

NWU Choir Memories over the years

JEANNE A. (THOMPSON) AMBROSIER '65

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

I loved robing up and singing weekly during the Chapel service with our director, Dr. Paulso, and listening to many great sermons by Pastor Olson from 1961-1965.

AMANDA J. (KEEBLER) ANDERSEN '99

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Brahms' Requiem" by Johannes Brahms

AMY L. ATTENBERGER '94

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

All of my choir tours over Holiday break.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Echo" by Christina Rossetti

MICHELLE D. (NEVIUS) BAKER '94

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Choir tours

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Worthy To Be Praised"

MICHELLE K. (BRESSMAN) BALDWIN '92

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Touring the US and the UK and making so many friends.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Avinu Malkeinu" by Max Janowski

GIAN E. BAXTER-COLLINS '90

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

All of my Show Choir experiences and tours were so awesome. But the most memorable choir moment for me was when the Wesleyan Choir traveled to Japan, China and Korea to perform. I will never forget our last performance! We had just had a very emotional last "meeting" with the graduating seniors, we were all very homesick (had been gone 3 weeks), and everyone was so tired. We filed out onto the risers to perform our last concert. First, the Korean National Anthem was played. Then they played the Star-Spangled Banner. We were all caught off guard and emotionally moved. I don't think there was a dry eye among us, or the audience, for that matter! I still get choked up every time I tell that story!

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"The Hallelujah Chorus" by G.F. Handel. INCREDIBLE!!!

TANYA K. (WATZKE) BAYNES '00

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Trips to Brazil and Europe. Too many memories of building friendships to count just one!

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Laudate Dominum" by W.A. Mozart and "Past Life Melodies" Gloria by Vaughan Williams

KAITLIN M. BECK '16

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Going on choir tour to Ireland and signing at Carnegie Hall are two of my favorite memories.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

There were so many that it's almost overwhelming to pick my favorite, but probably all of the wonderful settings of "O Magnum Mysterium" (Berlioz, Poulec and more) that we did my senior year.

BRENDA S. BENCE '83

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

In addition to choir, I sang in USO Shows, touring the U.S. with Bill Wyman and my fellow troupe members. Amazing times!

DANIEL J. BENISCHEK '97

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

My first date with my wife, Rebecca Imes ('97), occurred on Choir Tour '95 in Chicago. She stood next to me during choir performances, and that gave us a chance to get to know each other better. We ate at Pizzeria UNO, and I took her to her first Star Trek Movie (Generations). What followed were 10 on and off years and several states, and finally a marriage in 2004. We have two wonderful children and an amazing life...all due to a Choir tour that happened 25 years ago this January.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Echo" by Christina Rossetti

STEPHANIE L. (PAVEL) BENISCHEK '97

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

So many!! Singing at Lincoln Center was definitely a highlight.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Brahms' Requiem" by Johannes Brahms

PAULA R. BENITZ-RHIAN '94

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

"Doc" quotes in music, when he would say something that made us all laugh or be completely confused, we would jot it in the score. Finding them over the years was golden.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Silent Night," "Ravel 4 French Songs," and "Hora Novissima" by Horatio Parker

TALEA C. (SCHROEDER) BLOCH '06

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

All of our European Tour - fantastic sites, lovely people, incredible venues, and the best friends!

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Eine Meine"

JEREMY S. BLOCH '08

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Meeting my wonderful wife!

CATHERINE M. BOBST '14

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

2012 ACDA performance in Madison Wisconsin

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"The Worlds Above" by Ben Allaway

LINDSAY M. BOROWIAK '01

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

All of it, I miss it so much. The choir tours were always fun and full of experiences.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Solemn Vespers" by W.A. Mozart

LAUREN E. BOYER '19

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Any and all of the tours (particularly to Carnegie Hall).

SETH J. BROWN '00

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

The tours and doing impromptu songs wherever we were.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

So many it's hard to pick.

EMILY G. BRUFLAT '10

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

I was not technically in choir, but sang a couple of my arrangements while at NWU, and that was an amazing experience.

ASHLEY A. BRUNZ '11

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

The friendships that I still have!

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Sleep" by Eric Whitacre

WILLIAM J. CALKINS '85

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Winter choir tour--all of them, but particularly when we stopped in New Orleans! That was a wild night!

JOY (HAUPT) CAROL '59

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Traveling around Nebraska with the girls' glee club from NWU.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

I remember a lot of favorite songs, but I do remember a fun "all the pretty little horses" where I actually sang a solo. I don't expect to sing a solo now, but I was singing with a lot of groups here in Florida before the pandemic.

MARGARET G. (SEIKER) CARSON '82

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Our trip overseas with Dr. Wyman. We had so much fun singing in amazing venues and sightseeing.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

It would have to be singing "Silent Night" at the Christmas concert.

ROBERT H. CERV, III '06

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

All the tours and voice lessons with Doc.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

Too many to name just one.

JANET S. (SHARER) CLAASSEN '70

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

We did not do the big overseas tours back in the late 60's, but I remember our tour across Nebraska and on to Denver as well as our tour to Tennessee as part of our exchange with Lane College (a historical black college).

Mostly, just the times of being together and making music three days a week at rehearsals as well as our performances - a favorite time for me at NWU from 1966 to 1969.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

We did all three parts of "Handel's Messiah" in concert one December. That is what I remember the best. We also were not doing the "Silent Night" tradition in those days, so I will work hard to learn my part.

CAROL A. (CALKINS) CLAUSEL '87

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Baby Sally. Ask Jenie Smith, Bill Balkins, David Johnson, Paul Johnson.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

Too many to list!

JESSICA R. CLEM '06

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Going to Europe!

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Kyrie"

JEANNE E. (BUCK) COBURN '89

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Our Asia Trip.

JENNIFER A. COGNARD-BLACK '91

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Playing strip poker in the back of the bus on choir tour (we all agreed not to go beyond our skivvies), and when Doc came back and asked what we were doing (we were a bit rowdy), we told him. He blushed and said, "Oh, my goodness! You really shouldn't do that!"

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

I don't remember the name of it, but Doc asked us to sing a (post) modern piece that included quarter tones. Even though I was a music major and have kept music in my life ever since graduating from NWU, I've never sung anything so challenging-- or so rewarding. Doc's diligence, rigor, and incredible skill allowed us to touch perfection with that piece. I'll never forget how that felt.

ELIZABETH A. (ZIEMBA) COLSEN, M.D. '01

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Trip to Brazil singing in the chapel, the beach, and lifelong friends!

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Silent Night" is most memorable, and the "Battle of Jericho" was most fun (Deah Love conducting)

SAMANTHA D. (MATULKA) COSTA '07**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Tours (whether they were national or international) were a highlight of every year. New York City, Salzburg, Budapest, Betzigau each one was so memorable and special.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

Sooooo many different ones: "Lux Aeterna" by Morten Lauridsen, "O My Luve's Like Red, Red Rose" by Rene Clausen, Johannes Brahms' "Liebeslieder Waltzes", and many more

CHASE G. CRISPIN '19**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE**

"Serenade to Music" by Vaughan Williams

RANDALL E. DINSDALE '75**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Being president of the choir and emcee of our tour concerts.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Truth Has Fallen" by Dave Brubeck

ROBERT W. DRAPER '98**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

One moment that stands out is hearing the choir on tour the year after I graduated. It was exquisite, and every moment was a special moment because they were all brand new that night. I got to appreciate what it was like for an audience member for the first time and it put everything I'd been a part of for four years into an entirely new perspective.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Nachtreigen" by F. Mendelssohn...rich, Romantic harmonies and an 8-part fugue!

JENNIFER M. (CLARK) DROWN '92**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

The tours always brought unexpected, hilarious, moving moments. Singing Sargent's Silent Night in the Midwest cathedral on the day Desert Storm began was one of the most moving, juxtaposing such a transcendental beauty with the reality of war. The Audience seemed to breathe with us and held on for every echo of the final chord to fade completely out before erupting with tear-stained applause while we cried along with them.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Silent Night" is certainly up there, especially because I got to continue singing it with the Denver Acapella project with 2 other alums (my brother Jim and his lovely wife Rhonda). And the experiences with "Brahm's Requiem" and "Verdi Requiem" - one performed at First Plymouth and one performed at the then brand-new Lied Center - were just spectacular.

ERIN L. FAIRLEYWINE-GANZEL '15**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Bus rides home from tour.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Silent Night", hands down.

SONYA R. EDWARDS '02**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Concert tours.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

I have multiple favorites.

MEGAN M. EHLERS '97**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Singing at Lincoln Center in NY.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Ein Deutches Requiem" by Brahms

KELLYJO N. (AMBROSE) EVERSON '05**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Singing next to some of the best performers I've ever heard. Also listening to all the funny stories from our tour stays.

KIM A. (FORKE) FALLS '75**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE**

"Strangers in Paradise"

KRISTY L. (BERG) FEDEN '92**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Winter choir tour--all of them, but particularly when we stopped in New Orleans! That was a wild night!

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Brahms' Requiem" with full orchestra

BRANDON M. FISHER '07**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Choir tours, especially Europe tour, were always great! I loved making friends with fellow choir members while on the road. I have made lifelong friendships thanks to U - Choir.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Lux Aeterna" by Morten Lauridsen

MEAGAN FOWLER '16**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

The Doc-isms. If you look through some of the copies of music, many alumni have written in quotes from him, gems such as, "If you don't like this piece then something is wrong with your soul." It was always fun to see what alumni before me wrote in. The choir was always a place for a connection. It didn't matter if we didn't get along sometimes, or how tired we were. Be it choir retreat or tour, we were pretty much always together which made for an amazing support system.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"To Be Certain of the Dawn" by Stephen Paulus. My favorite piece I have ever heard. So unbelievably beautiful and heart wrenching. Had the pleasure of performing it multiple times.

MEGAN E. FRERICHS '19**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE**

"Amor De Mi Alma" by Z. Randall Stroope

ANGELA L. (JENSON) FREY '97**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE**

"Beati Quorum Via" by C.V. Stanford

KATHRYN A. (WHARTON) FRIEDLI '80**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Loved going to Romania and singing in the streets having the locals open their apartment windows (in January) and listen, applaud and throw down flowers to us! Also, on that trip being privileged to visit a true underground church worshiping under the streets in dark tunnel with candles in their hands in the middle of winter.

KAYLIN M. (DENISON) GARDNER '11**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

I always enjoyed tours! On the way home from our last concert, we would always sing through our concerts together on the bus.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

I can't remember the name other than it started with "Amor". It was GORGEOUS!!!

TY D. GARNER '18**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

My favorite memory will always be signing in the Christmas feast, a wonderful tradition for the choir.

JAMIE M. (SPRAGUE) GESSNER '01**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Our Brazil Tour.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"The Worlds Above" by Ben Allaway

CONSTANCE L. (COOK) GLEN '77**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Going to Romania with the choir - a remarkable experience!

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Ceremony of Carols" that we sag in Romania by Benjamin Britten

SARA A. GORSUCH '13**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Going to Estonia and Sweden in 2010 for our international tour! Finding my best friends, who are still like family today.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"To Be Certain of the Dawn" by Stephen Paulus

ERIK L. GOSNELL '12**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Our international tour to Tartu & Tallinn, Estonia and our overnight ferry to Uppsala, Sweden (and eventually Stockholm). The ferry had a pub that hosted Karaoke and we ended up there singing our hearts out and getting the crowd going. People kept asking us if we were professionals.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

Really enjoyed the all-male piece we did, "El-Yivneh Hagalil" -the tenor's had great parts in that.

JODI L. (WIATT) GOULD '89**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

While on Winter Choir Tour in January of 1989 we visited the Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel in Colorado Springs. It was beautifully light and serene space, and we were so moved by the ethereal nature of it, that we started singing Monteverdi's "Ecco mormorar l'onde". It was one of those moving moments that you never forget.

MICHAEL A. GRANT '96**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE**

"Ave Maria" by Franz Biebl. I have conducted it myself many times in the 26 years since I sang with Doc.

CARLA R. (WORRELL) GREEN '94**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Doc Wyman quotes.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Ave Maria" by Franz Biebl

JASON K. GREEN '95**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE**

"Abendlied" by J. Rheinberger

HELETHIA K. GREENE '01**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

So many, but our 1998 choir tour to Brazil is a complete standout. That was an EPIC adventure and we still talk about it decades later.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Rachmaninov Vespers"

KARLENE A. GRINBERG '12**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Loved our NWU Choir Tours. Singing across the country, waking up in new cities, and sharing our stories on the bus ride after. I recall one night, the whole bus warmed up singing select repertoire in four-part harmony on the sound, "meow." It was pure joy.

ROCHELLE S. (YANIKE) HALE '91**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Choir tours in general but especially to New Orleans.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Agnus Dei" and "Walking on the Green Grass"

SETH A. HANNA '17**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE**

"The Worlds Above" by Ben Allaway

OWEN E. HANSEN '09**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

2006 European summer trip to Germany, Austria, and Hungary: After a concert at St. Hedwig's church in Kempten, the town music director came up and had the audience perform a short thank you piece to us. It was a very emotional moment. In the spring of 2008, we performed the Bach St. Matthew Passion with the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra and the Lincoln Civic Choir. It was a great concert to perform during Holy week and I still think back on it.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"The New Jerusalem" by William Walker

MORGAN L. HARMS '14**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

NCACDA conference in Madison, WI.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"To Be Certain Of the Dawn" by Stephen Paulus

DEAH L. HARRIOTT '01**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Our Brazilian tour, especially Ouro Preto (breathtaking), our Midwest tour through Minnesota, and sleeping on a dog's bed ending up with black dog hair in my mouth in the morning (gross!)

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

Literally ANYTHING we sang by Ralph Vaughan Williams, also "The Worlds Above" by Ben Allaway

JOHN T. HARRIS '82**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Listening to the final note of any beautiful song as it enveloped us and wafted upward after being co-created by a team of music-loving friends. The thought gives me goosebumps to this day, so special.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Silent Night"

CHRISTOPHER J. HARROUN '16**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE**

"The Worlds Above" by Ben Allaway

CECELIA J. HASTREITER '19**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Every choir tour road trip and the retreats at Camp Carol Joy!

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Bright is the Ring of Words" by Richard Burchard, and "Stabat Mater" by Paul Mealor

HAYLEY J. HEATH '19**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Choir tour to San Antonia and Band tour to Disneyland.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Lux Arumque" by Eric Whitacre

ANGELA M. HEIM '99**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE**

"The Worlds Above" by Ben Allaway

JOANNA E. (MACKLEY) HILL '16**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Signing Silent Night at the memorial in Oklahoma.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"To Be Certain Of the Dawn" by Stephen Paulus

JULIE J. HINDMARSH '76**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Singing in Carnegie Hall!

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Serenade to Music" by Vaughan Williams

JESSICA L. (PARSON) HOHULIN '07**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

The friendships built in class and on tour!

PEGGY A. HOLLOWAY '74**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Our swing choir was one of the first collegiate show choirs in the country. I have great memories of our medley of patriotic songs arranged by Chuck Pennington, and our performance at a Republican convention in Lincoln. Ronald Reagan was the keynote speaker. It also was amazing to perform Brubeck's Mass with the Dave Brubeck quartet.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"The Brubeck Jazz Mass"

HANNAH M. HOTOVY '17**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Carrying out one of my favorite tour traditions: the Cat Choir, singing a tour song in "meows" on the final bus ride back to Lincoln.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Mass of the Children" by John Rutter (sung nearly ten years after first performing it in a Children's choir)

SARAH K. HOTOVY '12**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Singing "Mozart's Requiem" with the Munich Symphony Orchestra, "To Be Certain of the Dawn" at ACDA in Madison, countless tour bus shenanigans. My best memory is the first time I heard this really cute, incredibly talented tenor audition for a solo and I couldn't stop swooning. He's now my husband.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

Dr. Henderson's composition of "Threshold"

REBECCA S. IMES '97**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Freshman Year: Tour of the Tundra (record cold temperatures in Minnesota and Iowa, performed every concert.) Senior Year: Tour of the Southern Tundra (Destination Atlanta, it snowed in Nashville and Atlanta, many performances cancelled. Doc had to get NWU to wire him gas money because we had no freewill offerings with which to pay for gas for the bus.

KIMBERLY S. (TRAPP) IVERSON '11**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

International Choir Tour to Estonia and Sweden in 2011.

DAVID E. JOHNSON '86**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

The Far Eastern tour to China, Korea, and Japan was so amazing. The people we met, the home-stay families, the music we made. Guest conductor Robert Shaw leading us through Britten's War Requiem. Performing Orff's "Carmina Burana" with the Omaha Symphony, onstage in 6-level towers covered with black speaker cloth! Nothing but great memories.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

On the Far East tour, a Japanese piece "Shimayo". Rene Clausen's "Set Me As A Seal."

AMY L. (HEUSINKVELT) JOYCE '93**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Choir Tour... all of them. But during the Iraq war was the most impactful, most deeply emotional singing of "Silent Night" ever.

KELLY J. KARGES '81

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Europe tour, 1980. And playing my drum set with the swing choir.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Silent Night"

BRUCE C. KELLEY '89

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Spontaneously singing acapella in the Air Force cathedral during one of the tours

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"O Crux" by Knut Nystedt

NAOMI R. (BALLARD) KILE '08

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Choir tours...so many memories!

EMILY A. (DAVENPORT) KOONCE '07

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Europe tour '06.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Lux Aeterna" by Morten Lauridsen

JANICE M. (MCCLARAN) LALLMAN '67

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

I have many happy memories of choir under the direction of Dr. Paulson, concert trips, great friends, and fun times. I was very fortunate to have Pop Bennett as my voice instructor.

CADIE A. (JOCHUM) LAMMERS '13

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Long bus rides on tour and reading notes/quotes written into the sheet music from choir alums.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"In the Seraglio Garden" by Wilhelm Stenhammar

KELSEY-LYNN C. (BARTH) LINABERY '12

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Choir tours always made the best memories but singing at Carnegie Hall with Dob in 2018 was one of the best moments of my life!

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"In The New Jerusalem"

AMY N. (LEEDS) LOGAN '00

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Choir tours!!

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"The Worlds Above" by Ben Allaway

SARA L. (BROCKEMEYER) LUGN '85

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Silent Night"

JEFFREY B. MACKNIGHT '81

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Ribbing Doc Wyman about all and sundry things!

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Die Weihnachtsgeschichte" by Hugo Distler

ALLISON D. (DALEY) MATSON '95

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Doc's salmon jacket and singing with friends in the men's restroom.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Ave Maria"

JUDITH R. (TRIMBLE) MAURER '69

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Traveling to Western Nebraska with Dr. Tritt and performing in empty churches. At one church, Dick Dinsdale "goosed" a tenor in front of him, which caused Dr. Tritt to burst into laughter, which caused the whole choir to collapse. After a few minutes of laughter, the front pew got the best performance we gave the entire tour!

MADLINE B. McDONALD '11

FAVORITE CHOIR MEMORY

Choir Tour to Sweden and Estonia

AMBER D. McQUISTON '02

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Singing in Italy at an island church that was right on the Adriatic Sea.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Silent Night"

CAROL A. (WOLLENBURG) MEYER '73

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Choir tour in Denver—we got snowed in and stayed an extra night!

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Warm-ups" by Dr. Charles Tritt

AARON M. MILLER '16

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Hearing an original composition of mine performed by the choir for the first time.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Stabat Mater" by Antonin Dvorak

MARILYN R. (LARSON) MORGAN '52

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Enjoyed traveling with the choir

JACOB M. MORMAN '15

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Touring Ireland for the international tour of 2015. Ever since I can remember I wanted to travel to Ireland and having that as a graduation gift made it extremely worth it.

WENDY JO (DANEK) MORRISSEY '97

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

My senior year closing out our tour with Silent Night for the last time. It was such an emotional and powerful moment.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Ain't That Good News" and "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho"

ROSS W. MUMFORD '14

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Every choir tour.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Go Down Moses"

JEAN L. (OXENHARDT) MURRAY '89**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Going on choir tour to Japan, China and Korea.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Silent Night"

JOELL O. (MATZEN) NULL '10**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

European Tour - Austria, Germany & Hungary summer 2005.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Mass for Double Choir Sanctus & Benedictus"

SEAN D. NUTZMAN '95**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

The domestic and international choir tours. Russia, Austria, Slovakia and Czech Republic.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Ave Maria", and "Silent Night" (I'm related to Frank Gruber :)) "1812 Overture", countless spirituals, and more

R. SUE (SCRIMSHER) OCHSNER '66**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Trip to sing at the World's Fair. Maxine Morrison and the governor were there. Maxine sang with us!

LORRI K. (RIEKER) ODDO '81**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Our choir tour to Colorado in 1977.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Silent Night"

KILA A. PACKETT '99**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Singing Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Santa Civitas" at Candelaria Cathedral, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 1998.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Sure on this Shining Night"

TRAVIS N. PANNING '01**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Going to Chicago in '99 to be the choir for a conductor competition.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Mass in G minor" by Vaughan Williams

CATHERINE J. (CARLSON) PANNING '02**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE**

"Mass in G minor" by Vaughan Williams

ANNE R. (MCGEE) PARKER '00**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE**

"The Worlds Above" by Ben Allaway

HELEN E. (PAYNE) PAUS '09**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

I loved the Women's Chorale. It was my favorite time of day!

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

We did an arrangement of "Hodie Christus Natus Est" for a Christmas concert once. I still sing it to my kids today.

KENNETH F. PEACOCK '67**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Singing with Dr. Paulson and Dr. Tritt and a trip to New York.

SAMANTHA M. PETERS '12**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE**

We did a madrigal by Carlo Gesualdo my junior year. The harmonies were rich, complex, and interesting. The choir definitely enjoyed but struggled with the piece, which made it exciting when we finally figured it out for the tour.

JANA L. (BOOCK) PETERSON '65**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Traveling in Nebraska and singing in small towns. The music!!

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

Don't remember!

MARY K. PHILLIPS '95**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Conducting the chamber singers as a guest student conductor.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

KATRINA L. PIERCE '16**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Going to Ireland and creating some lifelong friendships with the best people. I love my NWU choir family. Being a part of choir was the best part of my college experience.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"The Worlds Above" by Ben Allaway

MARCUS E. PRICE '10**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Either Grand Mass in C-minor the St. Matthews Passion, the big works with Omaha and Lincoln symphonies.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Silent Night" but so many others also come to mind

ERIN R. QUANDT '02**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Traveling to Austria, Italy and Germany in 2002

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"The Worlds Above" by Ben Allaway, "Rachmaninov Vesper No. 7"

JANELLE K. REETZ '89**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Choir tour to the Orient.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Mozart Requiem"

ELIZABETH A. (FAIRCHILLD) REICHER '95**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Our Russia Tour.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Lux Aeterna" by Edwin Fissinger

KESHA S. REYNOLDSO '10**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Being with talented people working hard on what we love, music.

MICHAEL J. ROBB '98

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Choir tours.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Beati Quorum Via" by Charles Villiers Stanford

WESLEY J. RODENBURG '11

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

The Sweden tour in 2011 is one of the best memories I have, touring the conservatory of music and seeing them perform folk music.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord" by Moses Hogan

CALLIE A. RODINA '18

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

All the memories made on choir tour, especially bus ride shenanigans! We made Harry Potter/choir videos and they cracked everyone up. I have 3 years of lifelong memories. U-choir was one of the best parts of my collegiate experience.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Bright" by Richard Burchard

DEBRA K. (REESE) ROUSE '82

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

1979 tour to Hawaii and Southern California.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Silent Night"

BETHANY A. (ECKLOFF) ROUSE '11

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

I cherish the deep and meaningful friendships that U Choir cultivated. I learned to be vulnerable and see music as an extension of God's voice. So much of that was due to Doc and my choir family.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Treasure Up My Commandments" by Jean Henderson

KATIE B. (BACON) SCHEELE '03

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Singing in the choir tour in Europe and singing with the Lincoln Symphony for the Carmina Burana.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"The World's Above" by Ben Allaway

KEVIN H. SCHEELE '06

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Telling homestay stories and sharing Doc quotes were favorites on tour. Our tour to Germany, Austria and Hungary was amazing. Great collaborations with LSO - Mozart Coronation Mass & Mass in c minor; Liebeslieder Waltzes. Opening concert at the Holland Center with Omaha Symphony for Beethoven's 9th

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

Ben Allaway's "The Worlds Above". "Silent Night" was very special. Other favorites are "Cantus Gloriosus" by J. Swider, "Wake Up My Spirit" by A. Hailstork, "How Can I keep From Singing" by Staheli, "My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord" by Hogan, and "Lux Aeterna by Lauridsen with members of LSO.

WILLIAM R. SCHLICHTEMEIER, M.D. '70

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

I liked the precision that Dr. Tritt required.

MOLLY M. (STITT) SCHMIT '97

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Choir tours.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Silent Night"

MIRANDA R. SCHULZE '09

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

That inexplicable state of flow, in which the ensemble was fully immersed in a feeling of energized focus, full involvement and enjoyment in the process of music.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Sleep" by Eric Whitacre. A popular choice, but can't be helped given the melting pot of dissonant chords and harmonies.

DANIEL P. SCHUTTLER '81

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Rehearsals.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Silent Night"

JASON J. SEGER '07

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Choir tour to Europe (in 2007?) to Germany, Austria, and Hungary.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"In The New Jerusalem"

ANDREW A. SEUFERER '17

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Singing at a world concert in Ireland and watching the prime minister cry from the beauty of the choral performance.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

Mouth Music

SHERYL R. (KNIGHT) SHAFER '68

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

I had the honor of being in the choir when Howard Hanson came to direct "Ship of Democracy" with the orchestra. What a wonderful opportunity to meet him, learn from him, and know that indeed, this memory will last a lifetime, to be shared with others.

MICHAEL W. SHULL '77

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Trips.

REBECCA A. SIMLEY '15

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Anytime we would get on the stage for a performance. It was pure magic and an honor to be part of a group of such talented individuals dedicated to bringing music to life with such passion.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Gabriel's Message" by Joshua Shank

LINDSAY E. SINN '75

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

It was fun!

SHEREE S. (BURNEY) STABLER '06

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Singing in Neuschwanstein Castle on our trip to Germany, Austria, and Hungary

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Silent Night"

BRUCE A. STAHR '81

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Getting engaged while on NWU choir tour in Italy. A 1 hour, noon class completely unrelated to the rest of my day. Friendships across the academic spectrum with peers, and with Doc & Tami.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"The Peaceable Kingdom" by Randall Thompson

JANET K. (HANSON) STARK '88

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Visiting Nagasaki Wesleyan during the 1985 Asia Choir tour.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Requiem Mass" by Mozart

WILLIAM O. STEPHENSON '81

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

The Hawaiian tour.

JENNIFER L. (KOLTERMAN) STEVENS '04

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Choir Tour to New Orleans.

ERIN M. (JOEKEL) STOLL '00

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

I have beautiful memories of singing this song each night on choir tour. It always brought the audience to tears, and there were many nights that it did the same for me.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Silent Night"

ALLISON R. STOPPKOTTE '19

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

When I sang the soprano solo for the Vaughan Williams "Serenade To Music" my junior year; traveling to New York in the summer of 2018 to perform in Carnegie Hall; traveling to Spain with the choir and Doc in the summer of 2019.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Serenade to Music" by Ralph Vaughan Williams

PEGGY A. (VOSTA) STRUEBING '74

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Tours.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

Chuck Pennington's Arrangement for Show Choir

ARVIN J. SUNDBERG '62

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

We were required to attend chapel every week. Seats were assigned and attendance was taken, but I was in the chapel choir. I was called into the Dean's office to explain my nonattendance. I said I had perfect attendance sitting on the stage.

BETH L. SUYDAN '62

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Practice in the Old Chapel building and singing on Wednesdays at Chapel. You just don't find echos like those anymore. Pop Bennet always said, "First mistake I ever made." I have used it for years.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

TERI J. (DUYSEN) SVEHLA '87

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Definitely choir trips, especially the overseas tours we did to Asia.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

Doc would introduce a piece to us and I would say, "Oh, God, I hate this song." Then by week 4 I would love it!

SOPHIA D. TAYS '16

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

I simply cannot pick one, but I can say the whole experience of family and love it brought into my life throughout those 4 years.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"The World's Above," "Stabat Mater" at First Plymouth, and "O Magnum Mysterium Lauridsen"

GREGORY L. THALKEN, M.D. '02

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Singing with my two brothers.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Uptown Girl"

KRISTA K. (COOK) TITCHENER '96

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

I loved the home concerts after the winter tours. Singing "Silent Night" was one of my favorites too.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

Singing in the solo choir for the Beibel "Ave Maria" from church balconies during our choir tour.

CASSANDRA M. (RIPPE) VALLIS '16

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

Each time we sang "Silent Night" at NWU following our winter tour.

CAMERON W. VICTOR '20

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY

I absolutely loved touring across Spain a few years ago. It's such a beautiful country, and I really want to go back!

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

Singing "Brahms' Requiem" with First Plymouth and Doane.

STEVEN S. WALKER '92**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Tour to Russia, Czechoslovakia and Austria in 1992. What an amazing time to be in these countries.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Agnus Dei" by Samuel Barber

JAMES J. WALLASKY '81**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Romanian Trip.

JOCELYN I. (BRAMMEIER) WALLASKY '78**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Romanian Trip - lifelong memories.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"In the Beginning" by Aaron Copland

DEANNA L. (SWAVELY) WEBER '89**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Tour in Southeast Asia.

ZACHARY A. WEIR '14**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Any and all choir tours. Singing at St Patrick's cathedral and at the ACDA convention in Madison were highlights.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Sicut Cervus" by Palestrina

GWENETH L. WEST '70**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Choir Tour Spring 1970. Simply loved getting to know everyone in such a joyous experience.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

Modern piece plucking piano strings with lyric "what time is it now". I look back on this as a courageous move on Tritt's part as he yanked us into the world.

JENNIFER A. (KABOUREK) WHYMAN '95**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Boyd Bacon convincing me that I could sing and encouraging me to be a part of the women's choir.

JULIE R. (OTT) WILSHUSEN '90**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Singing spontaneously in the Chapel at the Air Force Academy. We just wandered and sang Monteverdi piece in 8 parts a cappella. I felt completely encased in the beauty of the music!

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

Barber's "Adagio", or singing quarter tones in Crux

JENNIFER L. (DAVIDCHIK) WILSON '89**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Playing cards at the back of the bus on trips across the country. So many great times on tour with wonderful churches and families. Choir tour to England and Scotland in 1988.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

A piece I sing to this day was an arrangement with Robert Frost's poem of two roads diverging and a gift to be simple.

MALORIE J. WINBERG '17**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Singing "To Be Certain of the Dawn" at the Methodist church with Michael Dennis Browne in attendance. Such an incredible, powerful performance.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Bright is the Ring of Words"

STEPHANIE L. (ARMOLD) WINTER '89**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Going on tour and visiting China, Japan, Hong Kong and Korea in 1985, my freshman year. My sister was in a choir already and signed up for the tour. I was so thrilled to be selected as choir member, but then to experience this trip too was an amazing opportunity! Forever one of my favorite memories!

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Ezekiel Saw Da Wheel", and of course, "Silent Night"!

ALEXANDRA J. (BARTELS) WOHLGEMUTH '11**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Elizabethan Christmas Feasts - Chamber Choir.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

Can't remember the name. It's been too long, but the Latin Christmas chant from Elizabethan Feast.

JESSE G. WOHLMAN '13**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Singing in Estonia and Sweden during our European Choir Tour in 2011.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"In the Seraglio Garden" by Wilhelm Stenhammar

LAYNEE D. WOODWARD '14**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Choir tour to Estonia.

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Lux Aurumque"

ERIC D. WYLER '13**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Every domestic tour was amazing, but our international tour to Sweden/Estonia was something I will never forget. Dr. Wyman was gracious enough to allow my wife (fiancé at the time) to be a part of the choir on the tour. It was a magical experience!

CONNOR J. ZIMMER '18**FAVORITE NWU CHOIR MEMORY**

Every single choir tour - especially the speeches and segments we would create on the bus!

FAVORITE NWU CHOIR PIECE

"Only in Sleep"