



CWRU MUSIC

2025/26 CONCERT SEASON

What is human?

Case Glee Club

Dr. Jason Falkofsky, director

Mr. Te Zhang, accompanist

Padua High School Men's Ensemble

Mr. Joseph Morel, director

Mr. Frank Bianchi, accompanist

Highland Heartbreakers

Mr. Christopher Ilg, director and accompanist

7:30 PM

Friday, December 5, 2025

Florence Memorial Harkness Chapel

11118 Bellflower Road Cleveland, OH

WELCOME

CWRU Music 2025–26 Concert Season

The Case Western Reserve University Department of Music presents a wide range of concerts, recitals, and special events that showcase the talents of students, faculty, and guest artists. From classical masterworks to contemporary compositions, these performances highlight the creativity and excellence within CWRU's vibrant music community. Open to the public, the season offers opportunities for audiences of all ages to experience inspiring live music and support the next generation of musicians and scholars.

Welcome to **Florence Harkness Memorial Chapel**, built in 1902 to honor Florence Harkness Severance, daughter of Stephen V. Harkness and Anna M. Richardson Harkness, and wife of Louis Henry Severance.

Designed by noted architect Charles F. Schweinfurth—famous for his work on many of Cleveland's Euclid Avenue mansions—the chapel is a stunning example of neo-Gothic architecture. It features soaring arches, intricate woodwork, and exquisite Tiffany stained-glass windows. Located on the Mather Quad, this historic and acoustically resonant space provides a warm, intimate setting for Department of Music performances and special events.

Accessibility

We are committed to providing accessible facilities for all audience members. Please inform our staff if you require assistance or special accommodations.

Thank you for joining us today — enjoy the performance! 🎵

-  Silence phones & devices
-  No flash photos or recording
-  No food/beverages
-  Restrooms in foyer
-  **Emergencies:** follow staff/call 216-368-3333



PROGRAM

CASE GLEE CLUB

Speak the Truth	Jocelyn Hagen
Mis on inimene? (What is human?)	Pärt Uusberg
Good Timber	Susan Labarr
Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho	Traditional Spiritual arr. by Stacey V. Gibbs

PADUA FRANCISCAN MEN'S ENSEMBLE

Ubi Caritas Et Amor	Roger Emerson
The First Noel	arr. by Dan Forrest

HIGHLAND HEARTBREAKERS

Sweet Caroline	Neil Diamond arr. by Kirby Shaw
Feeling' Good	Leslie Bricusse & Anthony Newly arr. by Alan Billingsly
Footloose	Kenny Loggins arr. by Kirby Shaw

BRIEFCASE

What'll I Do as arranged for Platinum	Irving Berlin arr. by Ed Waeche & Renee Craig
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Sophie von Coelln, Josh Eagle, Ryan Gilmore, Ryan Pitasky

It Happened in Monterey as arranged for OC Times	words by Billy Rose; music by Mabel Wayne arr. by John Brockman
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Hannah Jung, Russell Zhang, Adam Hutchings, Chris Tipton

CASE GLEE CLUB

Feed the Birds from <i>Walt Disney's Mary Poppins</i>	Richard M. Sherman & Robert B. Sherman arr. by Jack Hale
I Will Sing	Michael Engelhardt

*Noa Han, bass
Daniel Kim, drums*

TRANSLATIONS

Mis on inimeme?

Mis on inimeme?
Kas ingli vari?
Või igatsushüüd
hingeühtsuse poole?

Igaüks meist on pill,
läbi mille võrratuid vise vilistab Jumala tuul:
hoia, küll siis hoitakse sind.

-Dora Kareva (b. 1958)

What is human?
The shadow of an angel?
Or a cry of yearning
towards a union of souls?

Each of us is a pipe
for God's wind to whistle:
take care, then you are cared for.

Ubi Caritas Et Amor

Ubi caritas et amor,
Deus ibi est.

Where charity and love are found,
God is there.

ENSEMBLE MEMBERS

PADUA FRANCISCAN MEN'S ENSEMBLE

Tenor 1

Drew Ketvertis
Antonio Raso
Nicolas Rodriguez
TJ Stahl

Tenor 2

Lucas Blau-Fuldauer
Casey Boyer
Stefan Glaser-Taliaferro
Matthew Golias
Jack Herrlich
Xavier Manganaro
Zachary Mayne
Anthony Myrick
Vincent Pierce
Nathan Solderitsch
Jacob Stepanski
Nick Venere

Baritone

Aiden Brenner
Logan Burke
Cyrus Czerwinski
Anthony Gayle
Reece Gayton
Kye Hild
Colton Kalkbrenner
Grayson Knight
Daniel Lyzak
Brayden Mordarski
Evan Mordarski
Kyle Mosh
Aydrien Osso
Nico Senior
Victor Torres
Lucas Zembower

Bass

Jonathan Gibson
Landon Hanover
Samuel Rodriguez
Noah Schuster
Calvin Sussman
Victor Torres
James Varner

ENSEMBLE MEMBERS

HIGHLAND HEARTBREAKERS

Tenor

Sam Green
Zeke Murawski
Zack Onopko

Baritone

Jared Bryan
Cole Poling
Herb Reising
Aiden Rusk

Bass

Guillermo Ayala Mendez
Easton Foster
Ben Kilbane

CASE GLEE CLUB

Tenor 1

Morgan Ernst, *Materials Science Engineering*
Hannah Jung, *Psychology*
Hayley Lor, *Nursing #*
Adelyn Nicholson, *Theater*
Nita Perez, *Biomedical Engineering*
Henry Senra, *Astronomy*
Sophie von Coelln, *Astronomy/Physics #*

Baritone

Carson Asbury, *Biomedical Engineering, Evolutionary Biology #*
Daniel Burwell, *Computer Science*
Josh Eagle, *Civil & Environmental Engineering*
Nash Fay, *Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering*
Ryan Gilmore, *Mathematics, Music*
Charles Kahn, *Computer Engineering*
Charlie Kaplan, *Mathematics, Environmental Geology*
Cade Kuhlins, *Chemical Engineering*
Noah Lee, *Computer Science*
Shiming Ma, *Biomedical Engineering*
Caden McGreal, *Civil Engineering*
Daniel Patton, *English*
Chris Tipon, *Music Education*
Tyler Zupfer, *Polymer Science Engineering*

Tenor 2

Eswar Balaraman, *Neuroscience, Psychology*
Skyler Conley, *Biochemistry, Chemical Engineering*
Logan Corrales, *Civil Engineering*
MG Davis, *Physics*
David Gentile, *Masters of Social Work #*
Adam Hutchings, *Mathematics, Computer Science*
Andrew Martinichin, *Community Member*
Benji Phan, *MBA*
Natalie Qiu, *Computer Science*
Milo Vetter, *Civil Engineering*
Russell Zhang, *Music Education #*

Bass

Arnav Barkataki, *Neuroscience*
Nico Bliss-Carrascosa, *Mathematics, Computer Science*
Dylan Braner, *Chemical Engineering*
Andrew Director, *Finance, Music*
Paul Jarc, '00, *Computer Science Alumnus*
Aiden Kwiatkowski, *Biochemistry*
Chris Noga, '23, *Masters of Finance Alumnus*
Martin McIntosh, *Engineering, Physics #*
Connor Mills-Dudding, *History*
Pierre-Louis Pignet, *Biology*
Ryan Pitasky, *Computer Science, Mathematics*
Samuel Qin, *Computer Science, Mathematics*
Timothy Van de North, *Computer Science*
Ethan Wang, *Computer Science*
Eric Yarnot, *Computer Engineering, Physics*

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ABOUT THE ENSEMBLES

CASE GLEE CLUB

Founded in 1897, Case Glee Club (CGC) is the oldest continually operating student organization on campus. Today CGC is a credited ensemble within the Music Department and continues its long-standing tradition of blending fellowship and excellence in singing with a welcoming, inclusive environment. Members develop strong musical skills, build camaraderie, and share music with the CWRU campus and the University Circle communities and beyond. CGC performs a variety of accompanied and a cappella repertoire written specifically for tenor, baritone, and bass voices.

Dr. Jason Falkofsky is an engaging choral and musical theater educator with experience conducting and coaching singers of all ages, from elementary students to senior adults. He returns to Case Western Reserve University for the 2025–2026 academic year as conductor of the Case Glee Club, a position he previously held from 2016 to 2020 while completing his doctoral studies.

Jason is an active freelance musician, music director, accompanist, and clinician. He is the music minister at Historic St. Peter Church in downtown Cleveland and provides musical support at several other area churches. His research interests center on pedagogy and participation in lower-voice choral ensembles, as well as singers' identities within the choral context. He sang for 18 seasons with the Baldwin Wallace University Men's Chorus and is the founder of The Men's Ensemble @ St. Peter, a tenor-bass choir of comprised of professional, semi-professional, and advanced singers who gather monthly to sing for church services at Historic St. Peter Church

Jason is a member of NafME, OMEA, ACDA, and OCDA. He is a former OCDA Men's/Tenor-Bass Repertoire & Resources Chair and currently is Chair of the Musical Theater Track for the annual OMEA Professional Development Conference. In addition, Jason serves as an adjudicator for the Dazzle Awards, a high school musical theater awards program sponsored by Cleveland's Playhouse Square.

Jason holds degrees in music education from Baldwin Wallace University, Kent State University, and Case Western Reserve University. Prior to pursuing his PhD, he taught at the high school level for 16 years, where he led choral programs, taught general music, and music-directed numerous school musical productions.



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PADUA FRANCISCAN MEN'S ENSEMBLE

The Padua Franciscan Men's Ensemble is a tenor/bass vocal ensemble open to all young men at Padua Franciscan High School in Parma, Ohio. The group meets twice a week after school for a half-hour and consists of singers from across the school regardless of whether they are in another music ensemble. They would like to extend their gratitude to Dr. Falkofsky and the Case Glee Club for including them in this concert, and a special thank you to our "guest accompanist" Mr. Bianchi for helping them sound their best!

They are directed by Mr. Joe Morel. Mr. Morel teaches Computer Science at Padua Franciscan High School and has been the director of the Men's Ensemble since 2023.



HIGHLAND HEARTBREAKERS

The choral program at Highland High School consists of four curricular choirs and two co-curricular choirs. Curricular choirs include the Notables (tenor-bass) and Descants (soprano-alto), introductory-level choirs where many students come to find their voices and grow their skills, and the Treble Chorale (soprano-alto), and Chorale (mixed), advanced-level ensembles whose students frequently receive Superior ratings at both District level and State level adjudicated events. Co-curricular choirs include Added Attraction (vocal jazz ensemble) and Heartbreakers (tenor-bass). These groups provide opportunities for students to sing repertoire infused with a pop style which they perform for various events throughout the community. The Heartbreakers are especially known for their entertaining and energetic performances.

Mr. Chris Ilg is in his 35th year of teaching in the Highland School District. Additionally, he is the Director of Music and Organist at Holy Martyrs Catholic Church in Medina Township.



UPCOMING EVENTS

7:00 PM • Saturday, December 6, 2025

Case In Point A Cappella
Harkness Chapel

7:30 PM • Sunday, December 7, 2025

Solstice A Cappella
Harkness Chapel

4:00 PM • Friday, December 12, 2025

Keyboard Ensemble Recital
Harkness Chapel

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