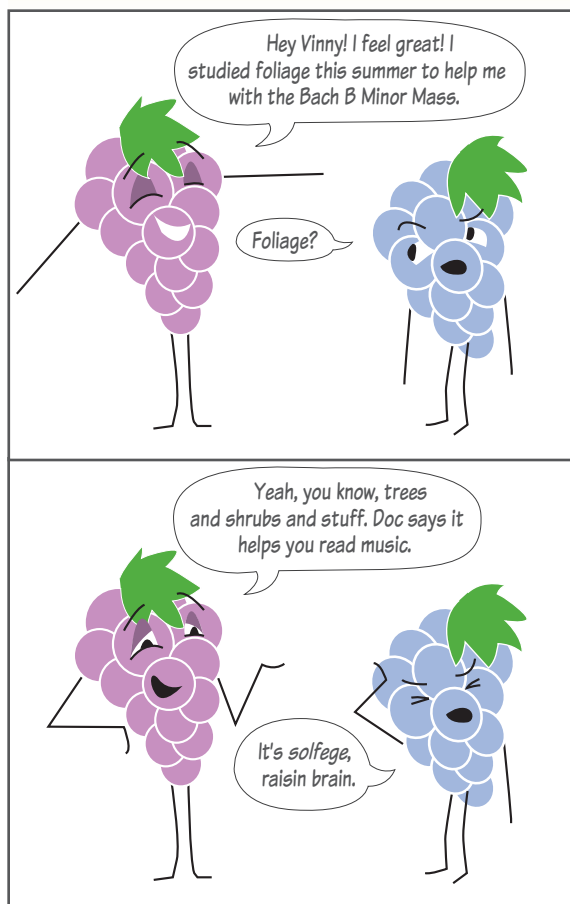


# The Grapevine

It Really Grows on You!

Brandy & Vinny



## Opening words from our CC President: Nathan Olson

Okay, you're probably thinking one of two things right now:

If you're a returning Concert Choir member, you're worried about that moment that's going to come up soon in rehearsal, when you're asked to sing that difficult passage, alone with your section, with that interval from te to mish in the middle, and you're pretty sure you're just going to guess and miss it. If you're a new student, you've just read that last sentence and you're wondering what a te is, what a mish is, and what you were thinking when you signed up for this choir.

I think we've all been in those shoes. As someone who's been here for a few years, I want to let you know that as challenging as this choir can be sometimes, you've made a great decision to be a part of it. I mean, the repertoire we cover here is definitely serious, but that doesn't mean that it's not a blast to sing. Anyone who's sung the Mäntyjärvi and seen Nathan Tendero dance during a concert knows we can have a good time. Anyone who's suffered through Max Reger's 17 minutes of highly chromatic solfege and come out up to pitch knows the feeling of accomplishment this choir can have. And each of you,



Nathan with his girlfriend, Sarah

individually, are all going to reach that point. Maybe it's today. Maybe it's in three years, where you're going to realize how far you've come, how much you learned, and what you've gained from being here. Maybe it will be on stage at Symphony Center in Chicago, singing the 6th movement of the Brahms Requiem, declaring in German that death has been defeated! Or maybe it will be that moment in rehearsal, during a difficult passage, alone with your section, and a split section before you're forced to sing that interval from te to mish, you realize that it's just a doubly-augmented fourth, which sounds like a perfect fifth, and you nail it.

To all of you returning members, welcome back. To those of you who are new, we're glad you're here. ❖

## Editor's note

Greetings and Felicitations! As your secretary, I have the privilege of welcoming you to *The Grapevine*, Concert Choir's very own newsletter. Its purpose is to "inform, educate and entertain the community of the Concert Choir," and I hope it accomplishes that this year. You can help, of course, by sharing your choir stories, photos, and especially Doc quotes (for you new members, you will soon find out of what I speak). In sum, get ready for a great year :) Julia

# Cabinet Bios



## Female Social Chair: Kacie Kenton

When Kacie was nine months old, she expressed a love of cleaning by changing her own diaper. Now she specializes in Ridiculously Quick House Cleaning, once rendering a filthy mansion spotless in under 12 minutes, even shearing the owner's flock of sheep and harvesting their pumpkin crop. She

hopes to start her own corporation, "Less Than a Minute Maid."



## Librarian: Sydney Timmons

Sydney has always loved strange things. Now she owns the largest animal cracker farm—the size of 2 football fields—that boasts 2,000 headless zebra, 3,000 tail-less tigers, and a rare elephant with two trunks (or five legs, either one). It's called *Sydney's Australian Outback* (SAO), and is secretly located in

the Beamer Center, where it is free to the public.



## Male Social Chair: Luke Vander Ploeg

Luke developed the ability to see up to five years in the future when he got poison ivy on his face. Now he stars on his own TV show, *Eye Spy*, where he predicts random things and makes a lot of money. He wants to start his own weather channel and a dating service. In fact, he says he'll one day marry

a singer who knows the Bach B Minor Mass.



## Business Manager: Jacob Weinzettel

Jacob specializes in Lively and Intense Speech Perfection Therapy (LISPT), which involves a display of exuberant activity for a long time. He began with his 3-week-old sister, who could recite *Macbeth* after Jacob played explosive peek-a-boo with her for 9 hours. He hopes that

by riding a motorcycle around his living room, he can train his parrot, Ivan hoe, to memorize the Bible.



## Publicity Manager: Suzanna Mathews

When Suzanna's minor case of scoliosis healed after she was surprised at her fifteenth birthday party, she decided to become a Surprise Party Technician. She now runs "Surprising Results", a group that throws surprise parties

in hospitals and nursing homes to promote impossible healing in the sick and elderly—with the exception of heart attack patients.



## Vice President: Laurel Hessler

It all began when she decapitated a gingerbread cookie at the age of four. Now Laurel loves everything about heads—their round shape, the numerous hair follicles, the brain inside, the scalp, etc. She wants to marry her childhood sweetheart, Mr. Potato Head, and

open up "Cranium Stadium", an amusement park full of mind games, hair salons, and an Indian scalp show.



## Secretary: Julia Craig

Julia works at "Rust-Busters," a squirrel farm where she trains them to attack and eat scrap metal. Inspired by her furry friends, she also works as a professional tree hugger, specializing in neglected pine trees and fake Christmas trees that need loving. She takes pride in a tattoo that says, "Me + Tree = no more pinning", and plans to become

a deep sea diver to hug prickly coral species.



## President: Nathan Olson

Nathan lives in a pineapple under the sea and composes music for the mermaidens who serenade him while he eats *Subway* and watches the starfish parades that pass through his back yard. Unfortunately, he daily battles his pernicious H<sub>2</sub>O intolerance that causes boils to flare up on his body, once removing a rather large boil with only a

paper clip and a warm can of Sprite.