



# Morningside Choral Department

Music is one of Morningside's greatest traditions. Fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music, the Department of Music continues in a tradition that began more than 100 years ago with the founding of the Morningside Conservatory of Music.

Students at Morningside have the opportunity to perform in The Morningside College Choir (mixed chorus), Bel Canto Singers (Women's Ensemble), Singing Men of Morningside, Choral Union (all choirs combined), Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Musical Theatre, and Opera Theatre.

## COLLEGE CHOIR

The Morningside College Choir is an auditioned choir of approximately 35 students which performs frequently both on campus and off. The ensemble tours every year; the most recent tour was a trip to New York City where the ensemble performed at Carnegie Hall. In May 2012, the College Choir will travel to Italy where they will perform in Rome, Venice, and Florence. Other recent trips abroad include a 2008 tour in China and a tour of Eastern Europe in 2005.

In addition to its demanding schedule of concerts, The Morningside College Choir regularly performs major choral/orchestral works with the Sioux City Symphony Orchestra and as part of the Morningside Choral Union. Recent performances have included the premier of John Cheetham's *Gloria*, Brahms' *Schicksalslied*, the Fauré *Requiem*, *The Creation* by Franz Joseph Haydn, Benjamin Britten's *War Requiem*, and Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*.

## OTHER ENSEMBLES

### Bel Canto Singers

This is a unique group of female singers dedicated to the performance of music composed specifically for women's voices. Repertoire is selected from the finest compositions from the Renaissance era through the present. The ensemble is open to all women on campus who love to sing. No audition required.

### Eclectix Vocal Jazz Ensemble

The Eclectix perform an eclectic mix of jazz, show, and pop tunes a cappella, with a rhythm section, and with the Morningside Jazz Ensemble. They have been featured on public radio broadcasts and at informal parties and gatherings throughout the Siouxland community.

### Singing Men of Morningside

This ensemble is open to any male student at Morningside, no audition necessary. The Singing Men perform music written specifically for male choirs in all varieties of music from classical to contemporary. They also sing the national anthem at athletic events both on and off campus.





## Choral Union

Each year, the Morningside College Music Department presents a Christmas concert entitled "Christmas at Morningside." It is a religious-themed concert involving many of our department's choral and instrumental ensembles. One of the featured performing ensembles is called the "Choral Union" an ensemble comprising all the choral groups on campus. Epley Auditorium is decorated for the event and features an original mural on the stage. "Christmas at Morningside" has become an important tradition at the college and a must-see event for our community.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

The Department of Music offers Celebration of Excellence Talent Scholarships in Music to deserving admitted applicants. Awards up to \$4,000 per year are available to both music majors and non-majors. This grant is awarded upon a successful audition during a student's senior year in high school.

## MUSIC PARTICIPATION STIPENDS

Music Participation Stipends are earned through involvement in music ensembles. (Pianists' participation will be determined by the piano faculty.) Students must perform an audition to be eligible. Participation stipends are \$750 per semester for a total of \$1500 per year.

## CHORAL AND VOCAL FACULTY

**Tim Watson**, Director of Choral Activities; College Choir, Jazz Choir, Singing Men, Choral Conducting, Music Education

**Dr. Gail Dooley**, Chair, Department of Music; Applied Voice

**Dr. Jill Wilson**, Assistant Professor of Music Education; Bel Canto Women's Choir, Music Education

## ADJUNCT FACULTY

**Steve Lundberg**, Applied Voice

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