39TH ANNUAL

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

# HONOR

## BAND, CHOIR, & STRINGS FESTIVAL

**Dr. Simona Barbu**
*Honor Strings Conductor*

**Dr. Isaac Lovdahl**
*Mixed Honor Choir Conductor*

**Dr. James Popejoy**
*Honor Band Conductor*

**Melanie Popejoy**
*Treble Honor Choir Conductor*

**1.21.24 • 1:30 PM • CHESTER FRITZ AUDITORIUM**

*Singing Children* — Bob Chilcott
*Goodnight Moon* — Eric Whitacre
*No Mirrors In My Nana's House* — Ysaye M. Barnwell
*Children Will Listen* from *"Into the Woods"* — Stephen Sondheim/arr. Jacob Narverud
*I'll Tell My Ma* — Erik Jones

## Treble Honor Choir

*The Simple Symphony,* for String Orchestra, op. 4 — Benjamin Britten
3. *Sentimental Saraband*
4. *Frolicsome Finale*

*Elegy* for String Orchestra — Jack Jarrett
*Jealousy* — Jacob Gade/arr. Alejandro Drago
Soloist: Dr. Alejando Drago, violin
*Decarísimo* — Astor Piazzolla/arr. Alejandro Drago
Soloist: Dr. Alejando Drago, violin

## Honor Strings

*I Sing Because I'm Happy* — ad. Rollo Dilworth
*Abendlied* — Josef Rheinberger
*The Old Mill* — Kenneth Riggs
*Immortal Bach* — arr. Knut Nystedt
*Freedom* — Isaac Lovdahl

## Mixed Honor Choir

*Masque* — W. Francis McBeth
*Variations on "Scarborough Fair"* — Calvin Custer
*Colours* — Roger Cichy
*Amber*
*Dark Jade*
*Blue Sapphire*
*Mauve*
*Dark Ivy*
*Burgundy Red*

## Honor Band

*Dry Your Tears, Afrika* — John Williams/Lavender & Snyder

## Combined Band, Choirs & Strings

# HONOR BAND

**Dr. James Popejoy, *conductor***

**Flute/Piccolo +**
Lee Cable, *Grand Forks Red River*
Emma Dockter, *May-Port CG*
Autumn Eddings-Phelps, *MLS-Mohall*
Evie Geiger, *Fargo Davies* +
Beatrix Homsel, *Fargo North*
Marie Hylton, *Central Valley*
Keira Irving, *Grand Forks Central*
Liyanwen Ju, *Grand Forks Red River* +
Alora Kendall, *Minot* +
Ryli Kuhnhenn, *Rugby*
Alexis Laparra, *Stanley*
Ruby Osweiler, *Roseau*
Danielle Ricks, *Minot*
Tessa Rykowsky, *St. Mary's Central*

**Oboe**
Adison Flynn, *Beulah*
Sidney Ressler, *Minot*
Kiera Torgeson, *Minot*

**Bassoon**
Gretchen Bain, *Ulen-Hitterdal*
Hayden Radway, *Williston*

**Clarinet**
Melanie Billings, *Central Valley*
Emma Briggs, *West Fargo Sheyenne*
Emily Burg, *Williston*
Serenity Caron, *Williston*
Seth Erickson, *Roseau*
Aidan Fiala, *Grand Forks Central*
Zac Hemmer, *Fargo Davies*
Owen Huntington, *St. Mary's Central*
Nora Ingram, *Wahpeton*
Codey Irwin, *Minot*
Olivia Korynta, *Jamestown*
Kaitlin Lucy, *Minot*
Lucky Patel, *Minot*
Noralyn Reyles, *Devils Lake*
Amanda Rude, *Minot*
Elena Sorge, *Center-Stanton*
Kira Steinhauer, *Roseau*
Ariana Thebeau, *Cavalier*
Ava Thorenson, *Bottineau*
Alison Toay, *Fargo North*
Lillianna Weyer, *Surrey*

**Bass Clarinet**
Kylie Aus, *St. Mary's Central*
Sadie Froehlich, *Grand Forks Red River*
August Harms, *Montpelier*
Edwin Johnson, *West Fargo*
Erika Miller, *Fargo Davies*
Christina Rhoads, *Williston*

**Alto Saxophone**
Zachary Cleveland, *Lakeville South*
Devin Devine, *Minot*
Andrew Grothman, *Fargo Davies*
Braxton Istilart, *Stanley*
Tanis Lee, *Fargo Davies*
Raymond Lundstrom, *Beulah*
Hudson McLain, *Bottineau*
Case Muscha, *Central Cass*

**Tenor Saxophone**
Kole Albers, *Center-Stanton*
Zorah Bell, *Grand Forks Red River*
Keira Knabe, *Grand Forks Central*

**Baritone Saxophone**
Hayden Hammer, *Williston*
Chris Mehrer, *Washburn*
Brenna Olson, *Ulen-Hitterdal*

**Trumpet**
Jack Austin, *Minot*
Matthew Benson, *West Fargo*
Logan Cook, *West Fargo Sheyenne*
Logan Fix, *Hazen*
Jaxon Freeberg, *May-Port CG*
Gretta Gebhard, *Grand Forks Central*
Thomas Haas, *Ashley*
Henry Haug, *Grand Forks Red River*
Dylan Jackson, *Minot*
Anders Mattson, *Roseau*
Reygan McCanna, *Roseau*
Alan Michels, *MLS-Mohall*
Kat Olson, *Grand Forks Central*
Analiese Penaflor, *Minot*
Andrew Ternes, *Devils Lake*
Elizabeth Wodrich, *Oak Grove*

**Horn**
Emily Barth, *Tri-County*
Truett Bundy, *Fargo Davies*
Emma DeVries, *Minot*
Avery Ellis, *Stanley*
Jagger Hanson, *Minot*
Kieran Huck, *Fargo Davies*
David Threatt, *Crookston*
Shelby Verke, *Washburn*

**Trombone**
Shane Bosch, *Hazen*
Anson Chojnacki, *Fargo Davies*
Makena Hedlund, *Roseau*
Samuel Mauriello, *West Fargo Sheyenne*
Keane Roorda, *Jamestown*
Luke Sikkink, *Fargo Davies*
Tobias Spangler, *Dickinson*
Eric Wensloff, *Roseau*
Ayden Whitney, *Dickinson*
Jackson Windle, *West Fargo Sheyenne*

**Euphonium**
Lejb Dojs, *St. Mary's Central*
Meris Lindsay, *Cavalier*
Elijah Smallbeck, *Hillsboro*
Eli Stevenson, *Grand Forks Central*
Theresa Wick, *Sidney*

**Tuba**
Rikka Edwardson, *May-Port CG*
Kinley Gruenberg, *Minot*
Colton Madcke, *West Fargo Sheyenne*
Kadyn Mason, *Minot*
Gabriel Ricks, *Dickinson*
Lucas Selzler, *Fargo Davies*

**Percussion**
Cami Antonenko, *Grand Forks Red River*
Adam Brachman, *Fargo Davies*
Athena Buseth, *Minot*
Leif Juhl, *Oak Grove*
Leah Meyer, *West Fargo*
Julia Putt, *Minot*
Isaiah Richter, *Hazen*
Caleb Roth, *Fargo North*
Kaz Slabodnik, *Williston*

# MIXED HONOR CHOIR

**Dr. Isaac Lovdahl, *conductor***

**Dr. Ling Lo, *collaborative pianist***

**Soprano 1**
Elena Boehm, *West Fargo Sheyenne*
Catherine Broden, *Fertile-Beltrami*
Lauren Diers, *Fargo Davies*
Madison Giffey, *Minot*
Arlo Gould, *Fargo North*
Ava Haldorson, *Harvey*
Kailey Howcroft, *Minot*
Haley Mathias, *Jamestown*
Micayla Olson, *Fertile-Beltrami*
Hannah Routledge, *Bismarck Legacy*
Addison Seil, *Bismarck Legacy*
Natalie Thompson, *Bismarck Century*
Gabby Tweten, *Jamestown*

**Soprano 2**
Ashtyn Auch, *Grand Forks Central*
Grace Bilowith, *Jamestown*
Gabrielle Cormier, *Grand Forks Central*
Alyssa Gangelhoff, *Grand Forks Central*
Elizabeth Goettle, *Dickinson*
Amirah Hurst, *Grand Forks Red River*
Aria Kindseth, *Grand Forks Central*
Taylor Malloy, *Bismarck Legacy*
May Nash, *Minot*
Caroline Puetz, *Wyndmere*
Adyson Scherbenske, *Bismarck Century*
Kayla Tiffany, *Bismarck Legacy*

**Alto 1**
Alissa Anderson, *Ulen-Hitterdal*
Ellen Berry, *Grand Forks Central*
Zofia Dostal, *Beulah*
Lily Erdmann, *Bismarck*
Grace Gross, *Bismarck*
Bryn Larson, *Grand Forks Red River*
Ruby Main, Minot
Elizabeth Malott, *Grand Forks Central*
Aliya Martinson, *Fargo Davies*
Tenley Nodland, *Bismarck Century*
Katie Ragan, *Bismarck Century*
Madison Schaefbauer, *Bismarck Legacy*
Avery Wurtz, *Bismarck Legacy*

**Alto 2**
Nora Anderson, *Grand Forks Red River*
Devyn Bechel, *Minot*
Emilie Chaffee, *Bismarck Legacy*
Shelby Dunwoody, *Jamestown*
Maleina Joubert, *Harvey*
Clara Kranz, *Fargo Davies*
Nevaeh Mock, *Bismarck Legacy*
Noelle Ploof, *Minot*
Mia Roehrich, *Bismarck Legacy*
Kalli Shirley, *Bismarck Century*
Abigail Silvernagel, Bismarck
Aubrey Srur, *Jamestown*
Lucy Wisthoff, *Bismarck*

**Tenor 1**
June Devero, *Dickinson*
Mirko Drago, *Grand Forks Central*
Lucas Farstad, *Bismarck*
William Gunderson, *Bagley*
De'Vyon Kehr, *Bismarck*
Bradie Konze, *Grand Forks Central*
Gavin Kutzer, *Bismarck Legacy*
Aiden Lorenz, *Jamestown*
Darius Mah, *East Grand Forks*
Noah Meline, *Fargo Davies*
Charlie Moran, *Minot*
Bear Reed, *West Fargo Sheyenne*
Lucas Siebuhr, *Velva*

**Tenor 2**
Owen Berglund, *Grand Forks Central*
Nicholas Bouvette, *Grand Forks Red River*
Francisco Garcia, *Central Cass*
AJ Gustafson, *Dickinson*
Andrew Hoke, *Bismarck Legacy*
Griffin Kyes, *Bismarck Legacy*
Ryan McMullin, *Grand Forks Red River*
Finley Opp, *Bismarck Legacy*
Cade Pittenger, *Bismarck Legacy*
Lucas Tangen, *Bismarck Legacy*
Maddox Thiele, *Bismarck Legacy*
Cale Wahlstrom, *Minot*
Nathan Wistisen, *Minot*

**Bass 1**
Grant Anderson, *Harvey*
Emmett Bergeman, *Sargent Central*
Ron Bingham, *Jamestown*
Colin Conway, *Jamestown*
Adam Eckroth, *Fargo Davies*
Gavin Guinn, *Bismarck Legacy*
Adam Hart, *Langdon*
Ethan Johnson, *Bismarck Legacy*
Tye Marum, *Bottineau*
Tommy Mercer, *Grand Forks Central*
Joseph Shappell, *Minot*
Erick Silva Cruz, *Dickinson*
Joshua Thies, *Center-Stanton*

**Bass 2**
Thompson Fischer, *Fargo Davies*
Seth Hall, *Center-Stanton*
Ben Hoke, *Bismarck Legacy*
Tim Miller, *Bismarck Legacy*
Jared Petersen, *Dickinson*
Nile Riedhammer, *Grand Forks Red River*
Andrew Seibel, *Harvey*
Theo Sum, *Grand Forks Central*
Asher Suriano, *Grand Forks Red River*
Trace Tysver, *Bismarck Legacy*
Mason Vance, *Central Cass*
Jacob Vanscoy, *East Grand Forks*

# TREBLE HONOR CHOIR

**Melanie Popejoy, *conductor***

**Roxanne Gessler*, collaborative pianist***

**Soprano 1**
Noelani Alpiche-Martinez, *Minot*
Maya Archuleta, *Bismarck Legacy*
Audrey Atherton, *Grand Forks Central*
Kristyn Bauer, *Beulah*
Rachel Benson, *Bottineau*
Audrey Bienek, *Warren Alvarado Oslo*
Alaina Brinker, *Watford City*
Taylor Cavett, *Bismarck*
Claire Chaput, *Langdon Area*
Lillian Cordell, *Jamestown*
Reagan Dever, *Bismarck*
Jazmin Flores, *Bismarck*
Addison Foley, *Grand Forks Central*
Reagan Gaukler, *Grand Forks Red River*
Anneka Gebhardt, *Bismarck Legacy*
Liberty Griggs, *Bismarck Legacy*
Alyssa Horob, *Williston*
Ginny Hutton, *Grand Forks Red River*
Xylia Michels, *Minot*
Gracie Offner, *Hankinson*
Grace Wolf, *Wyndmere*
Ivy Wolf, *Northwood*
Olivia Ystenes, *Fertile-Beltrami*

**Soprano 2**
Kaydence Augustine, *Marshall County Central*
Adria Beach, *Minot*
Mara Bestge, *Lake Park Audubon*
Mary Calvillo, *North Border*
Kaiya Chell, *Minot*
Jayden Collins, *Dakota Prairie*
Samantha Ernst, *Fargo Davies*
Samantha Farden, *Glenburn*
Brooklynn Gerszewski, *Larimore*
Ava Grunhovd, *Fertile-Beltrami*
Aspen Humes, *Jamestown*
Samantha Lagein, *Mt Pleasant*
Maya LeBine, *Warren Alvarado Oslo*
Avery Lessard, *Central Valley*
Olivia Litchfield, *Wahpeton*
Reese Motz, *Wahpeton*
Londyn Paulson, *Bismarck*
Kailey Stampka, *Bismarck Legacy*
Aubrey Sveen, *Park River*
Siri Tweten, *Jamestown*
Jaida Vivier, *Northwood*

**Alto 1**
Chloe Abraham, *Norman County East*
Kirna Anderson, *Bismarck*
Cara Baumann, *Bismarck Legacy*
Addison Bergeman, *Sargent Central*
Morgan Bubbers, *Ulen-Hitterdal*
Averi Christensen, *Williston*
Sienna Degenstein, *Williston*
Keziah Dvorak, *Dickinson*
Grace Ellertson, *Bismarck*
Ava Hager, *Grand Forks Central*
Kenadie Hill, *Bottineau*
Emma Hoke, *Jamestown*
Josephine Kargbo, *Bismarck*
Kathleen Kerian, *Grafton*
Janessa Kunstleben, *East Grand Forks*
Aleah Olson, *Bismarck Legacy*
Siri Paulsen, *Bismarck Legacy*
Jordyn Pierce, *Bismarck*
Morgan Rose, *Lake of the Woods*
Skyla Rustad, *East Grand Forks*
Ellery Siebuhr, *Velva*

**Alto 2**
Annelise Anderson, *Bismarck Legacy*
Jamie Bean, *Bismarck*
Serenity Gebhardt, *May-Port CG*
Elyssa Greenwell, *Minot*
Maeli Haia, *Minot*
Owen Hanson, *Dickinson*
Aubry Houle, *Mt Pleasant*
Rylee Jalbert, *Bismarck*
Ava Kemnitz, *Cavalier*
Lyla McCasson, *Velva*
Alaina McKenna, *Hazen*
Emily Norstebon, *May-Port CG*
Emma Sander, *Minot*
Zoe Serna, *Grand Forks Central*
Addison Stiefel, *Bismarck*
Jenneva Ward, *Hazen*
Annabelle Wingate, *Lake of the Woods*
Marlee Winkelspecht, *Dickinson*
Haidyn Zacher, *Bismarck Legacy*

# HONOR STRINGS

**Dr. Simona Barbu, *conductor***

**Violin 1**
Gabe Sagini, *Grand Forks Red River*
Taj Baang, *Minot*
Leon Yang, *Minot*
Briley Zhang, *Grand Forks Red River*
Boluife Omole, *Minot*
Mia Peterson, *Bismarck*
Oscar Fisher, *Bismarck*
Synje Peterson, *Grand Forks Red River*
Kate Grudem, *West Fargo Sheyenne*
Magdalana Bloom, *Minot*
Sydney Schweyen, *Horace*
Brody Black, *West Fargo Sheyenne*
Raegan Rennich, *Bismarck*
Draven Frye, *West Fargo Sheyenne*
Isaac Gamez, *West Fargo*
Aven Worrel, *Bismarck Legacy*

**Violin 2**
Zaine Breidenbach, *West Fargo Sheyenne*
Miah Tyson, *Jamestown*
Isaac Dockter, *Minot*
Morgan Wieler, *West Fargo Sheyenne*
Kendra Spitzer, *Minot*
Serina Marohl, *Bismarck Century*
Akina Pallera, *Minot*
Megan Ndayisenga, *West Fargo Sheyenne*
Leiah Rojas, *Minot*
Brealyn Axt, *Bismarck Legacy*
Julie Kolk, *Minot*
Cooper Wolverton, *Bismarck Legacy*
Gabe Tora, *Williston*
Charlotte Hill, *Minot*
Vidyaa Lav, *West Fargo Sheyenne*
Andrew Patton, *Bismarck Legacy*

**Viola**
Jeffrey Mindemann, *Fargo Davies*
Alexis Chong, *West Fargo Sheyenne*
Trisha Mehta, West Fargo Sheyenne
Savannah McKay, *Devils Lake*
Lauren Zent, *Bismarck Century*
Emma Nelson, *West Fargo Sheyenne*
Aliyah Del Rosario, *Williston*
Madison Lugert, *West Fargo Sheyenne*
Jasmin Einrem, *Bismarck*
Calista Eliazer, *Grand Forks Red River*
McKenna Solberg, *Minot*
Vanessa Kaldor, *Bismarck Century*
Kayleigh Glatt, *Bismarck*
Haili Metzger, *Minot Scbool*
Autumn Taylor, *West Fargo Sheyenne*
Allison Schiessl, *West Fargo Sheyenne*

**Cello**
Mason Harris, *Bismarck Century*
Hannah Norton, *West Fargo*
Dylan Knell, *Bismarck Legacy*
Madelyn Tyson, *Jamestown*
Garett Peterson, *Grand Forks Central*
Izhavel Nelson, *Devils Lake*
Brooke Bondley, *Bismarck Century*
Grand Henney, *West Fargo Sheyenne*
Tyler Hanson, *West Fargo Sheyenne*
Travis Middleton, *Grand Forks Red River*
Keegan Johnson, *Bismarck Century*
Aidan Johnson, *Bismarck Century*
Eli Zerr, *Grand Forks Red River*
Tiana Pay, *Minot*

**Double Bass**
Ben Peske, *Bismarck Century*
Peyton Mundt, *West Fargo Sheyenne*
Kalli Hayes, *West Fargo Sheyenne*
Aletheia Bloom, *Minot*
Marissa Moltzen, *Jamestown*
Karsten Peterson, *Bismarck Century*
Cyle Craven, *Bismarck*

**Simona Barbu** - *Honor Strings Conductor*
An international cellist and educator, Dr. Simona Barbu began her musical studies at age seven and gained public attention as a member of the leading string quartet of the Conservatory of Timisoara in her native Romania, where she made her solo debut in Tchaikovsky's Variations on a Rococo Theme with the conservatory's symphonic orchestra.

Barbu has traveled to Europe, Asia, and the United States as a soloist, chamber musician, clinician, and most recently she held residencies at conservatories and universities in China (Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, Zhengzhou, Wenzhou and Hong Kong), in Hungary (Budapest and Kecskemet) and Romania (Timisoara and Cluj). She has also been an active orchestral musician, performing with Memphis Symphony Orchestra, South Dakota Symphony, Fargo Moorhead Symphony Orchestra, and serving as principal with the Eroica Ensemble in Memphis, Starkville Symphony Orchestra, Greater Grand Forks Symphony Orchestra and Bismarck-Mandan Symphony Orchestra.

After graduating from her undergraduate as the Music Conservatory valedictorian from Lynn University in Florida, Dr. Barbu continued her graduate studies with a Master of Music in Cello Performance at Southern Methodist University under the tutelage of Nathaniel Rosen and Christopher Adkins. Subsequently, she earned the Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University of Memphis where she studied with Leonardo Altino. Barbu has performed in master classes with Janos Starker, Lynn Harrell, Aldo Parisot, Pieter Wispelwey, Carol Ou, Timothy Eddy, Amit Peled and Yehuda Hanani.

Barbu served as a faculty member at Mississippi State University for four years (2007-2011), where she taught strings, coached string chamber ensembles, and conducted the symphonic orchestra. During the summers, she teaches and performs at the Summer Music Academy (Warsaw IN), at the International Music Camp (Dunseith, ND) and at the Medora Music Academy (Medora, ND).

**Isaac Lovdahl** - *Mixed Honor Choir Conductor*

Dr. Isaac Lovdahl is an award-winning composer, conductor, educator, and bass-baritone vocalist who serves as the Interim Director of Choral Activities at the University of North Dakota. He directed high school, church, and community choirs in Minnesota after graduating from Concordia College (Moorhead) in 2015, and recently completed a DMA in Choral Conducting at North Dakota State University where he was named the first ever Challey School of Music Choral Conducting Fellow. During his graduate studies, Dr. Lovdahl served as the Assistant Conductor of the Fargo-Moorhead Choral Artists. In 2021, he was named the winner of the Yale Glee Club Emerging Composer Competition and the Bellevue Chamber Chorus Emerging Composer Competition. In 2023, Dr. Lovdahl's piece "Freedom" earned second-place at the 43rd Annual Ithaca College Choral Composition Festival, his piece "The Orange (with Simple Gifts)" was premiered by the Young New Yorkers' Chorus treble ensemble after he was selected as a finalist in their composition competition, his piece "Though the great Waters sleep" was named the winner in the choral music category for the inaugural Festival of New American Music (FeNAM) call for scores, he was named the first of three winners in The Singers - Minnesota Choral Artists' 20th anniversary season call for scores for his setting of William Blake's "The Lamb," and he earned third-place in The American prize for choral composition (shorter works). Most recently, Dr. Lovdahl was commissioned by the North Dakota Music Teachers Association to compose a new piece which will premiere at the state conference in August 2024. Along with his compositional activities, conducting, and teaching, Dr. Lovdahl has sung with a number of professional and semi-professional choral ensembles and keeps an active schedule of performing in various capacities. His original music can be found online through Graphite Publishing, Santa Barbara Music Publishing, NewMusicShelf, VocalEssence Music Press, MusicSpoke, and his own website: isaaclovdahl.com.

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**James Popejoy** - *Honor Band Conductor*

Dr. James Popejoy is Director of Bands and Professor of Music at the University of North Dakota where he conducts the Wind Ensemble, University Band, and Chamber Players, and instructs graduate and undergraduate courses in conducting, instrumental literature, and jazz pedagogy. He holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Central Missouri State University; the Master of Arts in Conducting from the University of Iowa; and earned the Doctor of Musical Arts in Conducting with a minor in Jazz Studies from the University of North Texas. Among numerous honors, he has received two Outstanding Faculty awards from the UND Greek Council; a CMSU Distinguished Alumnus award; selection as Educator of the Year by the North Dakota Music Educators Association; two North Dakota Spirit Faculty Achievement Awards; a UND Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award; and the Citation of Excellence from the National Band Association. Dr. Popejoy regularly contributes to the "Teaching Music through Performance in Band" series, having also served as a production assistant and performer on the recordings that accompany these resource materials. In his twenty-fouth year at UND, he served as Director of Bands and Percussion Studies at McLennan Community College in Texas for five years; was a public school music educator in Missouri for nine years; and has founded and conducted numerous community ensembles. Dr. Popejoy is a member of CBDNA, WASBE, NBA, NAfME, JEN, PAS, Manitoba Band Association, North Dakota National Band Association, and the North Dakota Music Educators Association, and has served on the Executive Boards for NDMEA, NDNBA and CBDNA. Past President for the North Central Division of the College Band Directors National Association, he maintains an active schedule as a jazz vibist, clinician, adjudicator and guest conductor.

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**Melanie Popejoy** - *Treble Honor Choir Conductor*

Melanie Popejoy is Associate Director of Choral Activities at the University of North Dakota where she conducts the Allegro Choir and Vivo Chamber Ensemble, and instructs courses in music education methods, as well as supervising student teachers. In addition, she is the Founder and Artistic Director of the Grand Cities Children's Choir, serving as conductor of the elite Primo Voce choir. She holds the Bachelor of Music Education degree and the Master of Arts degree in Music Education from Central Missouri State University, and has taught in Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, and Texas prior to coming to North Dakota. In her 40 years of teaching, Mrs. Popejoy has taught at the elementary, middle school, high school, and collegiate levels. She has conducted numerous honor and festival ensembles, including the North Dakota ACDA JH/MS Mixed All-State Choir, and the Missouri Choral Directors Association 9-10 Honor Choir.

Mrs. Popejoy has earned numerous teaching awards throughout her career, including the Community Leadership Award from the North Dakota Chamber of Commerce; Wal-Mart/Sam's Club Teacher of the Year; the Distinguished Alumnus Award from CMSU; an Athena Award for Professional Excellence and Community Leadership; the Phenomenal Woman Award from UND Multicultural Student Services; and selection as the North Dakota Music Educator of The Year and Choral Director of the Year. She has been nominated twice for a the UND Undergraduate Teaching Award. Her Waco Girls Choir was selected to perform at the 1997 Texas Music Educators Association Conference, while her Grand Cities Children's Choir has presented concerts at the 2003 North Dakota Music Educators Association Conference, the 2006 American Choral Directors Association North Central Conference, the 2009 North Dakota ACDA Conference, and in 2020 at Carnegie Hall. The UND Vivo Chamber Ensemble was selected to present featured performances at the 2015 and 2019 ND-ACDA Conferences.

## THE UNIVERSITY

The University of North Dakota is the state's most comprehensive research university and the primary center for professional education and training. Founded six years prior to statehood by the Dakota Territorial Assembly in 1883, UND has remained a university with a strong liberal arts foundation, surrounded by a variety of professional and specialized programs. One of only 47 public universities in the nation with both accredited graduate schools of law and medicine, UND is admired for its spacious, beautiful campus, extensive resources, and an international reputation for its academic and research programs. With over 14,000 students, UND offers academic programs in 225 fields of study through ten major academic units: John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences; College of Arts & Sciences; College of Business & Public Administration; School of Entrepreneurship; College of Education & Human Development; College of Engineering & Mines; School of Graduate Studies; School of Law; School of Medicine & Health Sciences; and the College of Nursing & Professional Disciplines. The Graduate School offers master's degrees in 56 fields, doctoral degrees in 29 fields, and the Specialist Diploma. Forty-six percent of the students who attend UND come from North Dakota, while the rest represent all other states, eight Canadian provinces, and more than 50 nations.

## THE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

The University of North Dakota Department of Music offers a wide array of musical opportunities for its students, the university, and a growing audience for the arts throughout the region. Students may pursue the Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education, Music Performance, or Music Therapy; the Bachelor of Arts in Music; the Master of Music degree in Music Education, Performance and Pedagogy, Conducting, and Composition; and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Music Education. Music graduates have enjoyed outstanding success in teaching and performance careers regionally, nationally and internationally. With a large, comprehensive staff of full and part-time faculty, the Department of Music is able to offer individual attention to students who choose music as their field of study. Opportunities for study and performance are also available to those in other areas of the University through a wide variety of music ensembles and classes. The UND Department of Music is fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music.

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