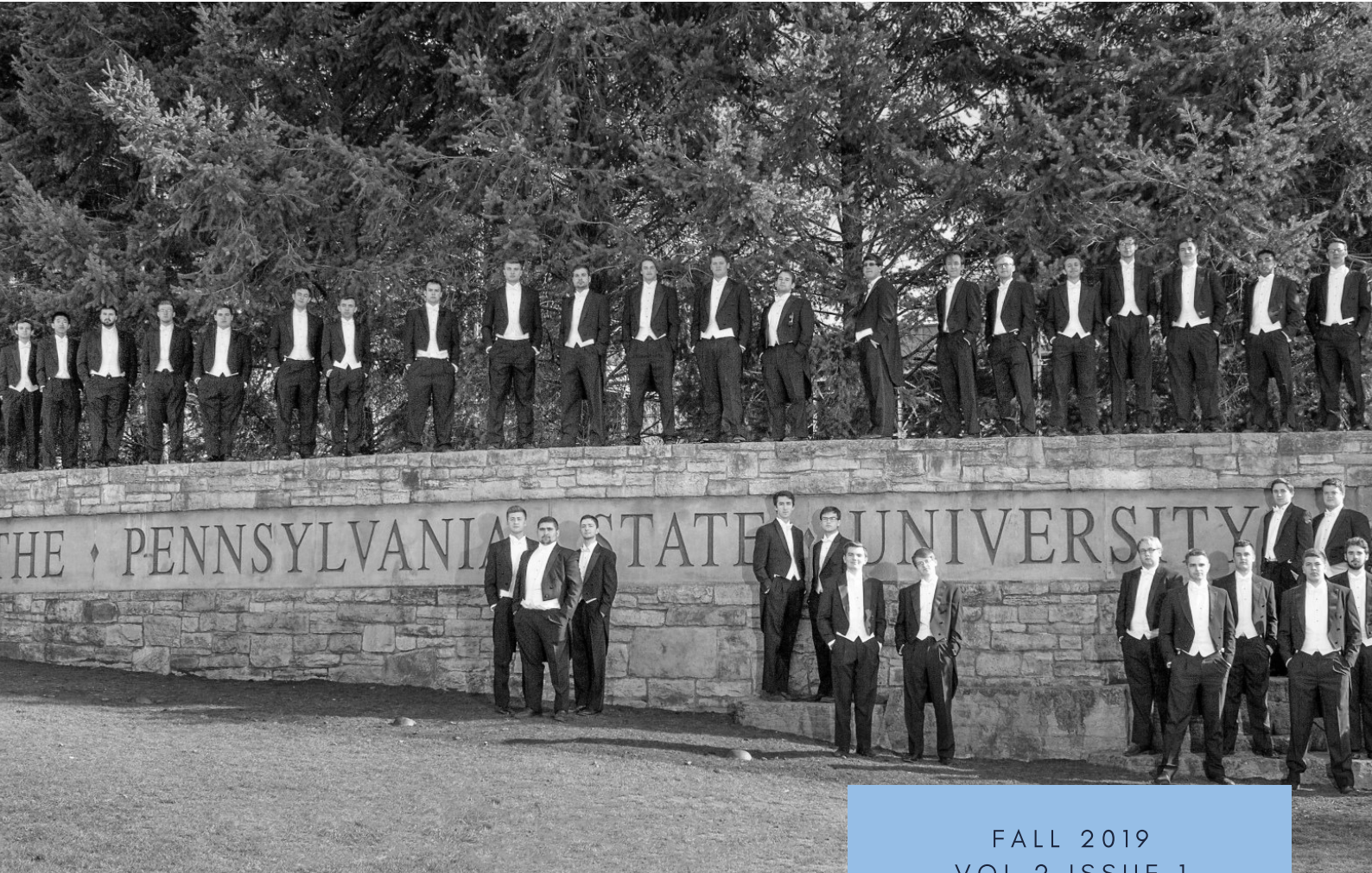




Raise the Song!

The Official Newsletter of the
PENN STATE GLEE CLUB



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FROM THE PODIUM

BY DR. CHRISTOPHER KIVER

What a wonderful time we had five months ago as we celebrated the 130th anniversary of the Penn State Glee Club. It was exciting to have more than 70 alumni in attendance, representing each decade from the 1950s, with Richard Wetzel our most senior graduate present from the class of 1956! Few Penn State organizations enjoy as rich a heritage as the Glee Club, and it was a real joy to have almost half of our history gathered on stage.

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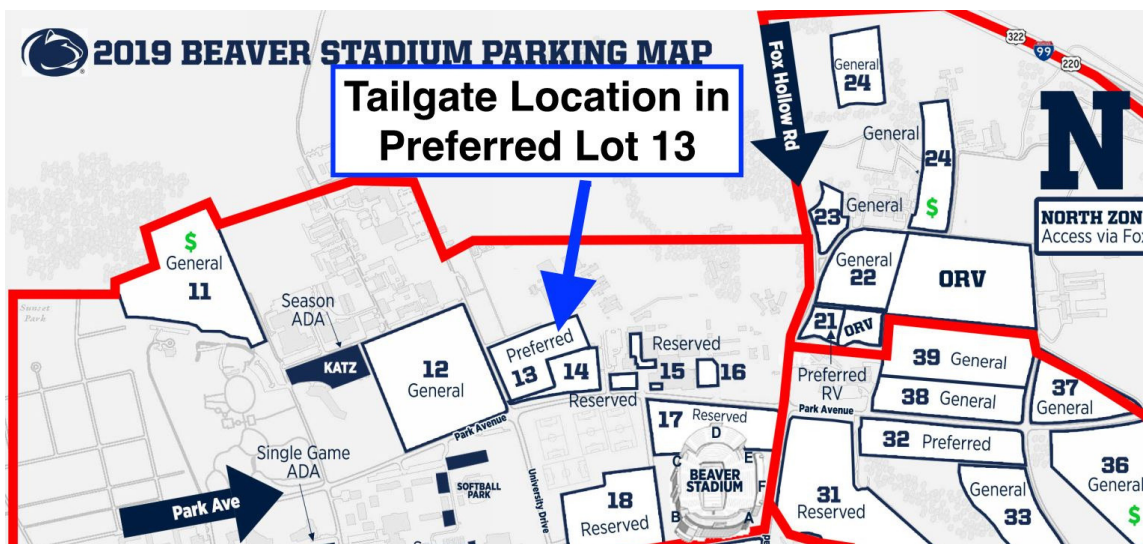
ALUMNI TAILGATE

ARE YOU coming back for the Penn State vs Pitt football game this weekend? If so, make sure to swing by our tailgate hosted by your very own Alumni Interest Group. It is sure to be a fun filled morning of tailgate games, food, drinks, and singing!

WHEN: Saturday, September 14 from 9:00am - 12:00pm

WHO: open to all friends and family of the Glee Club

WHERE: Tailgate lot West 13. Further directions provided on Saturday. Look for the Glee Club banner flying between two flag poles.



click here for the latest info and to RSVP

OUR 2019-2020 SEASON

Saturday, September 14, 9:00am
See page 2 for details

GLEE CLUB ALUM TAILGATE

Saturday, October 12
10:00AM-2:30PM rehearsals, 3:00PM informal concert
School of Music Recital Hall
Admission is free

MEN OF SONG

Saturday, October 12, 2018, 7:30PM
Pasquerilla Spiritual Center - Worship Hall
Admission is free

CHORAL COLLAGE

Saturday, November 9, 7:30PM
School of Music Recital Hall
Admission \$4.99 and \$2.00

FALL CONCERT

Saturday, December 8, 4:00PM
Eisenhower Auditorium
Admission: see PSU Center for the Performing Arts' website

MOSAIC

Saturday, March 21, 7:30PM
with the Varsity Men's Glee Club, University of Illinois
School of Music Recital Hall

ILLINOIS GLEE CLUB
JOINT CONCERT

Saturday, April 18, 7:30PM
School of Music Recital Hall
Admission: see PSU Center for the Performing Arts' website

BLUE & WHITE CONCERT

May 11 - 20 - Spring Break tour to Romania

TOUR

Be sure to check back in for more info at
pennstategleeclub.com/performance/



ENDOWMENT UPDATE

Thank you to all alumni, family, and friends who helped Raise the Song this Blue & White weekend! It was a joy for the current Glee Club to perform our spring repertoire and join the Alumni Massed Choir in choral standards, Hi-Lo's classics, and Penn State songs.

We send a special thank you to Mike & Martha Helms whose continued steadfast support of the Glee Club has helped us surpass over \$250,000 in our Endowment! Through the generosity of their latest matching challenge over Blue & White Weekend, the Glee Club raised over \$12,000 as of this writing. Each dollar helps secure the future of the Glee Club for over 130 years to come and gets us one more step closer to achieving Dr. Kiver's dreams for the club. If you would like to contribute to our latest campaign, please [click here](#).

This weekend could not have been possible without our director, Dr. Kiver, director emeritus, Bruce Trinkle, the current Glee Club executive board, and the alumni executive board. Thank you for their countless hours of work to make our reunion weekend and concert a reality!

▶ for more information on how to donate to the Penn State Glee Club, please visit pennstategleeclub.com/support-us/

130TH ANNIVERSARY SURVEY

To best serve the Glee Club for the next 130 years, the Alumni Interest Group invites you to fill out a survey based on your experience from the 130th Anniversary weekend. Please take a few moments to recall what you enjoyed, what you think we can improve, and what you would like to see from the Alumni Interest Group in this 2019-2020 season.

▶ [click here to complete the survey](#)

AND INTRODUCING...

NEW MEMBERS TO THE GC AIG EXEC BOARD

AVIK SARKER - AT LARGE

Avik Sarker is a graduate of the class of 2019 in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology and Statistics. A native of State College and member of the Glee Club for 11 semesters, he is currently applying to medical schools in the Mid-Atlantic region.



JARED KEHLER - AT LARGE

Jared graduated in 2019 with a degree in film-video with minors in music tech, theater, and film studies. While a Glee Clubber, Jared was fundraising chair and integral into the Giving Tuesday initiatives.

GLEE CLUB-ORIANA THON

THON 2019 was a major success! Our dancers Maeve, Rachel, Matt, and Miranda did an awesome job on the floor, with our org supporting them on the stands and on the floor all the way to the end. Additionally, we had the opportunity to meet our new family, the Downies, as an org! We are super excited for a whole year with our new family and their son, Gunnar, who loves monster trucks and water guns. We are also excited to grow even closer with the Burns and the Kinseys, as well as plan a larger diversity of fundraising and social events this year! Details about this year's events will come soon.



for more information on THON and how to donate, please visit <http://www.pennstategleeclub.com/the-club/thon/>



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

The Glee Club Alumni Interest Group Executive Board is always looking for people with a desire to be more involved in the Penn State Glee Club.

If you are interesting in volunteering your time and services be it with event planning, fundraising, communications, or other areas, please contact gleeclubaig@gmail.com

We currently have vacancies at the following executive board positions: Treasurer, Philanthropy Chair, and one at-large spot



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and at pennstategleeclub.com

FROM THE PODIUM

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...I was proud to share the podium with my predecessor and longest serving conductor, Bruce Trinkley, the two of us representing 49 years of musical direction!

The sound of the massed choir of current students and alumni was most impressive, particularly in Persichetti's "Song of Peace"; the massed performances of "Little Liz' " and "Johnny Schmoker" were a hoot, and the Alma Mater was stirring. The receptions provided opportunities to reminisce, and the brunch provided current and former members a chance to share stories and experiences. Mike and Martha Helms were presented with the Outstanding Glee Club Alumnus Award for their remarkable philanthropic activities building the Glee Club Endowment. After a stirring speech and further challenge, in less than an hour, with matching funds from Mike and Martha, \$12,000 was raised to help push the principle of the Glee Club Endowment over \$250,000. An exciting way to conclude our weekend of celebration.

None of the weekend activities would have been possible without the dedication and fine work of the Alumni Interest Group. We hope you will be able to take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire to help us in our planning for future alumni activities.

Thank you to everyone who returned to "Dear Old State" for the reunion, and many thanks to all of you who continue to contribute to the Glee Club endowments. Your support is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Raise the song,
Christopher Kiver
Director

ABOUT OUR DIRECTOR



Dr. Christopher Kiver is a Professor at The Pennsylvania State University where he is the director of choral activities. Dr. Kiver directs the Concert Choir and Glee Club, oversees the graduate choral conducting program and teaches classes in choral conducting and choral literature. He is founder and director of The Orpheus Singers and serves as Director of Music at the University Baptist & Brethren Church in State College. Dr. Kiver is a graduate of the University of London, Florida State University and the University of Michigan where he received the DMA in choral conducting.

Choirs under Dr. Kiver's direction have performed at state and regional conventions of the American Choral Directors Association and National Association for Music Education. He has taught at the Westminster Choir College Summer and Saturday Seminar programs, and appeared as guest conductor, clinician and adjudicator in the United States, Australia, China and New Zealand. Dr. Kiver is national chair for the Repertoire and Standards Committee on Male Choirs for the American Choral Directors Association, and immediate past-president of the Pennsylvania chapter of ACDA. In 2017, Dr. Kiver was awarded the Penn State President's Award for Engagement with Students.

This is Dr. Kiver's 15th year at the helm of the Glee Club and is thrilled to be a part of its bright future.