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**WILDWOOD ARTIST SERIES**  
The Power of  
*Storytelling Through Music*

**A Cappella Showcase**  
Saturday, April 6, 2024

Chautauqua Fine Arts Center  
8000 75th Street North, Mahtomedi, Minnesota

The Wildwood Artist Series is a committee of the  
Mahtomedi Area Educational Foundation (MAEF)



## SNEAK PEAK...Next year's shows to include:

- Shaun Johnson's Big Band Experience (from the group Tonic Sol-fa)
- SimpleGifts Music with Billy McLaughlin



**Tickets will go on sale soon!**  
**To purchase tickets or to make a tax-deductible donation visit [wildwoodartistseries.com](http://wildwoodartistseries.com), scan this QR code or call 612-655-6023.**

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

*The Chautauqua Fine Arts Center provides access for people with disabilities. A ramp is available to the left side of the lobby. 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.*

## WILDWOOD ARTIST SERIES VOLUNTEERS

|                   |                                |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| David Bennett     | MAEF Representative            |
| Staci Bennett     | MHS Band/Choir Student Liaison |
| Julie Conzemius   | Member at Large/Music faculty  |
| Donna Ernster     | Member at Large                |
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Consider becoming a member of the Wildwood Artist Series committee! To learn more, contact Julie at [info.wildwoodartistseries@gmail.com](mailto:info.wildwoodartistseries@gmail.com) or (612) 655-6023.

## IN-SCHOOL ARTIST RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

|           |  |
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| 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                        |
| 2022-2023 | Sowah Mensah Mahtomedi Middle                                |

## DONORS to ELLEN C. BRUNER PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING ARTIST RESIDENCY PROGRAM

*(January 1, 2023 – March 13, 2024)*

***Thank you for your support of this incredible legacy program. Ellie Bruner, our founder, is very missed.***

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## MAHTOMEDI A CAPPELLA SHOWCASE

### 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 seven years. Numbers for this group have ranged from 16 to 25. 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 2023-2024 Zephyr Express roster comprises 19 students in grades 9 through 12

### UNIVERSITY OF ST THOMAS: THE SUMMIT SINGERS

Founded in 2012, The Summit Singers are a Tenor-Bass A Cappella group at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. The group is comprised of individuals who are passionate about excellent music-making and dynamic entertainment.

### MACALESTER COLLEGE: THE SIRENS

The Sirens are Macalester College's fem-inclusive A Capella group, and is the second oldest singing group on campus. The Sirens are the only group on campus that performs original arrangements, made by individual group members. All of the songs we perform are arranged by members of Sirens.

### CARLETON COLLEGE: EXIT 69

Exit 69 is Carleton's only all-gender a cappella group. We perform arrangements in a variety of musical styles on Carleton's campus and in the greater Twin Cities area. We are an entirely student-run group, and the songs we perform are primarily arranged by our own members.

### ST OLAF COLLEGE: THE LIMESTONES

The Limestones A Capella is a Tenor-Bass ensemble from St. Olaf founded in 1989. For over thirty years, we have sung and arranged genres such as pop, rock, folk, country, and our original song, Malt-O-Meal!

### CARLETON COLLEGE: THE SINGING KNIGHTS

The Carleton Singing Knights are a collegiate, 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.

### LAKE COUNTRY CHORUS

The Lake Country Chorus is a group of women who gather to participate in the artform known as barbershop music. Chartered in 1968 as a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, a worldwide organization dedicated to performance and education. The Lake Country Chorus meets to create the wonderful sounds of 4-part a cappella harmony. We leave the piano at home and perform locally with a pitch pipe. We love to share our songs at senior residences, church services, park performances, and other local events, including collaborating with the North Star chorus, a men's barber shop group to jointly perform a Christmas concert each year. We promote and participate in educational programs open to all group that have an interest in learning this artform. Come join us any Tuesday.

### NORTH STAR 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.

**Catering for this evening's performers was provided by Red Luna Seasons**



*Where good food is always in season!*

**Fajitas - Birria - Machete - Carnitas**

**114 Mahtomedi Ave**      **651-330-6001**

## ABOUT THE WILDWOOD ARTIST SERIES



The Wildwood Artist Series (WAS) is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1990 as a committee of the Mahtomedi Area Educational Foundation (MAEF), a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. The goal of WAS is to present quality, diverse,

family-appropriate arts events, and to encourage an appreciation of the fine arts in the community.

Over the course of our 30+ year history, 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 Fine Arts Center stage.



### THE ELLEN C. BRUNER PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING ARTIST RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Ellie Bruner founded the Wildwood Artist Series in 1990 to encourage an appreciation of the fine arts and to support musical education in our community. Under her leadership, WAS initiated the Wildwood Artist Series Professional Performing Artist Residency Program which funds extended residencies by professional performing artists (clinicians, composers, arrangers and artists of various cultural backgrounds) to work closely with students in the Mahtomedi school district. WAS is currently able to offer one residency per year that rotates around the four schools. Ultimately, we would like to be able to provide at least one residency experience for each student during their school career. Here is the list of talented individuals who have enriched our music programs thus far:

## WELCOME to the final show of the 2023-2024 season!

Dear Valued Patrons,

The A Cappella showcase is truly one of those shows that you won't find anywhere else (that I'm aware of!) I am truly grateful to Rhiannon O'Connor who does a ton of heavy lifting to produce this show. And I'm also very grateful to the many singers who will share their talent and hard work with us tonight.

Another person who deserves special recognition is our Theater Manager, Dennis Joslyn. Dennis juggles multiple requirements and manages many different challenges to make all of our shows go seamlessly.

This show concludes our first season without our beloved founder, Ellie Bruner. As we continue to evolve to determine the best ways to support our mission, I welcome your comments and feedback on what Wildwood Artist Series means to you.

Thank you so much for supporting music programs in Mahtomedi Public Schools and enjoy the show!

Julie Molitor  
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