Le Grand, IA



Aidan Grafft
Junior
Geneese, IL



Dom Hammel
Freshman
Dubuque, IA



Alex Hanson
Senior
Cedar Falls, IA



Noah Hartman
Freshman
Johnston, IA



Evan Heggen
Senior
Cambridge, IA



Peter Holden
Senior
Shell Rock, IA



Caleb Hommez
Senior
Algona, IA



Nick Huinker
Junior
Garner, IA



Ken Hunt
Sophomore
Marion, IA



Keelan Hunter
Freshman
Earlham, IA



Elijah Jacobs
Junior
Ottumwa, IA



Adam Johnson
Sophomore
Walnut, IL



Dwayne Johnson
Criminology
Hayward, CA



George Johnson
BA Chemistry ('72)
Cedar Falls, IA



Aidan Jones
Junior
Waukon, IA



Ty Kelderman
Junior
New Sharon, IA



Steven Klabunde
Junior
Waterloo, IA



Grant Kramer
Freshman
Manchester, IA



Will Krueger
Sophomore
West Des Moines, IA



Micaiah Krutsinger
Senior
Forest City, IA



Garrett Lamp
Freshman
Charlotte, IA



Pierson Lee
Freshman
Adel, IA



Parker Lehman
Freshman
Jefferson, IA



Akira Lopez
Sophomore
Pella, IA



Benjamin Lumley
Sophomore
Boone, IA



Davis Manternach
Sophomore
Cascade, IA



Ben Kenobi McGregor
Jedi Studies
Alderaan, IA



Paul Marlow
BFA Art ('88)
Cedar Rapids, IA



Jacob Maurer
Freshman
Central City, IA



Rowan McCarthy
Senior
Des Moines, IA



Connor McGinnis
Senior
Keokuk, IA



Aidan McMahon
Junior
Centerville, IA



Jackson Minton
Freshman
Waukee, IA



Gabe Mueller
Junior
Riceville, IA



Caleb Murra
Freshman
Knoxville, IA



Luke Nelson
Sophomore
West Des Moines, IA



John Nelson
Freshman
Waverly, IA



David Niyogushina
Junior
Cedar Rapids, IA



Ben Oswald
Senior
Monticello, IA



Cade Parker
Freshman
Altoona, IA



Hunter Philpott
Junior
Waukee, IA



James Tiberius Pine
English
Riverside, IA

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Peter Jason Quill
Science Education
St. Charles, MO



Neil Ramirez
Senior
Knoxville, IA



Lance Reicks
Sophomore
New Hampton, IA



Ben Richardson
Senior
Indianola, IA



Logan Roach
Senior
Keokuk, IA



Gabriel Salazar
Freshman
Muscatine, IA



Boyd Scanlan
Freshman
Parkersburg, IA



Parker Sjomeling
Freshman
Montrose, MN



Tate Steig
Alum
Cedar Falls, IA



Chase Sternhagen
Senior
Monticello, IA



Isaac Thornton
Senior
Oelwein, IA



Joey Trainer
Junior
Algona, IA



Brock Trenkamp
Freshman
Delhi, IA



Jon Turner
Sophomore
Independence, IA



Brady Van Waardhuizen
Senior
Pella, IA



Aidan Venzon
Graduate
Bastrop, TX



Ethan Ver Helst
Sophomore
Ankeny, IA



Nick Wallestad
Sophomore
Ankeny, IA



Bruce Wayne
History & Poly Sci
Gotham City, IA



Kolten Webber
Alum
Fairfield, IA



Brandon Wellman
Junior
Manchester, IA



Kyle Williams
Junior
West Des Moines, IA



Dylan Winkler
Freshman
Mount Vernon, IA



Seth Yoders
Senior
Iowa Falls, IA



Santa Claus
Supply Chain Mgmt
The North Pole



A C C O M P A N I S T



Emily Clouser is a Senior Choral Music Education major from Waukee, Iowa. This is her sixth semester with the UNI Varsity Glee Club, accompanying the group during the international tour to Greece in 2022 and their Iowa runout tour in 2023. Aside from the Glee Club, Emily teaches piano lessons through the UNI Community Music School, accompanies various church choirs, and performs with UNI's Concert Chorale (*but we know Glee Club is her favorite UNI choir*).

Emily is also President of UNI's ACDA Chapter and the UNI Guild of Carillonners. As the unofficial Hunchback of UNI, Emily had the privilege of welcoming the bells back to campus this Spring and helping to get them tuned up so she could continue to grace campus with her rendition of the classic *"Jolly Students."* Much to our dismay, Emily plans to graduate in May 2024. But, she is beyond grateful for all the brothers she's gained along the way.

E M C E E



Paul Marlow (UNI, '88) has been a member of the Glee Club, as a student and alumnus, for 27 years. Paul has filled in as emcee "temporarily" for the past 20 years, he says, *"until a more competent replacement can be found."* Paul and Mark Janssen (UNI '04) co-produced an award-winning documentary about the UNI Varsity Men's Glee Club entitled **Brothers Sing On – The Road to St. Peter's** in 2005. Over the years, Paul has served as Santa Claus, helped create the Glee Club's web site, programs and marketing campaigns. He was awarded the Distinguished Alumnus

Award in 2010. Paul is creative director and partner for a marketing communications firm in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he lives with his wife Theresa, daughter Betsy and dog Harley.

The UNI Varsity Men's Glee Club gives special recognition to members of group by way of a lapel pin. When you see a Glee Clubber or alum wearing one of these lapel pins, it indicates a high level of commitment, leadership and dedication.



> **The Shield Crest Lapel Pin** is awarded to members of the Glee Club who have been dedicated members of the group for 7 semesters.

> **The Shield Crest Pandemic Pin** is a special award given to all members of the Glee Club who maintained their steadfast commitment to singing in the Glee Club during the 2020-2021 academic year, despite the challenges of a pandemic.



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INSPIRE AND HELP MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE



of Northern Iowa

GLEE CLUB COUNCIL



The Council is the governing body of the UNI Varsity Men's Glee Club. Gentlemen of the Council work tirelessly to promote the best interests of the Glee Club, and our values of Excellence, Tradition and Camaraderie, while building valuable leadership skills that will help them in their post-graduate life. Leaders in the Council are elected by their peers.

The 2023 – 2024 Glee Club Council



Alex Hanson
Head of Music
Cedar Falls, IA



Nick Huinker
Head of Activities
Garner, IA



Steven Klabunde
Head of Recruitment
Waterloo, IA



Benjamin Lumley
Head of Merchandise
Boone, IA



Connor McGinnis
Head of Finance
Keokuk, IA



Hunter Philpott
Head of Tours
Waukee, IA



Brock Trenkamp
Head of Traditions
Delhi, IA



Brady Van Waardhuisen
Chairman
Pella, IA



Kyle Williams
Head of Social Media
West Des Moines, IA



Our auditioned a cappella group, The SingPins is comprised of Glee Club members ranging from freshmen to alumni. They perform contemporary music, as well as classic Glee Club standards. Brady Van Waardhuizen and Noah Fredericksen co-direct The Sing Pins.

The 2023 – 2024 Sing Pins



Noah Fredericksen
Senior
Denison, IA



Jake Gochenouer
Alum
Parkersburg IA



Dom Hammel
Freshman
Dubuque, IA



Noah Hartman
Freshman
Johnston, IA



Aidan Jones
Junior
Waukon, IA



Benjamin Lumley
Sophomore
Boone, IA



Gabe Mueller
Junior
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Sophomore
Delhi, IA



Jon Turner
Sophomore
Independence, IA



Brady
Van Waardhuizen
Senior, Pella IA



Ethan Ver Helst
Sophomore
Ankeny, IA



Nick Wallestad
Sophomore
Ankeny, IA



Koltan Webber
Alum
Fairfield, IA



Kyle Williams
Junior
West Des Moines, IA

THE UNI VARSITY MEN'S GLEE CLUB

is one of the most beloved and active organizations at the University of Northern Iowa.

The history of the Glee Club goes back to 1888. Two students of Iowa State Normal School, Charles Fullerton and his brother Robert, organized the *I.S.N.S. Glee Club*, during the 1888-1889 school year. Charles, who earned his degree at I.S.N.S. in 1890, returned to I.S.N.S. as a faculty member in 1897, and rose to become head of the department in 1909.

In 1893, the name of the group was changed to *The Minnesingers Glee Club*. They were known for their spec-



> **Mr. Charles A. Fullerton** — Upon his death, President Malcom Price said, *"Thus passes one of nature's noblemen."*

tacular performances at the I.S.N.S. Baccalaureate ceremonies, literary society presentations, and benefit concerts. The group even went on tour in Iowa. The Minnesingers Glee Club sang as part of the program for laying the cornerstone of the Auditorium Building in 1900. Mr. Fullerton continued to play a central role in the Glee Club during his career at Iowa State Teacher's College (ISTC).

The Glee Club suspended activity after the U.S. entered World War I in 1917, but was reorganized in 1921 by William E. Hays. In 1924, the Glee Club presented a



MINNESINGERS - ADVANCED GLEE CLUB.

> **The Minnesingers Advanced Glee Club, circa 1893** — *The Glee Club tradition goes back 135 years at UNI. The 'I.S.N.S. Glee Club' was founded in 1888, just 30 years after the start of the very first collegiate men's glee club in America, the Harvard Glee Club, founded in 1858.*



> **Varsity Men's Glee Club, 1963** —*The Glee Club was truly a varsity group—many early glee clubbers were athletes as well, representing every sport, and every academic major at State College of Iowa (UNI's name from 1961-67). Director Les Hale is on the far right. Note the SCI shield patch on their blazers.*

benefit performance to raise money for the Campanile to a full house in the Auditorium at the Spring Music Festival.

The Glee Club had to suspend activity yet again in 1941, after the U.S. entered World War II. I.S.T.C. went without a glee club for nearly 20 years.

The Glee Club was re-established on October 1, 1960, by Dr. Les Hale. Dr. Hale is considered the founder of the **Varsity Men's Glee Club** in the modern era. In the 1960's, the Glee Club was truly a varsity group—many early glee clubbers were athletes also, representing every sport, and every academic major at Iowa State Teachers College. The Glee Club's first Spring Concert was performed in Lang Hall Auditorium in 1961.

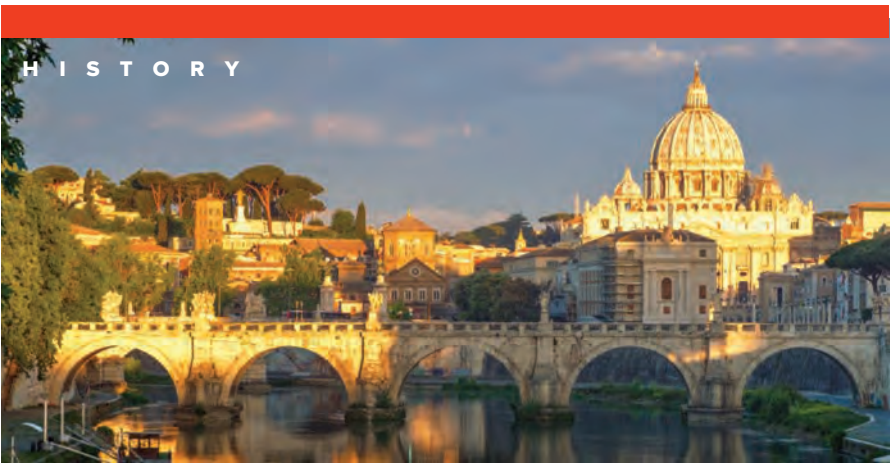
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In 2000, the Glee Club moved to the 1,550-seat Great Hall of the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center. To date, the Varsity Men's Glee Club can claim more sold out performances in the Great Hall than any other student or professional group.

The Glee Club has traveled overseas every other year since 1980. During past tours, concerts were performed in Austria, the Czech Republic, England, Germany, Greece, Holland, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Poland, Spain,



> **The Glee Club in Iceland, 2016** —*The Glee Club performed at the historic Church at Skálholt.*



> **Rome** — *The Glee Club will perform at St Peters Basilica, the largest church in the world, in May of 2024.*

Switzerland and Wales, including performances at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, in 1996, 1998, 2004, and 2010.

In 2020, the Glee Club kept finding ways to lift up, inspire and help make the world a better place. Overcoming the adversities of a worldwide pandemic, the group rehearsed in a parking garage, and overcame all odds to offer a live performance. The Glee Club created virtual online experiences, and used the sales from their Christmas CD to give a \$3,000 donation to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank.

The powerful strains of *"Brothers, Sing On!"* have been sung from such amazing places as the summit of Mt. Vesuvius in Italy, a glacier in the Tyrolean Alps, ancient castles in Wales, the deck of a ship over the tossing Irish Sea, on the Acropolis in Athens (*albeit briefly*) and the Coliseum in Rome.



VARSITY
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The Glee Club has created unforgettable memories for generations. Since 1888, thousands of UNI alumni share a bond forged by music, in a true spirit of camaraderie as brothers in song.

> **Wales, 2018** — *Mr. Ryan Daisy stands victorious over his vanquished foes after storming Caernarfon Castle.*





Mr. Charles A. Fullerton (ISNS, 1891) founded the I.S.N.S. Glee Club in 1888, when he was a student at Iowa State Normal School. As director of the Glee Club for over 30 years, he welded the 'untrained voices of farmboys' into a singing group which performed with skill and taste. Mr. Fullerton closed performances with an old favorite; he would turn to the audience and invite any former glee clubber present to come forward and join in the singing. He directed the group until 1921. At the Spring concert in 1940, Mr. Fullerton himself was present to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the club.



Mr. William E. Hays (ISTC, 1912) directed the Minnesingers Glee Club at ISTC from 1921 until 1941. Mr. Hays led the group with great energy. Under his direction, the Glee Club presented benefit fundraisers for the Campanile, and tours across Iowa. Professor Hays pioneered the use of recording equipment (an old Edison phonograph) which allowed the student to hear by immediate playback the sound of his own voice.



Dr. Les Hale, UNI Professor Emeritus, re-established and rebranded the Glee Club in 1960. He took the job at UNI only after being promised by the University that he could start a men's glee club. He named his group The Varsity Men's Glee Club, and was director for 14 years. The Glee Club became one of the most popular groups on campus. He introduced "*Brothers, Sing On!*" to the group, and the choral anthem is still performed on every Spring Concert to this day.



Mr. Robert 'Bob' Byrnes (UNI '71, '74) became director of the Varsity Men's Glee Club in 1974, and he led the group for 30 years. He started the Christmas Variety Shows in 1978. In 1980, Bob led the Glee Club on it's first tour of Europe, becoming the first of *any* group from UNI to do so. The Glee Club experienced a tremendous loss when Bob suffered a major stroke. On May 28, 2004, Glee Club members and alumni gathered at the hospital in Cedar Falls, and sang for Bob. As the men sang "*Brothers, Sing On!*", Bob died. He was only 54 years old. An alum later said that he had never seen more grown men cry in his entire life. It was Bob's goal that the UNI Varsity Men's Glee Club be "*one of the best choruses on the planet.*"



Dr. Brad T. Barrett was named director of the UNI Varsity Men's Glee Club in 2004, following the death of Bob Byrnes. Dr. Barrett led the Glee Club to several SE Iowa venues in 2005 on Iowa Tour, and NW Iowa concerts in 2007. He led the Glee Club's first-ever tour of Ireland, Wales and England in the Spring of 2006. Dr. Barrett also led the Glee Club on a tour of Poland and the Czech Republic in 2008.



Dr. Fred C. Kiser served as interim director of the UNI Varsity Men's Glee Club for one year, starting in the fall of 2009. In May, 2010, he led the Glee Club on the group's 16th European Tour, including a fourth performance at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Fred Kiser arranged the first TTBB version of the "*UNI Fight Song*" for the Glee Club. In December of 2010, Professor Fred C. Kiser earned his Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Iowa.

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The **Les Hale Endowment Fund** was created in 1997 to help ensure the future of the Glee Club at UNI. Nearly a half-million dollars has been pledged to the fund so far, but only the interest earned by the fund can be spent. These funds stay within the Glee Club to help with academic and tour scholarships, tuxedo purchases, charter bus rentals, alumni relations, director support and more. All gifts are tax deductible and donors who contribute \$1,000 or more will receive this striking lapel pin and be acknowledged by the Club in a variety of ways.



Alumni and Friends of the UNI Varsity Men's Glee Club started The **Christmas Variety Show Fund** in 2018 to help ensure the future of the Christmas Variety Shows at UNI, and to enhance the experience for all show patrons. Contributions to this fund may be eligible for the Endow Iowa Tax Credit, available through the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa. Just as with the Les Hale Endowment Fund, only the interest can be spent. These funds stay within the Glee Club to help offset the ever-growing costs associated with producing the Christmas Variety Shows. Donors of \$1,000 or more will receive this festive Santa's Cap lapel pin.



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> **October 18, 2023** — *The Glee Club sang at the memorial service for George Johnson, who passed away this fall. Directed by Dr. John Wiles, the group sang “Brothers, Sing On!”, “Ave Maria” and “The UNI Alma Mater.” George was a legend, and one of the last of the ‘old guard’ still singing in the UNI Varsity Men’s Glee Club. As a student, George sang for Les Hale back in the 1960s. He returned to the Glee Club in 2012 when his son Gordon joined the group. Both sang bass. George was a Platinum Level Kingpin, and donated over \$15,000 to the Les Hale Endowment Fund. George was our brother in song, and he is greatly missed.*





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> **Ten Graduating Seniors** were each presented with a graduation gift during the Glee Club Year-End Banquet in May, 2022. The gift features a sunset photo of the UNI campanile printed on glass, courtesy of the Les Hale Endowment Fund Board. (Front row, l to r) Tristen Perreault, Lucas Scott Thiessen, Ryan Oswald and Sam Trainer. (Back row) Mathew Longlet, Mitch Dekutoski, Tyler Gajewski, Jared Ainger, Hunter White and Tom Wagner.

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