



# Chorale Midwest

## *Expressions*

*Newsletter for  
Chorale Midwest*

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### Our Creative Staff

Artistic Director: Brad T. Barrett, Professor in Choral Conducting and Music Education at UNI

Pianist: Kelly Truax, Teacher and Director of Choral Music at Prairie Middle School

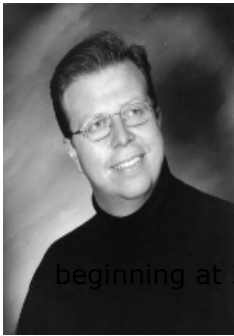
### *Celebrate the Season*

#### **And what a season it will be!**

**"Celebrate Song"** is our opening concert. It is an inaugural event for Chorale Midwest and will be held on Sunday October 16, 2005 at 3:00 pm.

**"Celebrate Joy"** is the title of our traditional Christmas concert. The date and times for this concert are December 4, 2005 at 3:00 pm and 7:30 pm.

**"Celebrate Love"** will be our final concert of the 2005/2006 season. The dates and times for this concert are as follows: Friday May 5, 2006 beginning at 7:30 pm and Sunday May 7, 2006



Conducting

Notes from

Dr. Brad T. Barrett

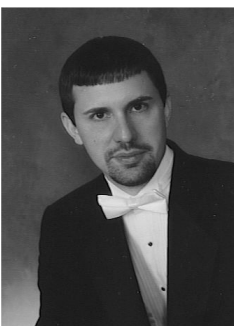
beginning at 3:00 pm.

### *"Celebrate Song"*

Our fall concert is a celebration of song that is a journey of man's struggles and triumphs through time. We open our first concert with Carlyle Sharpe's "Laudate Nomen." This piece ushers in "Celebrate the Season," the title of our entire musical year. In addition, a set of pieces centered on the topic of water will be featured. In respect of the recent weather-related tragedies, these pieces offer assurance and hope, while our next set deals with many of man's struggles. This set begins with the "Lament for a Lost Child" by Jere Hutcheson followed by the African piece, "Horizons" by Peter van Dijk, ending with an original lullabyesque composition by one of our own members, Ms. Beth Mueller.

### **Meet the Xavier Chorale**

The Xavier Chorale, under the direction of Andrew Last, was formed in 1998, after Regis and La Salle High Schools combined to form what is now Xavier. The 73-voice ensemble is comprised of students in grades 10-12. The Xavier Chorale is performing a set of music and joining Chorale Midwest for our closing number, "Witness," on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm.



**Andrew Last**

Andrew Last is a graduate of Luther College and received his Masters of Music in Choral Conducting from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. He is a frequent guest conductor and clinician in the Midwest and Southwest and is listed in the *Who's Who of American Teachers*.

### **Meet the UNI Men's Glee**

We welcome the UNI Men's Glee, our guests for the Christmas concert. The Men's Glee members come from all fields of study and are under the direction of Dr. Brad T. Barrett.

Dr. Barrett holds degrees in vocal music and choral conducting from Southwest Missouri State University and a Doctorate of Musical Arts degree in choral conducting and vocal performance from the University of Arizona. Dr. Barrett often serves as a clinician, adjudicator, and director for festivals throughout the United States and Europe.

We hope you join us in welcoming the UNI Men's Glee to "Celebrate Joy" on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm or 7:30 pm.

## Conarratulations Cliff!

We join in celebrating the acting debut of one of our charter Chorale members. This past summer Cliff Haverkamp, 84, of Cedar Rapids who played the role of Grampa Joad in the outdoor production of "The Grapes of Wrath" at Bruce more. Cliff's only previous acting experience was playing Abe Lincoln for day care centers and schools.

The outdoor production provided extra challenges for the actor, including being buried under a thick wool blanket in 90 degree weather. Fellow members report that Cliff had one special request, "try to speed up the seven minute burial scene because I can't hold my breath that long"!

Although this was Cliff's first role as an actor, he keeps busy with many varied activities. He volunteers at the Science Station and Bruce more, sings in his church choir and Chorale Midwest, and plays the Baritone Horn in the New Horizons Band. He is an inspiration!!

## Chorale Midwest Mission Statement

*"To provide cultural enrichment, educational inspiration, and community recognition."*

**An example of Chorale Midwest's mission goal in action is by fostering student involvement in the arts, specifically the choral arts. We do this by providing students who sing with Chorale Midwest a scholarship that halves the membership dues for each of them for the year.**

Chorale Midwest began this mission in 1997 and will continue as long as there are songs to sing and singers to sing them. We express deep gratitude for the many sources of financial support we have received through the years, both corporate and individual.



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## Tickets ! Tickets! Tickets!

### Introducing: Season Tickets!

#### Season Tickets Prices

\$28.00 Adult, \$22.00 Senior/Student  
for all three concerts in the 2005/2006  
"Season to Celebrate" concert series.

#### Individual Ticket prices

For tickets sold in advance:

\$8.00 Senior/Student, \$10.00 Adult

For Tickets sold at the door:

\$10.00 Senior/Student, \$12.00 Adult

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