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WGC NEWSLETTER - FALL 2022

## SUMMER EDITION

### FUN IN THE SUN

Learn how some  
of our current  
WGC members  
spent their  
summer break!

### LOOKING BACK

Members discuss  
their experience  
with the past  
semester of  
Women's Glee.

### WHAT'S NEXT?

Discover events  
for WGC clubbers  
and alumni alike  
for the upcoming  
fall semester.

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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumnae,

My name is Emma Mendez (she/her/hers), and I am honored to serve as the 2022-2023 University of Michigan Women's Glee Club President. I am from Oak Lawn, Illinois, and a senior majoring in chemistry and minoring in Spanish on the pre-medical track. This is my seventh semester in Glee. Throughout my time in club, I became the first Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Chair, established our required DEI point and encouraged the executive board to create our DEI Manager position. Last year I was the secretary and welcomed our members back to an in-person environment. As the president, I am committed to fostering a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment while treating each singer as a person first, then a student, and a g'lovely WGC member. The executive board and I are motivated to bring back our in-person traditions while originating new traditions in our post-pandemic world.

This semester is full of growth, community, energy, and song. With the help of our newest exec-board position, the Recruitment Coordinator, we accepted over thirty new members (new-glees). Between rehearsals, Blues, and Social Gleek (Glee-Week), WGC continues to be a home for its over 60 members. Within the first month of club, we sang at Artscapade, raised over \$500 from Blues, sang at the Graduate Hotel, had a WGC/MGC tailgate, and had our Alumni Tailgate. Our singers are excited to participate in all our fun activities and continue strengthening our WGC community and legacy.

I look forward to witnessing all that our members will achieve this year. Under the direction of Dr. Julie Skadsem and assistant conductor Katie Rohwer, we are excited to invite our WGC community to our fall concert, "Holidays in Hill." This semester, we will feature our Midnight Blue, harpists, drummers, and accompanist Gabe Merrill-Steskal! This semester's concert brings holiday cheer to our loved ones and the Ann Arbor community. During the first act of our concert, we will be singing A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten. We will also sing at Measure For

Measure's concert on December 2nd at the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church (2150 Frieze Ave, Ann Arbor MI).

Family, friends, and social networks provide us with support systems as we travel through college life with all of its struggles and joys. As always, our alumnae are warmly invited to join us on the Hill Auditorium Stage for Blues at our fall performance. Thank you so much for your continued support of the University of Michigan Women's Glee Club. We hope to see you at our concert on November 20th at 4:00 PM in Hill Auditorium.

G'Love (Glee-Love),

*Emma M. Mendez*

Emma Mendez  
2022 - 2023 WGC President



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## THE GRADUATE SING

Saturday, Sep 24 | 9 a.m.

*615 E Huron Str*

Join the Women's Glee Club at the Graduate Hotel as we start the morning with some of Michigan's favorite spirit songs like Yellow & Blue and the fan-favorite Varsity Victors.

## WGC FALL CONCERT

Sunday, Nov 20 | 4 p.m.

*825 N University Ave,*

Then, find us in the famous Hill Auditorium with our new graduate student conductor Katie Rohr for our first music performance of the year, featuring *A Ceremony of Carols!*

## MFM/WGC CONCERT

Friday, Dec 02 | 8 p.m.

*2250 E Stadium Blvd*

Hungry for more? Come and enjoy an encore of WGC's fall repertoire at their joint concert with Measure For Measure, Ann Arbor's all-ages men's choral society.

## MB FALL CONCERT

Saturday, Dec 03 | 4 p.m.

*Location TBD*

Finish off the semester with the final fall performance of Midnight Blue, the Women's Glee Club's exclusive acapella group! *Note, date and time are still subject to change.*

For further information, you can find us at [umwgc.org](http://umwgc.org)

# SUMMER JAMS



**Bad Habit**  
Steve Lacy



**mona lisa**  
mxmtoon



**Alive**  
Rob Houchen



**Despues de la Playa**  
Bad Bunny



**Then It All Goes Away**  
Dayglow



**Heatwaves**  
Glass Animals



**golden hour**  
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**The King**  
Sarah Kinsley



**Running Up That Hill**  
Kate Bush



**Remember Summer Days**  
Anri, Night Tempo



**Amárrame**  
Mon Laferte



**Medusa**  
GRiZ



**Tamagotchi**  
Omar Apollo



**Reckless Driving**  
Lizzy McAlpine



**Head Over Heels**  
Tears For Fears



**Boyfriend**  
Dove Cameron



**Julia**  
Mt. Joy



**People Watching**  
Conan Gray

# SUMMER ADVENTURES



This summer, my first feature-length film was released on streaming and DVD! It's a documentary about my experience traveling with a group of D-Day veterans to retrace their wartime route through Normandy. "Sunken Roads" really was a labor of love-- I shot it as a sophomore in undergrad, and it took 8 years to finish. The film came out in theaters last fall, but COVID prevented lots of folks from seeing it in person. For that reason, our streaming and DVD release felt particularly meaningful. If you're interested, check out *Sunken Roads* on Amazon Prime and Apple TV or visit [sunkenroads.com](http://sunkenroads.com)!

*Charlotte Juergens, Class of 2026*

This summer was one for the books! I spent a lot of time with my family and friends out on our pontoon boat this summer, as well as traveling both to Michigan's Upper Peninsula and to New York City.

We took NYC by storm and saw two Broadway shows (*Phantom of the Opera* and *Hamilton*), took a food tour of Brooklyn, went to the top of the Empire State Building, and walked the iconic Fifth Avenue. It was a great three months of spending time with friends and loved ones before I left for college.

*Grace Mischel, Class of 2026*



I spent my summer at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp! I was a camp counselor for two months and I got to meet so many high school and middle school musicians! They are all super talented and dedicated to their art. We held an event called the Blue Lake Blast, where the campers got to dance or watch a movie. It was always the highlight of the session. I did a lot of supervising, but I thoroughly enjoyed it.

*Lauren Jensen, Class of 2024*



This summer, my family got a flock of baby chicks! They have grown up quite a bit since I left home, but over the summer, my family spent a lot of time hanging out with them, from the time when they were these teeny little peeping chicks living in a cardboard box to the time when they started developing distinct personalities and exploring the yard on their own. They like to wander around in the grass, hide in the woods, and have even begun visiting the neighbors as well.

*Amy Wei, Class of 2026*



I went camping up North! The trip started a bit shaky because we saw a baby deer get hit by a car, but after that it was a really fun trip. I went with my 2 friends from home and it felt so nice to be out in nature for a couple days.

*Marcela Passos, Class of 2025*

I was in Leadville, Colorado! It's the highest city in the United States. I hiked up Mosquito Pass (13,200 feet high, although I only climbed up from 11,000 feet). Adjusting to the elevation was a little tough! My friend and I were there helping out her dad who was running a 100 mile race. It started at 4AM on August 20, and ended at 10AM on August 21. He made it 40 miles, but the race had strict cutoff times so he ended up missing a cutoff and had to finish the race early. It was a really tough trail, but it was super cool to see all the runners.

*Lindsey Brenton, Class of 2023*





This summer, I got to explore a lot more of my home state Colorado! My friends and I went out to the sand dunes and surfed on them, visited some cute mountain towns, went camping, and I got to ride my motorcycle through some gorgeous canyons around Boulder and Estes Park! I really loved treating my home like I was visiting it and falling back in love with it. I've always loved the mountains, but I never want to take them for granted - especially going to school in a place without any. I also got to go see some friends in San Francisco!

*Lexi Reynolds, Class of 2024*

I was able to visit France for the first time this Summer! I started out by spending about a week in the south of France (in the city Saint Jean de Luz) and visited my boyfriend in his hometown. We went all over Saint Jean de Luz, visited neighboring cities, and spent a lot of time on the beach. I then met my family in Paris, where we visited the Louvre, had amazing food, enjoyed family time, and of course, saw the Eiffel Tower. Overall, it was an amazing trip, full of new experiences, amazing food, my favorite people, and great memories.

*Lilly Hardy, Class of 2025*



Over the summer, I was lucky enough to study abroad in Granada, Spain. It was a lot of fun and I learned a ton about Spanish, but I was missing doing choir at home with Glee. So, I reached out to the director of the University of Granada's Coro de la Facultad de Ciencias, and I got to sing with them! The repertoire was challenging, the other singers were excellent, and the concert was a ton of fun- it was in the Claustro de la Curia, a historic building in downtown Granada. I'm really happy I had the opportunity to take the skills I've learned in Glee and use them somewhere new.

*Maddie Nolan, Class of 2025*



# WINTER MEMORIES

Glormal was a great event this past year! 3/4 of the club had never had an in-person formal, so it was awesome to finally bring this back! We all got to dress up, meet each other's guests, and even perform University! I loved this opportunity to say goodbye to our seniors, followed by our banquet the next morning. Hopefully, we'll have another successful Glormal at the end of this year (and maybe they'll teach us how to pole dance this time).

*Allison Frazer, Class of 2023*

So, this past year was my very first tour with club due to the previous one's cancellations for the pandemic, and I had just the best time! Singing all together in front of the Grand Ole Opry was incredible to be sure, but my absolute favorite parts had to be the time that we all got to spend together, whether that's playing Mario Kart on the bus or wandering around downtown Nashville in search of the perfect cowboy hat. I love y'all!

*Lily MacOwan, Class of 2023*

My favorite Glee event was a Blues gig at the Graduate hotel: I barely knew my part to any of the Blues songs and was very anxious about failing or being judged. I remember going over my part with Fiona while eating donuts before the concert and immediately feeling much more relaxed-- it's amazing how chill, warm, and welcoming the vibe is at Glee, and that really hit home for me on that day. Even though some of the new folks like me didn't know our parts inside and out, the concert was great. Everyone was conspicuously having fun, including the audience!

*Charlotte Juergens, Class of 2026*

I personally loved Grand Night for Singing. While it was stressful to prepare for so early in the year and with so little time, it was such a rewarding experience and helped me become familiar with performing at Hill before one of the WGC concerts. It was also fantastic iterating with all the other performers and getting to appreciate what they are passionate about and worked so hard on.

*Katherine Lilley, Class of 2025*

Blues is my favorite thing that I've done so far with Glee. As a transfer, you miss out on a lot of the energy of game day at first. Getting together and singing school songs (especially Victors) affects everyone around us and spread a bit of that University of Michigan school spirit and pride. I'm really looking forward to doing it on a larger scale at the Graduate for homecoming weekend!

*Christine Martinez, Class of 2024*

# SPRING TOUR



For the first time since the pandemic, the Women's Glee Club has restarted our tradition of taking an annual tour, and this time around we've made our way to Nashville! As its moniker of Music City would suggest, WGC felt right at home as we made our way south, spending afternoons on Music Row, visiting the historic Ryman Auditorium, and even performing on the steps of the Grand Ole Opry. The entire trip was such a great experience, and everyone is so excited to see what adventures the next trip takes us on!

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# CLASS SECRETARIES

*Class secretaries are our alumnae "correspondents," they gather contact information and announcements from their classmates and encourage them to come to Women's Glee Club Events!*

## **Our Current Class Secretaries:**

Class of 1983 - Jennifer Conlin

Class of 2007 - Christine Mullan

Class of 2009 - Kirsten Haverberg

Class of 2012 - Julie Felberg

Class of 2013 - Johanna Grum

Class of 2014 - Emily Kempa

Class of 2015 - Barbara Dennis

Class of 2016 - Kate Collier

Class of 2017 - Shannon Cahalan

Class of 2018 - Mary Lund

Class of 2019 - Sara Ramaswamy

Class of 2020 - Katherine Hunt

Class of 2021 - Madeleine Mozina

Class of 2022 - Fiona Lynch

*Thank you so much to all of our class secretaries! If you are interested in becoming a class secretary, please email Karenn Mansour ([karennam@umich.edu](mailto:karennam@umich.edu)) or Lily MacOwan ([lmacowan@umich.edu](mailto:lmacowan@umich.edu)).*

## CONTACT US

There are so many ways to reconnect with Women's Glee! One opportunity to get involved with WGC would be an alumni interview. This way, you can chat with a member of WGC and talk with them about your shared experiences as members of Glee! Other avenues for your involvement include sharing a fond memory from your time in Glee on the Facebook page, or simply saying hello if you happen to bump into a current member of Women's Glee in your endeavors. If any of this is of interest to you, please get in touch with us through email or social media!

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