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Chautauqua Fine Arts Center

8000 75th Street North, Mahtomedi, Minnesota
(Adjacent to the Mahtomedi Senior High School)

WELCOME

Welcome to the Mahtomedi A Cappella Showcase. Enjoy this evening of delightful a cappella music by male and female groups. This year we have a concert by all ages for all ages! We start the evening with the Mahtomedi High School Zephyr Express, continue with groups from Carleton College, The Universities of St. Thomas and Minnesota and finish with performances by The Sweet Adelines and The North Star Chorus.

ABOUT THE GROUPS

Mahtomedi High School *Zephyr Express*

Zephyr Express is Mahtomedi High School's auditioned a cappella choir. This extracurricular ensemble was founded by director Chad Garrels in the spring of 2016 for the choir program's Pops Concert to provide an opportunity for advanced music students and has performed intermittently over the last six years. Numbers for this group have ranged from 16 to 24. The goal for the ensemble, while maintaining plenty of guidance from the director, is for students to take on more ownership of the ensemble and become more active in the planning and organizational processes. The 2021-2022 Zephyr Express roster comprises 21 students in grades 10 through 12.

University of Minnesota *7 Days A Cappella*

7Days A Cappella is the oldest group on the University of Minnesota campus with a rich history of musical talent, performance abilities, and national presence. All genders are welcome to audition. Founded in 2003 by Anthony Brown and Brienne Foyt, 7Days began as an opportunity for a diverse group of students to come together and connect through love of music and performance. Today, the group competes annually in ICCAs and has a history of success; in 2020 the group won their ICCA quarterfinal along with Best Vocal Percussionist Best Arrangement in the Great Lakes region.

Consider becoming a member of the Wildwood Artist Series committee. We need volunteers in the areas of Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Marketing and PR and Vice President. If interested, please call Ellie at (651) 426-3640.

THE RESIDENCY ENRICHMENT ENDOWMENT

During the thirty years that the Wildwood Artist Series has enriched our community, a fund surplus has been realized. In an effort to strengthen the performing arts in District 832, WAS developed a program to support each of the four schools on a rotating basis with funds for music residencies and enrichment. In 2016, the first residency took place. This investment has received unanimous support among ISD 832 music faculty and administration.

The endowment provides a great opportunity for our music programs to impact many students on a yearly basis. Students' greatest learning experiences occur when they interact with authentic, skilled, and vibrant musicians, composers and ensembles. A residency or curricular enrichment may include an authentic cultural experience, guest composers, interaction with clinicians and commissioned works. See, below, the list of talented individuals who have enriched our music programs thus far.

The current fund balance provides enough revenue for an enrichment experience at one school per year. The goal is to grow the endowment so that all four schools have an experience every year.

2016-2017	Ross Sutter at Wildwood Elementary
2017-2018	J.D. Steele at OH Anderson Elementary
2018-2019	Dr. Scott Agster with Mahtomedi Middle and High School Bands
2019-2020	Kyle Pederson with Mahtomedi Middle And High School Choirs
2020-2021	James Hersch at Wildwood Elementary
2021-2022	Peter Mayer at OH Anderson Elementary

Carleton College *Exit 69*

Exit 69 is the oldest all-gender a cappella group at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. We sing a wide variety of music, arranged primarily by our own members.

Sweet Adelines

Lake Country Chorus is a women's barbershop chorus that has been entertaining in the White Bear Lake area for over 50 years. As a member of Sweet Adelines International, Lake Country sings four-part a cappella harmony and teaches vocal skills and the love of vocal music. Women of any age who love harmony are invited to become members of Lake Country Chorus, singing is a hobby that can last a lifetime!

Sweet Adelines is also happy to provide curriculum materials for music educators to teach this uniquely American a cappella art form.

North Star Barbershop Chorus

The North Star Barbershop Chorus is the a cappella performing chorus of The Greater St Paul Area Chapter of The Barbershop Harmony Society. We sing 4 - part harmony arrangements in the barbershop style. Men of all ages and abilities enjoy singing this unique style of music.

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REMAINING 2021-2022 SERIES EVENT

All Concerts (unless otherwise stated) are held in the Chautauqua Fine Arts Center of Mahtomedi High School.

The Okee Dokee Brothers

Saturday, May 14, 2022 @ 4pm

For ticket information or to purchase tickets go to www.wildwoodartistseries.com or call (651) 605-1124.

The Chautauqua Fine Arts Center provides access for people with disabilities. A ramp is available to the left side of the lobby for any individuals who need it. Public restrooms are located off the lobby in either direction. Beverages and food are limited to the lobby or high school commons and may not be brought into the Center. Fire codes prohibit seating in the aisles. Our buildings and grounds are smoke free.

ABOUT THE WILDWOOD ARTIST SERIES

The Wildwood Artist Series (WAS) was formed in 1991 as a committee of the Mahtomedi Area Educational Foundation (MAEF), a 501(c)(3) organization which serves as our organization's fiscal agent.

For the past 30 years, WAS has presented quality, diverse, family appropriate performing arts events and has encouraged an appreciation of the fine arts in the community. Performers such as the Vienna Boys Choir, Arlo Guthrie, The Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats, Billy McLaughlin, Pat Donahue, John McCutcheon, Monroe Crossing (to name just a few) have entertained and enriched the lives of community members of all ages.

The Wildwood Artist Series is run by a volunteer committee who contribute their time, talent, and energy to bring the best and most accomplished performers to the Chautauqua Fine Arts Center stage.

WILDWOOD ARTIST SERIES COMMITTEE

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7Days A Cappella works hard to create connectivity through music on campus and across the region. The group frequently performs at concerts, galas/professional events, meetings, charity performances, and high schools around the Twin Cities region. 7Days also works to expand the U of M a cappella presence by connecting with a cappella groups from the U of M and universities across the nation. In previous academic years, 7Days has traveled to Boston, MA to perform with Distilled Harmony, New York City to watch the ICCA Finals, and Los Angeles to connect with a cappella groups from UCLA.

Carleton College *The Carleton Singing Knights*

The Carleton Singing Knights are a collegiate, all-masculine identifying a cappella group from Northfield, Minnesota. Since 1955, they've been singing their way through school at Carleton College, eating cookies at the school's famous cookie house where they have their practices, and having a rollicking good time along the way.

University of St. Thomas *The Summit Singers*

Founded in 2012, The Summit Singers are the original A Cappella group at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. The Summit Singers has always been comprised of around 12 male-identifying individuals who are passionate about excellent music-making and dynamic entertainment. The singers within the group come from a wide variety of majors, from Communication and Journalism to Mathematics to Mechanical Engineering to Music Education.

We will take a 15-minute intermission.

Thanks go to Donatelli's for feeding our performers!