

Urbandale High School Singers Selected To Perform During Iowa Choral Statewide Showcase

Urbandale Singers is one of only six choirs in Iowa selected to perform at the inaugural Iowa Choral Showcase event taking place at Central College on April 26, 2017

URBANDALE, Iowa – February 13, 2017 – [Urbandale Singers](#), the premier choral ensemble at Urbandale High School (UHS), has been selected to perform during the Iowa Choral Showcase taking place at 6:00 PM on April 26, 2017, at Central College in Pella. The inaugural Iowa Choral Showcase event is sponsored by the Iowa Choral Directions Association (ICDA) under the leadership of ICDA President Jason Rausch. The event will showcase high-achieving choirs throughout the state.

“Selection for performance at the Iowa Choral Showcase is meaningful recognition for the tireless efforts of our students to make music at a high level,” said UHS Vocal Music Director Ted Brimeyer. “They should be proud of their commitment to artistry and our intense process of refinement.”



2016-17 Urbandale High School Singers selected to perform during the Iowa Choral Showcase at Central College on April 26, 2017.

In total, 32 choirs from around the state completed the blind audition process—meaning that choir names were removed from all audition recordings prior to judges’ review—in hopes of being selected to represent one of only six categories. Choirs were selected based on the quality of musical performances as demonstrated in audition recordings from this school year. Urbandale Singers was selected as the lone choir representing 4A high schools.

“Being selected is such an honor and it truly reaffirms the excellence that we strive for every day in Urbandale Singers,” said Urbandale Singers member and UHS student Emma Kuehl. “This is a new and

wonderful way for musicians to be recognized and I'm excited to be a part of the beginning of a new tradition throughout the state of Iowa."

The Urbandale Singers choir ensemble consists of 51 students in tenth through twelfth grades who are involved in numerous athletics and activities. Students are selected to the choir by rigorous audition including solo singing, sight-reading and tonal memory. The choir performs a diverse body of repertoire from the Renaissance to Contemporary Eras while emphasizing healthy singing technique and advanced music literacy. Urbandale Singers rehearses four days a week and performs four home concerts throughout the school year.

"The work that our group has done this year is rewarding to reflect on," said Urbandale Singers member and UHS student Ryan Ferguson.

The location of the Iowa Choral Showcase will change each year in order to attract choirs from all across the state. The public is welcome to purchase tickets to attend this year's event at Central College on April 26, 2017. The Urbandale Community School District congratulates the Urbandale Singers for receiving this notable, distinguished and well-deserved honor.

About Urbandale Community School District

The Urbandale Community School District includes portions of Des Moines and Urbandale, Iowa. The District serves over 3,900 students in six elementary schools, one middle school, one comprehensive high school and one alternative high school. The Urbandale District supports an increasingly diverse student population where 47 languages are spoken. Building on the existing foundation of excellence in education, Urbandale is transforming education throughout the District. By implementing innovative [Quality/Continual Improvement](#) strategies that create learning environments that more fully engage, challenge and motivate students, Urbandale is taking transformation from theory into practice. Urbandale prepares students for becoming lifelong learners and is a school district that brings learning to life for everyone. To learn more, visit: UrbandaleSchools.com and follow on Twitter [@UrbandaleSchool](#).

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