

EDINA HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR

is PROUD & HONORED TO PRESENT:



THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF

CURRENT JAM

1973 - 2023



EDINA
Choirs

MAY 17-19 AT 7:00PM
MAY 20 AT 1:00 & 7:00PM
LEO J. FICK AUDITORIUM

Happy 50th Anniversary and Congratulations
to the Edina High School Concert Choir!

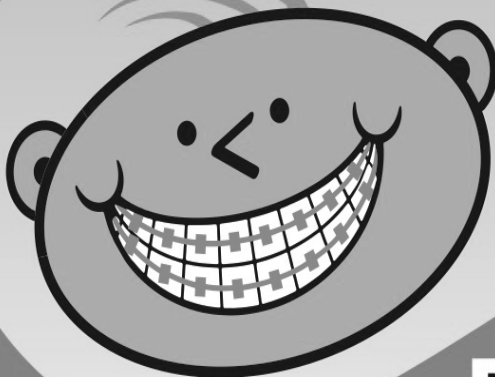


**COLDWELL
BANKER**
REALTY



**Whether buying or selling, I work in all price ranges
and with all ages! First time home buyers to empty
nesters, I'd be honored to help you and your family!**

Ellyn Wolfenson
3303 Excelsior Blvd.
612.644.3033
ellynwolfenson.com



**BRACE
YOURSELF!**

Edina Orthodontic Associates

2 Convenient Edina Locations

**50th and France
3939 W. 50th St.
(952) 926-2335**

**Centennial Lakes
7373 France Ave.
(952) 831-1324**

www.edinaortho.com

Scott Bowlby, D.D.S. • Stephen Colby, D.D.S.

Kelly Espe, D.D.S. • Patricia Vayda, D.D.S.

Creating Beautiful Smiles for Over 50 Years

Hellmuth & Johnson is proud to serve as
Minnesota's trusted legal partner.

ON YOUR SIDE. AT YOUR SIDE.



**HELLMUTH
&
JOHNSON**

Nancy Polomis
npolomis@hjlawfirm.com
(952) 746-2105
hjlawfirm.com
Edina Alum
Parent of EHS '20 Choir Alum



C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !
Celebrating 50 years of Current Jam

Scan to connect!



**Willow
Wood**
Insurance Agency



Independent Insurance Agency
WILLOWWOODINS.COM

LISA HENGEL, Owner

**is your family
summer-ready?**

Plan your childcare
now before summer
sneaks up on you.

jovie
childcare reimagined



**Placing
summer
nannies
since 2004**

**we have the right nanny
for your family this summer**

Make it a seamless summer for the whole family. Our kid-loving, adventure-seeking nannies are summer-ready so you can be too.

Full time | Part time | In-between time

Contact our summer nanny placement expert at 626.631.6704
Jovie.com

jovie
childcare reimagined

**THANK YOU TO
ALL OF OUR 2023
ADVERTISERS! THEIR
SUPPORT HELPS
MAKE THIS PROGRAM
POSSIBLE.**

50 years! CURRENT JAM

Edina High School marks 50 years of Current Jam

*All Current Jam alumni invited to sing in May 20 matinee performance;
Edina grandmas recall creating the first show in 1973*

EDINA, MN (April 18, 2023) – Current Jam, Edina High School (EHS) Concert Choir's iconic spring concert of song and dance, is marking its 50th anniversary this spring. Concert dates are May 17-19, 2023 at 7 p.m., and May 20, 2023, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. All shows will be held at Edina High School Fick Auditorium, 6754 Valley View Rd., Edina, MN 55439.

To mark the 50th anniversary, a special invitation has been sent out to all Current Jam alumni to participate in the May 20, 1 p.m. matinee performance. Alums will sing the song, "Thank You for the Music," a 1970s show tune by ABBA. A fundraising effort, "50 for 50," is also underway to raise money for unique choral music opportunities for future EHS choral music students, as well as EHS student scholarships for those intending to pursue a music career in higher education. To RSVP or for more information, alumni should "like" or "follow" the Edina High School Choirs Facebook or Instagram page. Tickets will be available to the general public beginning May 4 at www.edinachoirs.org.



Left to right: Laurie Wilson Spencer, Bill Hughes and Mary Carlsen Lilja reminisce about 1973 show.

Current Jam began in 1973 under the direction of Choir Director Bill Hughes to showcase student talent in individual and small group performances, as well as to provide the opportunity for the choir to perform arrangements of pop tunes. Many of the arrangements were created by the

students themselves.

"I remember deciding on a song and my friend, Bob Guberud, wrote the arrangement and pulled together the band," said Mary Carlsen Lilja, now an Edina grandmother of eight who sang "Thunder and Lightning" in the first concert. Together with others, like Laurie Wilson Spencer (also an Edina mom/grandma) who sang the Roberta Flack classic, "Killing Me Softly," the students – with the help of Hughes – started what has become a "go-to event" every spring.

The name "Current Jam" came from Hughes' initial inspiration (a wordplay on "currant jam," a fruit jam, and "current jam," a musical jam) with input from a small group of students including Wilson Spencer. "Laurie drew a jam jar tipped on its side to create the first poster and her artwork brought the concept to life – just one example of my

philosophy that the program was always about the kids, their talent, creativity and personalities," Hughes said.

"Current Jam opened the door for me and others to do fun solo work and harmonies of contemporary music, and take these skills to college," said Wilson Spencer, who minored in vocal music performance, and whose son, Mikey, performed in the 2008 and 2009 Current Jam shows.



A ticket from the first Current Jam on May 31, 1973.

To date, more than 4,000 students have participated in Current Jam, including opera singers Liv Redpath (EHS '09) and Tommy Glass (EHS '09), who is currently performing in Minnesota Opera's production of "Don Giovanni." But for many students, including Lilja and Wilson Spencer in the 1973 show, it was a singular experience to be on stage, singing songs that they loved.

After Hughes' tenure, Current Jam was overseen by the late Dr. Robert Peterson, 1977-1998, who brought new ideas and technology into the show, including video projection and lighting. In 1999, Current Jam was turned over to Dr. David Henderson, who had spent many years working with Dr. Peterson on the show. During Henderson's tenure, Current Jam continued to remain "current," not only through its modern popular repertoire, but also with state-of-the-art sound, lighting, choreography and video integration.

Following Henderson's retirement, Christopher Piela took over direction of Current Jam in 2019. He and colleagues Scott Lehrke and Serina Jolivette work collaboratively on an annual spring concert series that also includes Spring Sing and Happenin' shows. These performances allow all EHS choir members, grades nine through 12, to participate in the student-driven pop format established 50 years ago by Hughes and his students, while simultaneously preparing them to one day be part of Current Jam.

While Current Jam has evolved over half a century, it has remained faithful to its roots as a well-balanced, entertaining show of large-group choral numbers as well as special acts performed by a wide variety of solo groups. Tradition is a key element of the production. The senior video – introduced in 1977 – has had the choir singing "Times of Your Life" each year.

About Edina High School Choral Program

More than 500 students sing in the Edina High School Choral program, a department comprised of seven curricular choirs meeting during the day, four extra-curricular ensembles providing students an additional singing opportunity outside the school day, and an early-morning, weekly Men's Chorus open to all male singers in the high school and local community. The curricular choirs include 9th Grade SSA (soprano/alto), 9th Grade TTB (tenor/bass), Hornet Chorale (soprano/alto, grades 10-12), Cougar Chorus (tenor/ bass, grades 10-12), Bel Canto (advanced soprano/alto, grades 10-12), Cantemus (advanced tenor/bass, grades 10-12) and Concert Choir (advanced mixed chorus, grades 11-12). A close partnership between middle and high school programs ensures the development of comprehensive, lifelong musical skills for all singers.



Welcome! There is one 15-minute intermission in Current Jam 2023. Restrooms are located in the halls on the sides of the theater: Women's - house left. Men's - house right.

ACT I:

Current Jam: The Beginnings- video interview featuring Bill Hughes (founding director), Mary Carlsen Lilja & Laurie Wilson Spencer (members of the first Current Jam Concert Choir)

Uptown Funk..... Ronson, Bhasker, Mars, & Lawrence, arr. Andy Thompson
CONCERT CHOIR

It's All Coming Back.....Jim Steinman
Sophia Azmi, vocals

Home..... Greg Holden & Drew Pearson
David Cepek, Mikey Mason, Grant Olson, Jackson Parrish, Charlie Sandven, Jacob Toren, & Matt Vander Vort, vocals; Mitchell Mahlum, guitar

Careless Whisper George Michael & Andrew Ridgeley, orch. Ilan Blanck
CONCERT CHOIR; Gabriela Nowak, soloist

I Want You Back..... Mizell, Perren, Richards, & Gordy
Annie Carpenter, Greta Kerekes, Shelby Northrup, & Charlotte Smith, vocals
Bryce Zeuli, guitar; Hannah Owens Pierre, drums; Rowan Nordin, piano

Rivers and Roads Hensley, Johnson, Russell, Thielen, Williams, & Zasche
Casey Champion, vocals; Harry Otteson, guitar & vocals

Seven Bridges Road.....Stephen T. Young, arr. Kirby Shaw
CHAMBER SINGERS

The Evolution of Current Jam- video interview featuring Bill Hughes (Founding CJ Director '73-'76), David Henderson (CJ Director '91 & '99-'18), Pat Peterson (wife of CJ Director Bob Peterson '77-'98), Diana Leland (VVMS & EHS Choir Director '75-'05), & Christopher Piela (CJ Director '19-present)

Build Me Up, Buttercup McCauley & D'Abo, arr. Mac Huff
MEN'S CHORUS

Never Gonna Give You Up..... Stock, Aitken, & Waterman, arr. Lehrke
MEN'S CHORUS

Rumour Has It..... Ryan Tedder & Adele Adkins
Anna Clark, Evangelia Karoussos, Lauren Maloney, Nora McConnell, Jamie Pierce, Naomi Smith, Aubrey Van Liere, vocals; Y Nguyen, percussion

Nervous..... Shawn Mendes, Scott Harris, & Julia Michaels
Landon Nebel, vocals; Harry Otteson, piano

Blame It On the BoogieJackson-Clark, Jackson-Rich, Meyer, E. Kampschroer, H. Kampschroer, arr. Mac Huff

CONCERT CHOIR

15-MINUTE INTERMISSION

50 years!
CURRENT JAM
ACT II:

Current Jam Choreography- video interview featuring Tom Amundson (Choreographer '76-'84), John Command (Choreographer '85-'18), & Megan Kelly Hubbell (Choreographer '19-present)

Cruisin' for a Bruisin' Allan, Evigan, Miller, & Leonti, arr. Mac Huff
 CONCERT CHOIR

Smile Chaplin, Turner, & Parsons
 Jamie Pierce, vocals; Kayla Thomas, guitar

I Want It That Way Max Martin & Andreas Carlsson
 Luke Aadalen, Casey Campion, Patrick Kiely, Joey Matysik, Landon Nebel, Harry Otteson, Daniel Portz, Reid Sprenkle, & Jack Weiby, vocals; Sam Rogers, guitar; Mason Sill, drums

Umbrella Carter, Harrell, Stewart, & Nash, arr. Piela
 TREBLE CHORUS; Jamie Pierce, soloist
 Choreographed by Jenny Jones, Charley Nasiedlak, & Jamie Pierce

Perfect Ed Sheeran
 Ryne Kebhart, vocals; Josie Gerlach, piano & vocals

Take It Easy Jackson Browne & Glenn Frey
 Bella Avila, Meryl Doster, Layla Hayes, Sami Hankinson, Ingrid Koehler, Annie Lund, Lauren Maloney, & Chloe McMahon, vocals; Mitchell Mahlum & Clayton Brown, guitar; Mark Kaiser, bass

Times of Your Life Billy Lane and Roger Nichols, arr. Lou Hayward
 CONCERT CHOIR; the annual pictorial tribute to Concert Choir seniors

Saturday at 1:00pm only:

Thank You for the Music Bjorn Ulvaeus & Benny Andersson, arr. Jerry Estes
 CONCERT CHOIR & CURRENT JAM ALUMNI

Great Balls of Fire Otis Blackwell & Jack Hammer
 Daniel Portz, vocals & piano

Faithfully Jonathan Cain
 Lizzie Semington, vocals; Matthew Smith, guitar; Bennett Smalley, bass; Max Froehlich, piano; Rhys McVann-Henkemann, drums

'Everyday'- video interview featuring Chuck Beeson (alum, arranger of 'Everyday')

The Future of Current Jam- video interview featuring Laurie Wilson Spencer (alum, choir parent, & booster), & Scott Lehrke (EHS Choir Director on behalf of the Edina Choir Boosters)

You Give Love a Bad Name Bon Jovi, Sambora, & Child, arr. Thompson
 CONCERT CHOIR

Everyday The Archers, arr. Chuck Beeson, Class of '82
 CONCERT CHOIR

Concert Choir sings the Alma Mater written by Roger Sims, Class of '57, in the Commons following each performance.

50 years!

CURRENT JAM

CONCERT CHOIR:

Soprano:

Sophia Azmi
 Hailey Bergeson
 Josephine Gerlach*
 Meredith Goldman
 Sara Guy
 Samantha Hankinson
 Jennifer Jones*^
 Greta Kerekes
 Suzanne Lund
 Chloe McMahon*
 Gabriela Nowak
 Natalia Quintana
 Sydney Raley*
 Delaney Schutts
 Elizabeth Semington^
 Charlotte Smith*

Alto:

Serena Arisian*
 Gabriela Avila^
 Ann Carpenter
 Anna Beth Clark
 Meryl Doster
 Isabela Engle
 Layla Hayes
 Eleanor Kachmarzinski
 Evangelia Karoussos*
 Ingrid Koehler
 Siri Larson
 Lauren Maloney
 Nora McConnell
 Charlotte Nasiedlak
 Shelby Northrup
 Jamie Pierce^
 Naomi Smith*
 Aubrey Van Liere
 Lacieanne Wagner

Tenor:

Luke Aadalen
 Bennett Crater
 Soren Epple
 Grant Geisler
 Peter Hannan
 Ryne Kebhart*^
 Joseph Matysik*
 Landon Nebel*
 Jaedon Nygaard*
 Grant Olson
 Harold Otteson*
 Daniel Portz*
 Reid Sprenkle
 Maxwell Swenson
 Alexander Thompson
 Jacob Toren
 John Weiby

Bass:

Thomas Blum
 Casey Campion^
 David Cepek
 Charles Fenske
 Connor Huston
 Patrick Kiely*
 Michael Mason
 Lewis Meyer
 Jackson Parrish
 Andrew Piela
 Landen Sanders*
 Charles Sandven
 Jacob Tietz*
 Matthew Vander Vort
 Conner Vaughn
 * = Chamber Singers
 ^ = Dance captain

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF TREBLE CHORUS:

Evelyn Albright
 Margaret Donovan
 Libby McFarland
 Abigail Peterson
 Ruby Tarbox
 Madigan Webb
 Stella Weber

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF MEN'S CHORUS:

Kirk Aadalen
 Andy Beaton
 Richard Duncan
 Elijah Engstrom
 Daniel Fenske
 Andrew Gump
 Eric Hansen
 David Henderson
 Ryan Hunt
 Tom Kouchoukos
 Tommy Kouchoukos
 Andy Matysik
 Todd Mollidrem
 Tommy Mollidrem
 Jeff Northrup
 Bill Otteson
 Pedro Pacheco
 Brian Page
 Ian Page
 Joe Portz
 Tim Portz
 Benjamin Solsvig
 Mark Sprenkle
 Tony Succio
 Clayton Weiby

50 years! CURRENT JAM THE BAND:

Elise Huber (11)

Trumpet

Michael Van Panhuys (12)

Trumpet

Henry Molhoek (12)

Trombone

Armaan Jain (11)

Alto Sax

Mitchell Mahlum (12)

Tenor Sax

Margaret Shane (11)

Bari Sax

Hannah Owens Pierre (12)

Drums

Sam Rogers (12)

Guitar

Nick Gaudette (faculty)

Bass Guitar

THE CREW:

Ben Franske

Production Manager

Systems & Monitor Engineer

Grant Ashling

Production Manager

Visual Design & Operation

Will Weyrens

Front-of-House Sound Engineer

Nick Benson

Live Stream & Recording Sound Engineer

Jackson Zirbel

Video Director

Student Crew Members:

Tom Kouchoukos

Elsa Monsen

Ian Page

Jacob Wohlrabe

CURRENT JAM STUDENT VOLUNTEERS:

Evelyn Albright

Presley Bartling

Daniella Bisson

Sylvie Burt

Claire Bushaw

Ava Foley

Andrew Gump

Madeline Jensen

Addie Knier

Christian Kuehl

Ava Loop

Alexis McGrorty

Emma Meyerhofer

Gabby Monnot

Frannie Orr

Ian Page

Joe Portz

Ava Seymour

Johnny Sprague

Izzy Wieden



THE STAFF:

CHRISTOPHER PIELA, *Director*

Concert Choir, Treble Chorus, Chamber Singers, Hornet Chorale, 9TTB Choir

Christopher is in his 18th year at Edina High School and his 28th year in the District. He is also honored to be directing his 5th Current Jam! He earned his B.A. in Music Education from Gustavus Adolphus College and his M.A. in Curriculum and Instruction from Minnesota State University, Mankato. He has served in various leadership positions for the American Choral Directors Association of Minnesota and was an original member of World Voices/Singers in Accord. In addition to directing, he is an active composer and arranger. He resides in Edina with his wife Melissa and their two children Lauren, 20, & Andrew, 17.

SCOTT LEHRKE, *Director*

Men's Chorus, Cantemus, Cougar Chorus, 9TTB Choir, TTB Ensemble

Scott is in his nineteenth year directing vocal music in Edina Public Schools, where he teaches choirs at EHS, and serves as a vocal director for EHS musical theater productions. He graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from St. Olaf College and earned a Master of Arts in Music Education from the University of St. Thomas. Scott's teaching expertise and research is in the changing male voice, with particular interest in development of tenor-bass choirs. When not at EHS, he's probably at home in St. Louis Park doing yard work, drinking coffee, and enjoying the kitten antics of Hazy and Charleston.

SERINA JOLIVETTE, *Director*

Treble Chorus, Bel Canto, 9SSA Choir, SSA Ensemble

Serina is in her fifth year with Edina Choirs, her fourteenth year teaching high school choirs. Previous posts include Edgewood High School (Madison, WI), Sioux City East High School (Sioux City, IA), and Madison West High School (Madison, WI). In addition to traditional classroom choirs, Serina has worked with festival choirs, a cappella groups, show choirs, and musicals. Originally from Onalaska, WI, she received her Bachelors of Music Education from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she majored in both Choral/General Music Education and Spanish Language. She earned her Masters of Music Education with an emphasis in choral conducting at the University of St. Thomas. When not directing choirs, Serina enjoys spending time with friends and family, and her mini-goldendoodle, Jovie.

DIANA PAVLYUK, *Choir Associate & Piano Accompanist*

This is Diana's second year working with the choirs at Edina High School. She earned her B.A. Piano Performance degree from the University of Minnesota. Playing piano from an early age, she found a passion for music at her church where she ended up accompanying choirs for 15 years. Along with that, she loved singing, participating in ensembles, collaborating with other musicians, arranging music, and of course, performing. When not working with the lovely directors and students of EHS, she teaches at her home piano studio. She loves all kinds of exploring and being outdoors with her husband David and kiddos, William (6) and Giavanna (2).

MEGAN KELLY HUBBELL, *Choreographer*

Megan Kelly Hubbell is a musical theatre graduate of Millikin University with a dance minor. She recently became the Events and Volunteer Manager at Mission Animal Hospital in Eden Prairie. She continues to work as a voiceover talent, on camera, and on stage throughout the Twin Cities. You might recognize her as Jennifer from Rogers who recently bought a new car or the lady in that My Pillow commercial. She directs and choreographs for many schools and theaters across the state including Benilde-St. Margaret schools, Eden Prairie HS, Eagan HS, and Children's Theater Company. While managing volunteers is fun, she is thrilled to be celebrating her 11th year choreographing for Edina HS choirs.

DR. BEN FRANSKE, *Production Manager & Systems Engineer*

Ben is excited to be back and continuing his own spring Current Jam tradition which started at CJ 2000! He is the primary audio engineer and systems designer for the audio, video, and computers used in the show. Ben is a professor of computer networking & cybersecurity, a technology and production consultant, and the lead instructor teaching rock n' roll roadies production networking at Rock Litzitz. Along with other volunteer work, Ben is active in the Minnesota Streetcar Museum at the Como-Harriet Streetcar Line! He and his wife Patricia welcomed Hannah, their first child, to the CJ family last September and he especially wishes to thank Patricia for all her support and patience with his myriad of interests and putting up with a house full of equipment!

GRANVILLE P. ASHLING, *Production Manager, Lighting & Design*

Granville is happy to be returning to Edina High School for another spring concert season, including his 30th Current Jam! He is the lighting designer and assistant production manager for the show. He started his career here at Edina as a student and now is a production designer for Crescent Moon Productions llc. He has also done lighting work with the NFL, Prince, Wynonna Judd, The Office of the Dalai Lama, while locally he has worked with Minneapolis Downtown Council, Cloud Cult, and Living Word.

50TH ANNIVERSARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & SPECIAL THANKS

MARY CARLSEN LILJA '73..... Publicity & Communications

JOSH FREMDER Interview Videography, Editing, & Design

LAURIE WILSON SPENCER '73.....Alumni Reception and Program

Thank you to the 50th Anniversary Alumni Advisory Committee who provided helpful input and guidance:

JENNIFER DONNELLY '96

NINA LEWIS PEHLER '03

ANDY MATYSIK '91

BILL OTTESON '86

LAURIE WILSON SPENCER '73

Gratitude to the participants of our Current Jam 50th Anniversary video interviews:

TOM AMUNDSON

GRANT ASHLING

ANDY BEATON

JOHN COMMAND

DR. BEN FRANSKE

DR. DAVID HENDERSON

JIM HOVLAND

MEGAN KELLY HUBBELL

BILL HUGHES

DIANA LELAND

MARY CARLSEN LILJA

PAT PETERSON

LAURIE WILSON SPENCER

DR. STACIE STANLEY

SENIORS



Luke Aadalen played on the Varsity soccer team this past year with some of his favorite memories from choir being the New York trip, Current Jam, and messing around with Mr. Piela during room checks. He plans on attending Auburn University in the fall studying Business.



Serena Arisian was on the Edina Cheerleading team and participated in Concert and Chamber Singers. Her memories include going on tour in Chicago and participating in Current Jam. She is enlisting in the United States Air National Guard as a combat medic, and will attend the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.



Bella Avila held leadership positions within Edina Girls United, Model United Nations, Peer Tutors, and Hornet Mentors. She was on the Edina Dance Team and Varsity Hornets. Memories include performing at Winter Jubilee and the New York City choir trip. She will study Political Science and Public Policy at the University of Michigan.



Sophia Azmi has done theatre and choir all of high school. She's a hornet mentor and enjoys weightlifting. Some of her favorite memories include hanging out with her friends and going to New York with choir! She will be pursuing acting and vocal performance after high school.



Tommy Blum played hockey and ultimate frisbee and has been in an Edina High School choir the past 4 years. Memories include singing in Happenin '22 and singing *Homeward Bound* for the Veterans Day programs. He will attend Grand Canyon University next year.



Casey Champion has been involved in many clubs in school and at church. His memories include traveling to New York his junior year and performing in Current Jam. He plans on attending University of Denver in the fall.



Annie Carpenter played basketball, ran track & field, and served as co-president of the EHS Key Club. Memories include Winter Jubilee, NYC Tour, and CJ '22. She will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the fall to study Journalism and Economics.



David Cepek played on the Varsity hockey team and won a championship in basketball theory. His memories include singing the national anthem at the Homecoming football game. Next year he plans to attend Miami University.



Anna Clark played Varsity volleyball and golf, was a member of Student Council, Model UN, Girls United, Hornet Mentors, and is a Edina Reads Writing Contest Committee Member. Her memories include choir tour and having fun with her other Alto 2's! She will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the fall and plans on studying Elementary Education.



Meryl Doster has been involved in student leadership at church and clubs at Edina. Memories in choir include the Chicago tour trip this year, the Bel Canto retreat from last year, and lastly, Current Jam. She will study Interior Architecture and Design at Arizona State University.



Soren Epple played baseball and participated in alpine skiing all four years of high school. Memories include Winter Jubilee and singing with all of the grown men in Men's Chorus. He will attend Penn State in the fall to study Computational Data Science.



Charlie Fenske played Junior Gold Hockey and was on the school newspaper, Zephyrus. Memories include Men's Chorus and last year's Happenin' concert. Next year he will attend the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.



Grant Geisler has been in Edina Choirs since 7th grade. He has a good ear for all music and is an up-and-coming talented producer and songwriter. His other passion includes playing hockey for Edina.



Sara Guy was a Model UN member, the Edina Girls Volleyball Manager, and a proud member of the French Immersion community. Memories include Winter Jubilee and the choir trip to New York City. She will attend the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities to study Chemical Engineering in the fall.



Sami Hankinson played Varsity hockey, tennis, and golf all throughout high school and was a member of Hornet Mentors, the Student Activities Advisory Committee, and Girls' Book Club. Memories include the Choir Trip to Chicago and Winter Jubilee. She will study Marketing and Real Estate at Indiana University.



Layla Hayes was an Edina cheerleader for six years. Memories include choir tour to New York and Chicago, and performing in the Winter Jubilee. She will attend the University of Kansas.



Jenny Jones was active in Edina Choirs all throughout high school. She has been in Concert Choir for two years, and participated in Treble Chorus and Chamber Singers. She was a dance captain both years for Current Jam. She was also on the Edina Hip Hop Dance Team during her junior and senior years. She will be attending Gustavus Adolphus College in the fall to study Exercise Physiology.



Ella Kachmarzinski played three years with the Varsity soccer team and participated in choir since 6th grade. Memories include Winter Jubilee and singing with friends every day at school! She will be studying Biology next year at Indiana University.



Ryne Kebhart participated in choirs and performed in Edina Theatre through his high school years. He also performed in multiple special acts during the spring concerts. Memories include the New York tour, singing in a special act at Happenin' and Current Jam, and performing with his friends over the years. He plans on continuing his performing career and studying music arts in New York.



Greta Kerekes was a Level 10 Gymnast and Captain, Edina Rotary Global Scholar, Key Club Co-President, and SMATH Peer Tutor. Memories include Strawberry Fields, bus rides on the NYC tour, and Current Jam season. She will study Neurobiology and Spanish at University of Wisconsin - Madison.



Patrick Kiely sang in Concert Choir and Chamber Singers for the past two years, being a student director for the latter. Outside of choir, he is a three time Varsity Lacrosse letter recipient, founder of the EHS Lego Club, and a soccer referee with seven years experience. In the fall, Patrick will attend William and Mary where he will study Biology.



Ingrid Koehler is a singer and section leader in the Cathedral Choir at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church. Memories in Edina Choirs include the New York City and Chicago tours, and Current Jam. After high school, she is taking a gap year at Elverum Folk School in Norway and will study Global Health at McGill University in 2024.



Siri Larson participated in Edina Cheerleading, theater, and was a member of the French Immersion community. Her favorite memories include the New York City tour and Winter Jubilee. She plans to attend Minnesota State Mankato next fall to study Biology.



Annie Lund played hockey, was a 212 leadership cabinet member, involved section leader for Mt. Olivet Cathedral Choir, and wrote for the school newspaper. Memories include Winter Jubilee and singing with her best friends over the past 6 years. She plans on attending the University of Kansas and studying Journalism in the fall.



Lauren Maloney played soccer, ultimate frisbee, was a manager of the alpine ski team, a Hornet Mentor, as well as a student ambassador and a proud member of the French Immersion program. Memories include Winter Jubilee and singing the National Anthem on the streets of NYC spontaneously with a bunch of her choir friends. She will study Psychology and Nutrition at Miami University in Ohio.



Mikey Mason played hockey for Edina High School and has been in Edina Choirs since 6th grade. Memories include singing in a small group at Current Jam and being on the Wall of Fame at Valley View Middle School. He will attend Creighton University.



Joey Matysik played soccer, hockey, and ran track, sang in chamber singers, and was also on student senate and student council. Some of his favorite memories include his group special act in Current Jam last year and the Chicago and New York choir trips. He will attend Indiana University this fall to study Finance.



Chloe McMahon loved theater, having participated in six shows, and was in Chamber Singers. Memories include the 2022 Choir New York trip and growing musically with her peers over the years. She will be taking a gap year and will attend YWAM U of N Kona.



Lewis Meyer played baseball and was a captain his senior year. Memories include Happenin' 22 and Winter Jubilee. He will attend Miami University in Ohio to study Business.



Charley Nasiedlak played hockey and tennis, and was the founder of the Ethics in Science club. Memories include choir trip to NYC, Winter Jubilee, and getting to experience Jamie's energy in class. She will attend Duke University majoring in Molecular and Cellular Biology.



Landon Nebel is a wrestler and will be attending the University of Augsburg to continue his wrestling career. His memories include the tour in New York and Current Jam 2022.



Shelby Northrup was the editor-in-chief of the yearbook and served as the VP of both Science Club and Key Club. Her memories include the New York choir trip and CJ '22. She will attend Texas Christian University to study Marketing.



Gabriela Nowak was involved in Theater throughout all of her high school experience. Her memories include the New York choir tour and Current Jam '22. She will attend Stella Adler Academy of Acting in the fall.



Jaedon Nygaard was a football player and will be continuing his football career. His favorite memory is going on the New York City choir tour. He will be attending Augsburg University.



Grant Olson played hockey for EHS, and his best memories include the great times in 9TTB and Happenin' '22. He will attend Indiana University to study Business.



Harry Otteson played on the Varsity golf team and participated in jazz band and Chamber Singers. His favorite choir memories were New York City choir tour, Current Jam special acts, and the national anthem at Homecoming. He will attend Indiana University - Bloomington next year to study Finance.



Jackson Parrish was Captain and All-State soccer player. He also lettered in community service. His memories include the New York tour and watching *Aladdin* on Broadway. He will attend the University of Colorado - Boulder.



Jamie Pierce loves all things music from Choir to Band to Orchestra. Her favorite memories include Winter Jubilee, the soup debate from the NYC Trip, and being Jay Z (CHEEYA). She plans to attend the University of Minnesota - Duluth.



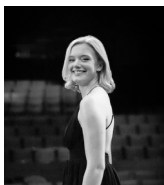
Daniel Portz played rugby and football, and was a student co-director of Chamber Singers. His memories include the New York choir tour, Current Jam, and Winter Jubilee. He will attend the University of Iowa to study Business.



Charlie Sandven played hockey. His favorite choir memory was when he sang in the Happenin' concert his junior year. He will be playing junior hockey next year.



Laney Schutts has been the student costume, hair, and makeup lead for EHS theater. Memories include the NYC choir trip and making great friends. She plans on attending North Dakota State University for Wildlife Conservation Biology and Pre-Veterinary Medicine.



Lizzie Semington is SO PUMPED for her last ever Current Jam. It's been so cash money and she is so grateful to have participated in choir since elementary school. Lizzie has been part of The EHS Thespian Club since her freshman year, and has also served on the student theater board since sophomore year. She will be pursuing her BFA in Musical Theater at Montclair State University in the fall.



Charlotte Smith was one of the leaders of Edina's Key Club and was also a Concert Choir Chamber Singer. Memories include the choir tour in Chicago, caroling with Chamber Singers, and meeting many amazing friends. She will study Marine Biology at The University of Tampa.



Reid Sprengle was captain of EHS alpine ski team and boys volleyball team. Memories include choir trips to New York and Chicago and singing with great small groups in Current Jam. He will attend Indiana University to study Finance and Data Analytics.



Max Swenson played rugby and sang in Mount Olivet Church's Cathedral Choir. His favorite memories include the Happenin' concert, the Chicago tour, and Current Jam. He will attend the University of Minnesota - Duluth.



Alex Thompson played rugby and participated in Theater For All. He also sang in the Cathedral Choir at Mount Olivet Church. Memories include great trips to New York City and Chicago. He will attend the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire in the Fall.



Jacob Tietz played Ultimate, competed in Model UN, and sang with Chamber Singers. Memories include caroling at the 50th-and-France tree-lighting and choir tour in NYC. He will study computer science at UMN.



Jacob Toren played hockey and golf. His favorite memories include singing and dancing during spring concerts, and singing during the Homecoming football game. He will be attending Indiana University in the fall to study Business.



Matt Vander Vort played 3 years of hockey for the Edina Boys Varsity team. His memories include singing the National Anthem on homecoming and participating in the spring concerts. He plans to play junior hockey in Lincoln, Nebraska next year.



Conner Vaughn played hockey and golf. His memories include the Happenin' concert and singing with friends over the years. He will attend Iowa State University.



Jack Weiby ran track, played hockey, and was a Hornet Mentor. Favorite memories include the New York and Chicago choir tours, Current Jam, and Winter Jubilee. He will be attending Colorado State University in the fall.

**congratulations
& best wishes!**

**class of
2023**



In 1973, as the first year at the new Edina-West High School drew to a close, choral director Bill Hughes and his Concert Choir students established a tradition that has become one of the most beloved institutions in the community:

CURRENT JAM CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!

To mark the 50th Anniversary of Current Jam in 2023 and the countless treasured memories created, Edina Choir Boosters announces a very special campaign called **\$50 FOR FIFTY**, and your participation is needed! The vision is simple yet profound:

- If every C.J. alum from the past fifty years made a one-time contribution of \$50 to honor their treasured memories in Current Jam, that amount of giving alone would establish an endowment of about **\$200,000!**
- Imagine if parents, grandparents, and perennial fans of Current Jam also donated \$50! Current Jam has impacted so many of us!

The funds raised through your generosity in the **\$50 FOR FIFTY** campaign will be used for two purposes:

1. Establishing an annual local scholarship to be awarded to a senior in the EHS Choral Program who plans to pursue singing and music study at the post-secondary level.
2. Funding unique and specific choral music learning experiences for future EHS choir students and ensembles, such as the commission of new music, artist residencies, workshops, and masterclasses with guest clinicians.

TWO WAYS TO DONATE \$50 FOR FIFTY TODAY!

1. Make a check payable to **Edina Choir Boosters** and write **\$50 FOR FIFTY** in the memo line. Mail to:

*Edina High School Choirs
6754 Valley View Road
Edina, MN 55439*

2. Scan one of these QR codes or any located around the auditorium and make an instant online donation. Please include **\$50 FOR FIFTY** in the memo.



PayPal



venmo

As our **\$50 FOR FIFTY** campaign is ongoing, we will publish a list of donors in Fall 2023. Thank you to those who have already contributed!

EDINA HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR BOOSTERS

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR MEMBERSHIPS

MEMBER (\$45-\$79):

Anonymous (16)
Carolyn & Rob Albright
Altman Family
BJ & Kate Austin
Adena Borodkin & James Miller
Boudjouk Family
Broich Family
Bryan Family
Charlie & Shanny Bunce
Lisa Burnham
Andrea & Tim Bushaw
Ruth & Dustin Carda
Chapdelaine Family
Susan & Mark Christensen
Jeff & Joyce Cook
Corsaro Family
Amy Daleiden
DeMuth Family
Deitan & Jenna Dubuc
Erik & Joanna Engstrom
Christianna Finnern
Tim & Kelly Flaherty
Jenny & Charlie Flinn
Haberman Family
Chris & Jess Hannan
Beth & Jeff Hayward
Erin & Casey Helbling
Hengel Family
Ihrke Family

Kiely Family
Peter & Claire Killen
Matt & Heather Kruse
Pat LeVesque
Lippert Family
Heather McLeod
Michelle & Chris Monnot
Tom McConnell
Monica & Phil Mero
Meyer Family
Miller Family
Dan Peterson & Jodie Korinek
Scott & Nancy Phinney
Tom & Steph Raley
Pallu Rao & Punit Wadhwa
Stacy Rogers
Sanders Family
David & Hilary Santoni
Seaman Family
Julie & Ted Seward
Sheila & Patrick Shane
Marcella & Kyle Smoley
Keith & Sarah Solsvig
Tony & Heather Succio
Julie Thiel
Lori & Martin Thompson
Thompson Family
Kim & Todd Thorsen
Jennifer & Jason Twill

PATRON (\$80-\$129):

Anonymous (4)
Azar Family
Batey Family
Andy Clark & Gretchen Faust
Ken & Emily Cooper
Kevin & Stephanie Cooper
Todd & Jules Geisler
Goldman Family
Holli & Casey Hankinson
Hinkie/Gardner Family
John Jakala & Binh Tuong
Spiwe & TJ Jefferson
Rick & Gail Jones
Scott & Erin Keeley

Dene Maloney
Mark & Sara Mason
Todd & Rachael Molldrem
Jody & Mark Nahlovsky
Reilly Family
Scott & Kirsten Rewey
Terry & Kathy Sandven
Emily & Scott Smith
Mary Stolee & Thomas Larson
Tom & Tara Wagner
Carol & Carl Wall
Weber Family
Stephen & Amy Wehr

-ROSTERS AS OF APRIL 22, 2023

WE SING YOUR PRAISES!

BENEFACTOR (\$130-\$249):

Anonymous (3)
Steve & Annie Bishop
Bodensteiner Family
Margy & Tim Champion
Jennie & Joe Carpenter
Bob & Chris Doe
Todd & Mary Doroff
Drew Family
Ryan & Patricia Engle
Mark & Karen Epple
Catherine & Tom Gump
Annie & Todd Gustin
Justin & Melanie Harstad

Koehler Family
Jason LaFrenz &
Naomi Hagestuen LaFrenz
Meyerhofer family
Tyler Nasiedlak
Luis & Jamie Nebel
Jeff & Erica Nowak
Scott & Leah Olson
Chris & Katie Peterson
Scott Polus & Michelle Tessier
Professional Pest Control
Phil & Schele Smith
Clayton & Teresa Weiby

DIRECTOR'S CIRCLE (\$250+):

Aadalen Family
Kerrie & Andrew Hecker
Jon & Sharon Hoffman
Jensen Family
Kerekes Family
Starr & Tom Kouchoukos
Scott M. Lehrke
Erika Malvey-Dorn &
Richard Dorn
Matysik Family
Noah & Beth Ann Monsen

Julie Nerheim-Erlandson
Jeffrey & Janna Northrup
Bill & Liz Otteson
Mark & Andrea Parrish
Piela Family
Tim & Molly Portz
Agnes & Pete Semington
Dr. Michael Spencer &
Laurie Wilson Spencer
Mark & Trudie Sprengle
The Toro Foundation

EDINA HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR BOOSTERS MEMBERSHIP

The generosity of our Choir Boosters makes concerts like this one possible! If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, please use the QR codes below to contribute via PayPal or Venmo.

Edina Choir Boosters is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Thank you for your support!



PayPal[™]



venmo



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Dr. Stacie Stanley
Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Randy Smasal
Assistant Superintendent
Andrew Beaton
Edina High School Principal
Michael Pretasky
Asst. Principal & Fine Arts Administrator
Jenn Carter
Assistant Principal
Jenny Johnson
Assistant Principal
Troy Stein
Asst. Principal & Activities Director
Brad Dahlman
Dean of Students
Christine Hanson
Principal's Administrative Assistant
Mary Braun, Emily Doyle,
Isari Rodriguez, Ali Schaefer,
Lynn Sosnowski
EHS Main Office Staff
Samantha O'Donnell & Natalie Spicer
EHS Activities Office Staff

Allison DuChateau, Nancy Knutson,
Molly Thuma
EHS Student Services Office Staff
Lisa Hengel
EHS Choir Boosters Treasurer
Kerrie Hecker
Ticket Sales
Bill Otteson
Advertising Coordinator
Lisa Peterson
EHS Copy Center
Scott Lehrke & Diana Pavlyuk
Senior Slideshow
Geneva Fitzsimonds, Paul Kile,
Martha Lundquist, Andy Richter
Edina High School Band Department
Nick Gaudette & Jack Reynertson
Edina High School Orchestra Department
Tyler Morris-Rees
Performing Arts Facilities Manager
**Special thanks to the entire EHS Custodial
& Maintenance staff**
*Gratitude to our Chicago '23 tour parent
chaperones:*
Catherine Gump, Gail Jones, Jeff Northrup

Elementary Music Faculty:

Sarah Biderman
Beth Brandt
Kyrsten Darby
Sarah Fincham
Carah Hart

Michael Moeller
Matthew Peterson
Shandra Prowell
Brenda Rolando
Emma Tewes

John Visel
Maxwell Voda
Charles Weise
Elizabeth Werness
Katherine Widen

Middle School Music Faculty:

Christine Dold
Nicholas Ellison
Benjamin Fleming
Kate Gordhamer

Chris Gumz
Samuel Khwice
Daniel Mollick
Matt Pearson

Liz Skoglund
Melody Snyder
T.J. Zemlin

SAVE THE DATE!



Join the Edina Education Fund for an outdoor concert event benefiting the Heal Together EPS Mental Health Campaign!

**SAVE THE DATE:
Wednesday, August 23
6PM-10PM
EHS main parking lot (door 5)**

Bring a chair, enjoy a food truck treat and reconnect for an evening of live music by local bands & community.

FREE EVENT – all donations benefit mental health services in the Edina Public Schools!

Learn more: www.edinaedfund.org



or Venmo
[@EdinaEdFund](https://www.venmo.com/EdinaEdFund)



**Edina
Education
Fund**



Southdale Pet Hospital

*Specializing in happy, healthy
cats and dogs for over 30 years*



Deborah Adams, D.V.M.

Pete Magnuson, D.V.M.

3910 West 70th Street • Edina, MN 55435

www.southdalepet.com

952.926.1831



Sing With Us!

The Edina Chorale, a nonprofit community choir comprised of mixed voices of all ages, performs three concerts per season featuring a broad repertoire of traditional, classical, contemporary, and pop choral music.



The Chorale rehearses weekly for two hours on Tuesday evenings from September to early June in Edina. Auditions will take place in early August 2023.



Learn More

 ec.auditions@gmail.com

 www.edinachorale.com

 [@edinachorale](https://www.facebook.com/edinachorale)

 [@edinachorale](https://www.instagram.com/edinachorale)

 [@edinachorale](https://www.youtube.com/edinachorale)



Edina Chorale



Open

**6 a.m. to 11 p.m.
7 DAYS A WEEK**

5125 Vernon Avenue South
Edina, MN
Phone: 952-929-2685
www.jerrysfoods.com

**Your neighborhood grocer for
over 65 years.**

Convenient everyday & specialty shopping.



**JERRY'S
HAS IT!**

**EDINA • 952-929-4601
5115 Vernon Ave S
Next to Jerry's Foods)**



**JERRY'S
PRINTING**

the power of print

**5101 Vernon Avenue, Suite 1D | Edina, MN 55436
952-920-1949 ph | 888-920-1949 tf | 952-920-1512 fax
www.jerrysprinting.com | scott@jerrysprinting.com**



Congratulations **SENIORS!**

Senior photo inquiries to:
timportz@gmail.com

