



ALL THREE GROUPS AT THE BARBERTON MUM FEST

Upcoming Dates

- October 21st – Fall Show @ Revere High School. 4:30pm
- October 27th – Strongsville Show Choir Festival @ Strongsville High School 7:00pm
- December 1st – Mayfield Show Choir festival @ Mayfield High School 7:00pm
- December 16th – Civic Holiday Choir Concert @ Akron Civic Theatre
- January 19th – Brush Show Choir Festival @ Brush High School 6:00pm

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Welcome to issue #7 of the Alumni Newsletter! We are now well into the 2019 season!

At the end of last issue, we were just ramping up our choreography workshops for the groups. Each workshop went well, and each had some of their most productive workshops in years! Each show is upbeat, exciting and full of energy. Each group seems to love their show and you can already tell they will be audience favorites.

Since then school started back up and rehearsals have been in full swing. For the first time in a few years each group had their entire show learned and completed before the end of September. Each group has great momentum and optimism as the year really starts to get going. All Americans even already has their combo up and running, as they were able to play the entire show with the group for the Barberton Mum Fest!

Now it is on to more practicing, a community show here and there, some show choir festivals, and then it will be time for competition season!

Speaking of our schedule, I wanted to update everyone on some of the bigger shows for the year, so you can be aware and come see us! Our next big show is our Fall Show. That will be October 21st, 2018 at Revere High School. We are doing the Fall Show a little different this year, in that it is a dinner and a show. The dinner will be catered by Smoke the Burger Joint. The dinner will start at 3:30, and the show itself will start at 4:30. Cost will be \$22 for a dinner and a show, or just \$12 for the show itself. We don't have our costumes yet, so it'll be in our informal costumes, but it'll be a great show!

From there we will be going to a few show choir festivals in the Cleveland area. This year we will

NOT be going to a competition that is in Northeastern Ohio, so this would be your best opportunity to see the high schools locally besides our ETC shows. The first festival will be at Strongsville High School on October 27th at 7:00pm. The second will be at Mayfield High School on December 1st at 7:00pm. Mayfield may be the first time we debut our costumes for the high school groups.

We then have our Christmas Holiday show on December 16^h at the Akron Civic Theatre along with YEPAW here in Akron. From there we have one last show choir festival at Brush High School on January 19th at 6:00pm. This will be our "test run" for competitions, so we will perform all the bells and whistles at that show.

From there we have our competitions, which will be Riverside in Belle, WV on Jan 26th, Carroll in Carroll, IN on Feb 9th, Grove City in Grove City, Oh on Feb 23rd, Norwell in Ossian, IN on March 9th, and Wapakoneta in Wapakoneta, Oh on March 23rd. I'll send one more newsletter out before comp season, but we'd love for you to come see us! Make sure to let me know if you are coming to any of our shows. We can get alumni pictures or even have some sort of get together before hand!

It is going to be a really exciting year for ETC this year! Make sure to come and see us. Even drop by a rehearsal if you are in the area!



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Andrew Allen

This edition of Alumni Spotlight will focus on the alumnus Andrew Allen!

Andrew was a 5-year member of ETC from 2001-2006, starting in middle school and continuing through high school at Green. He was a singer/dancer for Main Street and All Americans, and he was a dance captain for the Main Street Singers. He had a great career in ETC winning three times with the All Americans and winning best performer twice in his senior year of 2006.

After graduating from ETC, Andrew stuck around the area for a little while, performing in the productions of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolored Dreamcoat and Romeo & Juliet. There were his first productions outside of his high school.

Later in 2006 Andrew moved to Los Angeles to study at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA). He graduated in 2008 with a degree in Musical Theatre.

After graduation from AMDA Andrew got to work on a few TV shows including: Farrah's Story (A Farrah Fawcett Documentary in 2009) 1000 Ways to Die, Cougar Town, and Fuller House. From there Andrew landed a job as a dancer with Carnival Cruise Lines from 2010-2011 where he got to sail around the world performing in great shows.

After his time with Carnival Cruise Lines he performed as John Connor in the stunt show, Terminator 2: 3D at Universal Studios Hollywood from 2011-2012. Along with working at Universal Studios, Andrew was able

to perform in over 20 productions in the Los Angeles and Greater Los Angeles area. Some of the productions included: The Producers, Hairspray, RENT, The Music Man, Next to Normal, Bare: A Pop Opera, Pippin, Damn Yankees, Big Fish the Musical, All Shook Up, and Cinderella starring Sally Struthers and Marcia Wallace.

In 2013 he got the opportunity to work with the Utah Festival Opera and Musical Theatre performing in two musicals as well as his first opera, "The Flying Dutchman", which was sang entirely in German. He also worked with Miles for Melanoma in 2013 as the emcee for the Miles for Melanoma Walk at the NBCUniversal TV/Movie Studio Backlot.

In 2014 he was part of an inaugural performance of an LA based production company partnering with the Atwood Concert Hall in Anchorage, Alaska, where they performed Les Misérables.

In 2016 Andrew got married to his husband Jon and continues to perform and work in theatre to this day! He also proudly wants everyone to know that although he has lived in LA for over 10 years, he remains a diehard Ohio State and Cleveland sports fan!

We have loved seeing how well Andrew has done since leaving ETC, and we can't wait to see what other exciting things are in store for him!



WANT TO BE SPOTLIGHTED?

We would love to hear what you have been doing since leaving ETC! If you'd like to be on the next alumni spotlight please e-mail Robert.Sabree@etcheidsschoolofmusicalarts.com with your name, years in ETC and what you have been up to!



ETC All Americans 1999

The 1999 All Americans was one of the great groups in ETC. They were a group that helped solidify ETC as one of the top in Ohio in the late 90s.

The 1999 had some big shoes to follow. The 1998 show was one for the ages, and a group that had brought ETC its first win at Ada, and a second win at Dover. Going into the 1999 year they had an unexpected high amount of attrition. They had a fairly large senior class graduate as well as a large number of students who left ETC.

For this reason, there was a large amount of uncertainty coming into the year. Luckily for the group they got a large influx of members from several different schools. This brought their numbers back up to the 40 number. Even so there was uncertainty on what the group would sound and look like.

In their first rehearsal they started their vocal warm up and immediately knew they might have something special. The amount of vocal power that group was showing was one that not many of them had seen before. It got them excited for the year and what they could possibly do.

After their workshop they were certain they could build on their last year and have another great show. They had another great show with grade dancing, but it also had a few very large vocal moments that showcased the groups vocals.

They went into their first competition at Ada with all the confidence in the world that they would be able to repeat their victory from the year before.

After an amazing performance they were awarded best vocals in class AA, showcasing their vocal power. Sarah Heid also received best female soloist in the class. They ended up getting 2nd place overall for the competition, being denied a back to back championship by newcomer Teays Valley.

After Ada the group was excited about their performance and knew they were on their way to something great. They continued practicing for their big competition at Terpsichore at the Navy Pier in Chicago. This was a new national competition that was being run by then ETC choreographer Mike Weaver. It was a competition that would feature some of the best show choirs in the nation.

They had a great show and made finals, which the students were ecstatic about. In the end they got 6th place behind some powerhouse groups.

The 1999 All Americans was a group with both great expectations but uncertainty to enter the year. With a slew of great new additions, it became one of the more iconic ETC groups, and one of the best and most mature sounds ETC has had. It will always be a show that we look on fondly.

Check the "Year in Review" section in the past years page of the website for a more in-depth review.

You can also check out the 1999 show here: [ETC 1999 All Americans Playlist](#)

Alumni Events

In this section we will have updates on any possible alumni events that will be scheduled. If you are interested in an alumni event, please e-mail Robert.Sabree@etcheidsschoolofmusicalarts.com with ideas or RSVPs.

TBA – Alumni Fall/Winter reunion –

Much like last year, we will hold an alumni reunion in November or December. It was around Christmas last year. I will send an e-mail to get a date together so we can all get together and mingle!

TBA – “Vintage” Show Choir

We will again have the Vintage show choir that we debuted at Spring Gala last year! Details will be TBA.





Fundraising

This section will mark any upcoming fundraising opportunities coming up for ETC beyond alumni events. Information on how to sign up or come to any fundraisers will be included in this section.

OSU/Michigan ticket raffle

We are raffling off 2 tickets to the Ohio State/Michigan game! The raffle tickets are \$10 a piece and the winner will be announced on October 21st. Let me know if you are interested in buying a ticket!