

PURDUETTES PRESS KIT



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Purdue Musical Organizations

**“ Your performance was stellar, awesome,
inspiring and absolutely wonderful. Beautiful
voices, energy, poise, precision, versatility,
presentation and great arrangements just
BLEW ME AWAY!”**

Nicholas Fritsch, President, Purdue Club of Tampa Bay

PURDUETTES ABOUT

Celebrating music of all genres, this talented troupe of alto and soprano voices represent the best and brightest from several fields of study.

Known for an ever-polished and professional look, the Purduettes consistently highlight the considerable musical talents of more than 60 vocalists through full-ensemble, small group, and solo presentations.

Founded in 1942, and having celebrated their 80th anniversary in 2022, the Purduettes have inspired audiences around the globe. The ensemble has performed throughout Canada, France, and more.

The Purduettes maintain a high level of academic achievement and pursue excellence on, and off, stage, employing a leadership and mentor program to help further the development each individual.



PURDUETTES HISTORY



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Founded in 1942 during World War II when members of the Glee Club were leaving for service. Al Stewart, the director of PMO, responded by forming an entertainment group of 13 young women who were chosen and organized as the Purduettes.

Al Stewart took the Purduettes on a tour of the East coast that included a performance at the Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, New York. The Purduettes were a hit and began entertaining audiences nationwide. Stewart originally designed four costumes for the Purduettes including a simple black and white choir gown and the well-known white satin, off-the-shoulder formal gown.

Although Stewart restored the men's Glee Club as soon as the war was over, the Purduettes had made their mark in history, and the women added a new flare to Purdue Musical Organizations.



PURDUETTES SPECIALTY GROUPS



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PURDUETTE TRIO

Relive the nostalgic song stylings of the Andrews and McGuire sisters, along with the sounds of big band and swing, this trio of talented vocalists that are sure to keep memories alive and toes tapping..

THE REMEDY

With their angelic voices and folksy charm, The Remedy sings an appealing variety of sacred and secular Americana music to heal souls in a wounded world.

LONELY HEARTS

This dynamic, energetic group sings a wide variety of music, from girl groups of the 1960s to movie tunes to contemporary pop, jazz, and Latin hits. The Lonely Hearts maintain a style, groove, and sense of moxie that audiences love.

JEFF VALLIER

DIRECTOR

Jeff Vallier holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Master's Degree in Choral Conducting from Western Michigan University.

Jeff served as Music Department Chair and Director of Vocal Music at Lakeview High School in Battle Creek, Michigan from 1989-2001. From 2001-2008, he directed the "Expressions" concert/show choir and the "Varsity Singers" mixed concert choir at Jefferson High School in Lafayette, IN.

As Assistant Director of Purdue Musical Organizations, Jeff directs the Purduettes and University Choir, and serves as Director of Recruitment, visiting and working with dozens of Indiana high school choirs annually to promote excellence and appreciation for the art of choral music.



JOSEPH BANDI

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Joseph Bandi holds undergraduate degrees in piano performance and music education from Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA where he studied with Dr. Nancy Zipay DeSalvo.

He spent five years teaching music and choir to students in grades 5 through twelve where he had several award winning ensembles and individual students achieving state honors.

He has worked as an accompanist, church musician, and is a recognized "Associate Carillonneur" according to the North American Guild of Carillonneurs.

He has competed and participated in several piano competitions and festivals, including the National Music Festival, The American Prize for Piano Performance, and the Dublin International Piano Festival.



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