The Menomonie Singers presents

Wonder

Brian Klein, Conductor

November 21

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Eau Claire, WI

2:00 PM

November 22

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Menomonie, WI

2:00 PM



Program

Kyrie from *Saint Francis in the Americas: A Caribbean Mass* — Glenn McClure

There Was A Time — Music: Elaine Hagenberg; Text: William Wordsworth

Laughing Song — Music: David Dickau; Text: William Blake

Percussion: Jenny LaPage
Flute: Leah Langby

Be Thou A Smooth Way — Music: Ralph M. Johnson; Text: Carmina Gaedelica I

INTERMISSION

The Moth's Serenade — Music: Andrea Ramsey; Text: Paul Fleischman

Flight Song — Music: Kim André Arneson; Text: Euan Tait

¡Bailará! — Music and Text: Dan Davison

Guitar: Randy Skow-Anderson; Shaker: Michael Phelan

Music Down In My Soul — African-American Spiritual; Arr. by Moses Hogan

In Memoriam

These concerts are dedicated to the memory of Tim Lutz, an incredible musician and tenor who was a charter member of The Menomonie Singers when it began in 1989. He served as section leader, accompanist, board member, and soloist during his many years with the choir. Tim is sorely missed.

The Menomonie Singers

Soprano
Mary Brandt
Meg Burkett§
Joanne Keays
Amy McKown§
Ellen Didion
Nicole Seehafer§
McKenna Johnson
Anna Klapperich
Irene Lim
Lori Mollan
Ruby Peterson
Alice Langby

Alto
Laurie Skow-Anderson
Lanna Laird
Sherry Cole
Cheryl Weber§
Sarah Dickson
Juliana Schmidt§
Lynn McFadyen
Stacey Wucherpfennig
Brenda Kuske
Lucy Weidner
Nila Natzke

Tenor
Michael Fairchild§
Joe Satnik
Hal Schroetter
Michael Phelan
Bill Broughton
Marvin Whitman

Bass
Brian Klapperich
Augie Hohl
Douglas Brandt
Daniel Sinkovits
Randy Skow-Anderson
Chris Gutting
Leroy Esanbock
Dutch DeKok
Ben Simmerman

§ Board Member



Spotlight on the Singers

Soprano, Nicole Seehafer, started singing in church choirs in elementary school and high school. She played French horn from elementary school to college, including 5 years with Ludington Guard Band. Her personal love for singing and craving community connection brought her to the Menomonie Singers. She loves the sense of camaraderie found with this talented group of people!

Tenor, Marvin Whitman, says, his first experience in a choir was with the Menomonie United Methodist Church Chancel Choir from the 1980s through the early 2000s. During this period, he also performed as a guitarist and singer in a local variety band, TSR, and sang tenor in an early iteration of The Menomonie Singers.

From 2001 to 2026, he took a hiatus from choral singing to form and perform with a local variety band, The Cutaways. They played and sang across Wisconsin and Minnesota for 25 years.

He is now happy to be back singing with the talented artists in The Menomonie Singers.

Conductor Brian Klein received a Bachelor of Music in music education from St. Olaf College. He teaches music in the Eau Claire School District. Klein has had many choral conducting experiences including working as an assistant conductor in Philadelphia and New York City.

Piano Accompanist Deanna Schultz is semi-retired from UW-Stout. She has been singing in, and accompanying, choirs for many years.

Auditions for The Menomonie Singers

Our spring concerts are April 24 and 25, 2027. Auditions are January 18 and 19, 2027. The choir rehearses at UW-Stout weekly on Tuesdays after auditions until performance. If you or someone you know is interested in auditioning for The Menomonie Singers, contact Juliana Schmidt, Executive Director, at admin@menomoniesingers.org

Chippewa Valley Voices

The Menomonie Singers is a member of the Chippewa Valley Voices, a coalition of choirs located in the Chippewa Valley.

Translations

Kyrie
Lord have mercy upon us
Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy.
Most high and glorious God,
Illuminate the darkness of my heart,
And grant an upright faith, and perfect love,
Certain hope, profound humility,
Wisdom and understanding,
O Lord, that I might follow your holy
And true commandment.

Bailará
Dance with fervor. Dance with love.
She will dance all night.
With emotion. With precision.
She will dance all night.
She will dance! She will dance!
She will dance with a lot of heart!
She will dance! She will dance!
With emotion. With precision.
With compassion.
With imagination. She will dance!
Serenity. Vitality.
Look at how handsome, and look at how lovely.
Peace. Happiness.
Everyone is watching her liveliness.
Look at her footsteps. She dances fast!
Look at her emotion, her love.
Look at her face. How energetic!
Look how expressively she dances.
She will dance! She will dance!
She will dance!
I watch with all my heart.
Dance on, dance on, dance on, and she will dance.

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