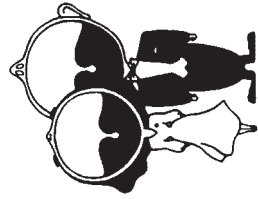


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*“Perfectly performed
and perfectly directed.”*

— The Weekly Vista (Belle Vista, AR)



The Singing Hoosiers

History and Tradition

As Indiana University's ambassadors of song, the Singing Hoosiers continue more than half a century of tradition. In the early 1950s, the Men's Concert Choir was one of only three choral ensembles in the fledgling IU School of Music, and had 50 members. After a performance at a football rally, an announcer said: "With a basketball team like the Hurling Hoosiers, and a football team like the Fighting Hoosiers, we oughta call these guys the Singing Hoosiers!"

The name stuck. Soon, female voices called the Hoosier Queens were added and the ensemble has steadily grown. The Singing Hoosiers have entertained millions in 18 states and more than 26 countries, including Europe, Australia, the Far East, and the Caribbean.

The Singing Hoosiers shine as America's Premiere Collegiate Concert Show Choir.

Averaging 115 members, the Singing Hoosiers feature collegiate performers from the world-renowned IU School of Music, as well as students with a variety of other majors, from business to chemistry to political science. They perform American popular music, jazz, and Broadway favorites with dazzling choreography, energy, and style.

Annually, the Singing Hoosiers perform several concerts at home on the campus of Indiana University Bloomington, including the Chimes of Christmas concert in December and the Spring Concert. The group also sings in opera and oratorio productions of the IU School of Music and at Big Ten basketball games.

The Singing Hoosiers have appeared with such legendary entertainers as Bob Hope, Alan Sherman, Red Buttons, Tony Bennett, Duke Ellington, and Indiana's favorite son Hoagy Carmichael. They have also performed with opera legend Sylvia McNair and with several professional symphony orchestras, including the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra, Evansville Philharmonic, and the Cincinnati Pops.

With Maestro Erich Kunzel and the Cincinnati Pops, the Singing Hoosiers performed at Carnegie Hall in 1995 and appeared on a televised PBS Christmas special with Mel Tormé. This partnership with the Pops has resulted in the release of several recordings on the Telarc International label: *A Disney Spectacular*,* *The Music Man*,* *The Magical Music of Disney*, *Hollywood's Greatest Musicals*, and *Magical Musicals*. (*Grammy® nominated.)

*“Real sparkle with
exuberant singing
and dancing.”*

— The Cincinnati Enquirer



The Singing Hoosiers and Hoosier Queens (1958)

Featured Ensembles

Varsity Singers

The Varsity Singers include 22 to 24 members of the Singing Hoosiers. Led by a student choreographer and assistants, the Varsity Singers complement performances with the addition of musical theatre staging, ballet, tap, jazz, and modern dance to production numbers. The group holds dance rehearsals in addition to vocal rehearsals with the ensemble.

With or without the rest of the Singing Hoosiers, the Varsity Singers present their polished blend of singing and choreography around the world.



The Vocal Jazz Ensemble

The Vocal Jazz Ensemble offers a unique performance opportunity for select Singing Hoosiers. With 10 to 15 members, the Vocal Jazz Ensemble features tight harmonies and scat singing as well as many solo opportunities. Directed largely by students, this ensemble is made up of the top singers in the Singing Hoosiers and holds additional rehearsals.

***Both Varsity Singers and the Vocal Jazz Ensemble are featured in Singing Hoosiers performances and are available for separate engagements.*

Types of Programs

The vast and varied repertoire of the Singing Hoosiers allows for programs that can be tailored to fit a number of performance opportunities:

Concert series

The Singing Hoosiers are an excellent addition to any performance series, capable of presenting a full-length concert complete with featured soloists and music from multiple genres.

Conventions

Add a touch of class to convention proceedings with a small group performance or a full-group production. Musical selections can be customized to complement any theme.

High school programs

The Singing Hoosiers especially enjoy performing for high school students, as they are tomorrow's performers and potential future members of the Singing Hoosiers. Workshops conducted by the director and qualified students are often a popular addition to a performance.

Programs with symphony orchestras

From simple choral backup to large-scale productions complete with choreography, symphony orchestras across the country have enjoyed performing popular music with the Singing Hoosiers.

Arts festivals

Give patrons something different for their diversion. The Singing Hoosiers can perform in many settings, indoors and out.

Workshops on show choir and choral technique

Members of the Singing Hoosiers can provide skillful ensemble instruction in all areas of performance, including vocal production, choreography, solo singing, and more.

“They are remarkably professional, singing with a wonderful blend and hoofing their way through intricate steps with perfect timing.”

—The Cincinnati Enquirer



“It was hard not to sing along.”

—Courier & Press (Evansville, IN)

Michael Schwartzkopf, Director



Professor of Music at Indiana University, **Michael Schwartzkopf** is the music director of the Singing Hoosiers. He teaches conducting and choral music education courses and conducts musical theater productions for the School of Music and the Theater Department. In demand as an adjudicator, lecturer, clinician, and festival conductor, he has conducted

choirs throughout the United States, Europe, and Canada. As a singer/performer, Professor Schwartzkopf has performed in the theaters, on the concert stages, and in the cathedrals of Europe and the United States in a wide variety of styles ranging from popular music, musical theater, and the entire spectrum of classical music.

Michael Schwartzkopf is a member of the Alliance of Distinguished Rank Professors at Indiana University, holds the Pam and Jack Burks Professorship Chair in Music, and received the Singing Hoosiers Distinguished Alumni Award in 1993. His philosophy of music is reflected in his diverse involvement and activity in the areas of performance, conducting, teaching, and administration.

Former Directors



George Krueger
(1950–1963)



Robert E. Stoll
(1963–1995)



“Knowing that I am not the only non-music major in the group helps my level of confidence. The common bond between all of us is that we love to sing, purely and simply.”

— Jamie Sward, Journalism

“It has given me the chance to perform some really great music and meet a lot of great people. This group definitely gave me a sense of place when I transferred here and didn’t know anyone.”

— Ryan Endris, Music Education

Join America’s Premiere Collegiate Concert Show Choir

Full-time Indiana University students from any major are eligible. Candidates are talented singers who display individual vocal ability, ensemble awareness, and a performer’s personality. The Singing Hoosiers rehearse one hour daily. The Varsity Singers and the Vocal Jazz Ensemble hold auditions after the large ensemble is selected, and require an extra time commitment outside regular rehearsal. Instrumentalists are also needed. Contact the Singing Hoosiers for more information.

The Singing Hoosiers Alumni Council

Formed in 1974, the Alumni Council serves to keep more than 3,000 Singing Hoosiers alumni connected and informed worldwide. Each year, the Distinguished Alumni Award is presented to a former member or members of the group who have made significant contributions to the community, state, nation, Indiana University, or the performing arts.

For More Information

To book the Singing Hoosiers, Varsity Singers, or Vocal Jazz Ensemble, contact:

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Or visit the Singing Hoosiers on the Web:

www.singinghoosiers.org

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