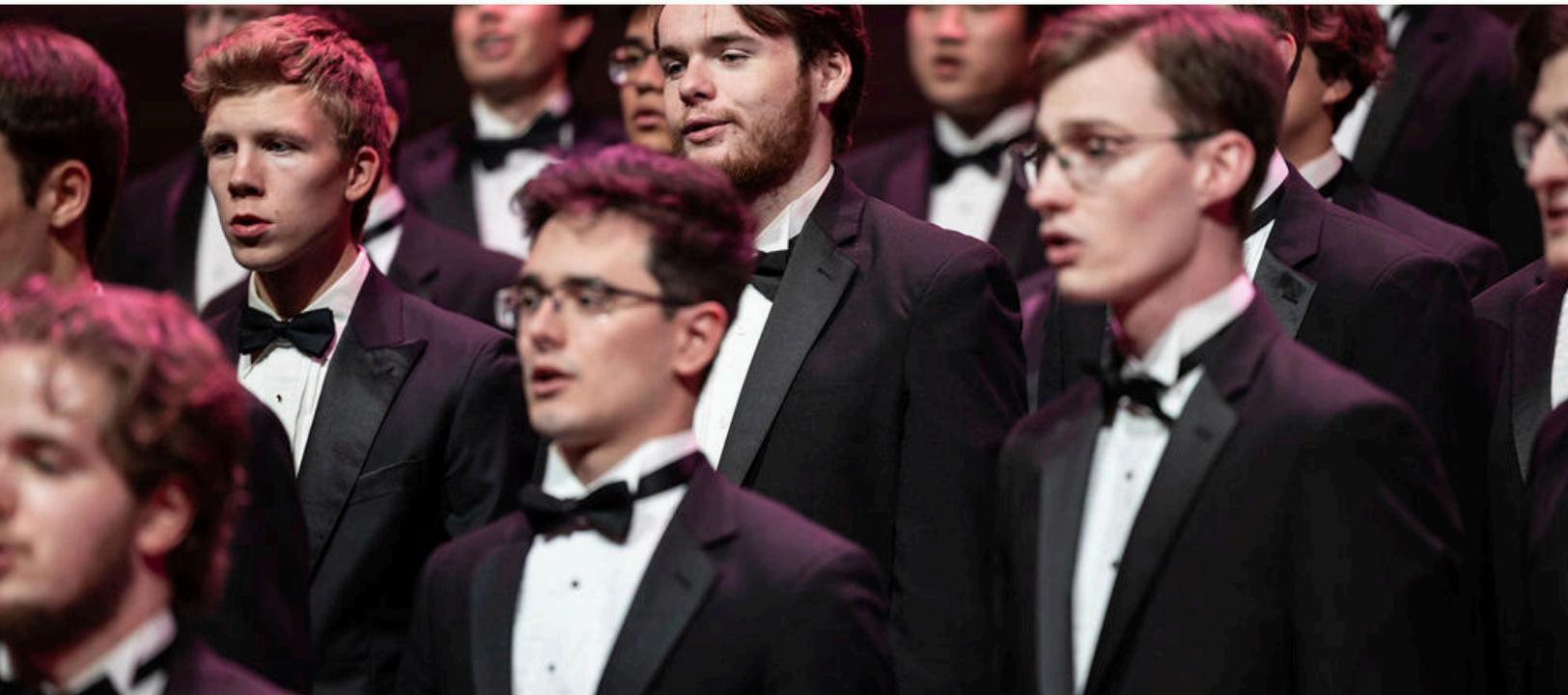


THE OLD MAN ASSOCIATION

INFORMATION AND OTHER RESOURCES FOR THE OLD MEN OF
THE WHEATON COLLEGE GLEE CLUB
A STUDENT-LED PUBLICATION



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Men's Glee Club Events 2025/2026

Christmas Festival – Friday, December 5,
7:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 6 at 4:00
& 7:30 p.m.

Faure's Requiem – Friday, February 20, 2026
at 7:30 p.m.

Spring Concert – Friday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m.

OLD MAN ASSOCIATION BOARD INTRODUCTIONS

Randy Benware '90 is a four-year man and Tenor 1 who served Men's Glee Club as their Assistant Librarian during his Junior year and Assistant Conductor his senior year. He was able to go on a 6 week tour to Europe with MGC in 1988 and sang at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington D.C. He lives in Aurora, Illinois with his wife, Marie, and has five grown children, with three of their children attending Wheaton College. They have three married children and two grandchildren, with one on the way! Randy has served as a music educator for 35 years and has been teaching the past 32 years at Minooka Community High School. He has also conducted at various choral festivals and as a clinician over the years and served as a church music director. He enjoys watching and playing sports, serving on the worship team at his church, and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He is excited to be serving again on the OMA Board!



Craig Curry '88 served as MGC pianist and assistant conductor for a European tour and a performance at the 1988 National Prayer Breakfast. MGC has performed some of his compositions and arrangements, including "No Night There." He has served as a worship pastor and university faculty in Wichita, KS, and now composes and arranges music full time. Craig and his wife, Amy, are the parents of two adult children and became grandparents in 2024.

Hans Anderson '94, married 30 years (thank God) to Vanessa (née Rullan, '94). Three children: Anais (26, married), Isabella (25, engaged), Mateo (senior at Wheaton). God has blessed us continually more than we could ask or even imagine. As for work, Vanessa teaches high school, and I'm a digital product (software) designer.



OLD MAN ASSOCIATION BOARD INTROS, CONT.



Michael Smith '20 joined the Glee Club after fellow board member Tom O'Connor sang the praises of MGC's community and values. Smith was most impacted by the Club's commitment to Truth, Integrity, and Brotherhood. He enjoyed MGC's first tour to Beijing, China, and took up the mantle as the 113th President. Smith now lives in Austin, Texas, where he enjoys running, yoga, rock climbing, and incredible food. He is eager to learn what God has in store for his life and the lives of all his fellow Old Men.

Daniel Fuglestad '14 is a four-year man and Tenor 2 who majored in German and International Relations. Fuglestad says that since then, he has not used his undergraduate degree in the slightest. He graduated from Columbia Law School in 2019 and now works in corporate legal transactions in the Chicagoland area.



Tom Huber '82 is a 4+ year member of the Club, where he served as Secretary, Vice President, and Student Conductor. He is married to a fellow Glee Club member, Nancy Hayden '83, who was the pianist for the Club. Their son, Ben '24, is also an Old Man. Hueber recently retired from a voice faculty position at the Conservatory of Music. He and his wife live in Kansas City, MO, close to their daughter, son-in-law, and two granddaughters.

OLD MAN ASSOCIATION BOARD INTROS, CONT.

Scott Johnson '88 joined MGC his freshman year and served on Cabinet as Assistant Librarian, Librarian, and President. Glee Club remains one of the most formative experiences of his life. He has been in full-time ministry with Youth for Christ for the past thirty-five years. Johnson lives in Chiang Mai, Thailand, and is the Regional Director for Youth for Christ International in Southeast Asia.



James Graham '22 is a four-year man and Bass 2 who served as Assistant Business Manager, Business Manager, and President. Graham currently works in sales in South Phoenix and enjoys eating lengua tacos, re-reading Alistair McLean's "HMS Ulysses," sunny tennis days, and singing Peter Gabriel songs in the car to work.

Tom O'Connor '18 was a four-year member of the club, and served as Librarian and Vice President during his final two years. His year as Vice President/Chaplain played a significant role in Tom discerning the Lord's call into college ministry. He has worked with students on campuses in Chicago full-time since 2018. Tom continues to sing regularly with his church's worship team, though it's not quite the same as the power of singing with the Glee Club. Tom and his wife Rebekah live in the Little Italy neighborhood of Chicago.



LETTER FROM DR. ANNIKA STUCKY



Greetings, Old Men!

I am honored and thrilled to have joined the Wheaton College Conservatory of Music as Assistant Professor of Music and conductor of both the Men's Glee Club and Women's Chorale. It is an incredible blessing to partner with an institution of such musical and academic excellence and tradition, not to mention such a genuine community of faith.

I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many Old Men, Pre-Men, New Men, and current Old Men during my first few months here. The companionship, joy, and camaraderie are infectious, and I look forward to continuing to learn and experience the many great traditions of the Club. This kind of fellowship is not only great for the soul but inspires terrific singing! Such terrific singing has already taken place this year in two fantastic performances. Men's Glee Club was honored

to continue the tradition of singing the National Anthem at this year's Homecoming Game, and we just finished our Fall Choral Showcase concert entitled *Planted by Streams of Water*. The gentlemen gave inspired performances of *Ascribe to the Lord* by Rosephanye Powell, *My Father's World* by J. Reese Norris, *Good Timber* by Susan LaBarr, and *Vidi Aquam* by Kevin Padworski. Be on the lookout on the Wheaton College Conservatory of Music YouTube channel to see some of these pieces posted! We hope you will join us for this year's Christmas Festival, *All Ye Faithful* on December 5-6. Tickets are already on sale and going quickly! We would love to welcome you back to campus.

Prior to this position at Wheaton College, I spent the last three years in Tallahassee completing a Ph.D. in Choral Conducting-Music Education at Florida State University. My time at FSU was spent with wonderful colleagues and students. I was the conductor of *Levana*, the university treble ensemble, and assisted with the Tallahassee Community Chorus and FSU Choral Union. I was also a graduate teaching assistant for conducting, choral methods, and teaching in higher education. My experience at FSU confirmed my identity as a conductor-teacher who loves the process of making choral music just as much as the final product. Before Tallahassee, I completed a Master of Music in Choral Conducting at Texas Christian University while my husband completed his Master of Divinity at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and before graduate school, I spent several years teaching high school choir at Junction City High School in Kansas. Along the way, I have been active as a church musician, especially with my husband who is not only in vocational ministry, but an excellent tenor. I feel so blessed to have now come to a place where I can combine my faith and passion for choral music.

As this semester continues, I would like to extend a sincere invitation to all Old Men who may be in the area to visit rehearsal any Tuesday or Thursday between 4:30-6:00pm. I hope you can make plans to attend the Christmas Festival later this fall, and in the spring, a special performance of Faure's *Requiem* with Women's Chorale and our own Spring Concert where you are especially welcome to join us on stage for *E'en So* and *A Mighty Fortress is our God*

I look forward to continuing to invest in this special community!

Gratefully,
Annika Stucky

ADDRESS FROM THE PRESIDENT: TIM SCHILL



Greetings, Old Men!

My time in the Men's Glee Club has been marked by change. My freshman year was the year after Dr. Hopper (may she live forever!) retired and Dr. Blackstone (may he live forever!) started his time at Wheaton. My sophomore year, we embarked on the first Tür in a few years to Minnesota and Iowa, and the Cabinet worked hard to introduce traditions to a Club where over half had no prior experience with Tür. My junior year, Dr. Blackstone departed and we were graced with Prof. Swedberg's direction (may he live forever!), and I joined the Cabinet as the MGC Dad, the Secretary. This year, I come to you as the President, singing under my third director, Dr. Stucky (may she live forever!). Indeed, especially since COVID, the Men's Glee Club has experienced much change, but I come to you encouraged that God, who does not change, has been faithful to the men of the Glee Club. Through his strength, MGC has continued to be an organization founded upon Christ and rooted in our three pillars of Veritas, Integritas, and Fraternitas.

After director changes, shrinking recruitment numbers, and Tür droughts, Men's Glee Club has come out the other side with members that love, honor, and encourage one another, and worship the Lord in truth. These years of "rebuilding" have truly paid off, with this season of recruitment bringing in the most Pre Men in many years, at 21! I am extremely grateful for my time so far in the Men's Glee Club, even though it has looked vastly different year to year. Through it all, I have made some of the best friends I could ever ask for, and had the chance to make beautiful music under conductors who truly care about their craft. This year will surely bring its own challenges, but I am confident that I will look back on my senior year of Men's Glee Club and see moments of joy and brotherhood.

Pray for us, men!

Tim Schill

2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

Initial Balance :

\$3,332.02

Revenue:

– \$800 in gifts

Total Revenue:

\$800

Expenses:

– \$250 for Academic Support (Student Workers)

– \$500 for Undergraduate Scholarships

– \$318.79 for Academic Support (Hospitality)

Total Expenses:

\$1068.79

Final Balance:

\$3,063.23

A portion of these funds are available to current Glee Club members for whom concert attire and MGC course fees pose a financial hardship. We will report on the utilization of these resources in future issues.

The board is always available to answer questions and clarify any OMA activities. Please do not hesitate to contact us at mgc.alumni@my.wheaton.edu.

THANK YOU TO PROFESSOR SWEDBERG FROM THE OMA

On behalf of the OMA board I would like to extend a very large “thank you” and a hearty “Well done!” to John Swedberg, the 2024-25 Men’s Glee Club conductor. We enjoyed seeing John dive right in with the Club, and it was clear he quickly “got” what MGC was about. In a recent email, he wrote, “It goes without saying that I loved working with the MGC. It is a special group of guys, and I loved being a part of something with such rich history and traditions.” We also congratulate John in his new role as Director of Choral Activities and Voice Teacher at Minot State University, Minot, ND. Although his time with the Men’s Glee Club was brief, we know his investment into the lives of the men will bear fruit for years to come.

Craig Curry (1984-88 MGC) Board Member, OMA



Announcements

- Participating in the Men's Glee Club has been a life-changing and life-defining experience for many of us. As we seek to stay connected as Old Men and part of each other's lives, we'd like to begin sharing news and updates of significant life moments such as weddings, births, and the deaths of Old Men. But we need your help! If you've recently married, expanded your family, or know of a recent passing of an Old Man from your era, we'd like to hear from you. Please send your news and the years you were in MGC to mgc.alumni@my.wheaton.edu and help us share these events.
- Submit Your Stories! The Old Man Association is always excited to collect memories and reflections from Clubbers past and present. Whether you recently found some old MGC memorabilia or have a score to settle from the Bass-Tenor football game, you can send stories and photos to mgc.alumni@my.wheaton.edu.
- 2025's Christmas Festival, "All Ye Faithful" is December 5 at 7:30 and December 6 at 4:00 & 7:30. Join us for this beautiful celebration of our savior's birth.

CONNECT YOURSELF!!!

Join the "Wheaton College Men's Glee Club Old Man Association" Facebook group to keep in touch with what is going on with your fellow Old Men!

CONNECT YOUR FRIENDS!!!

Know any former Glee Clubbers who don't receive these newsletters? Help them out! Send their email address to alumni@wheaton.edu (or encourage them to do so)!



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