

Wavaires Celebrate 50 Years

In the 1970-71 School year, the Choral Department was headed by **Mr. Edward Reck**, and consisted of an Advanced Choir, Girls' Glee Club, and Training Choir. Mr. Reck reorganized the classes in this discipline the next school year, 1971-72, and developed an advanced group chosen by tryouts. This group met five days a week and correlated choreography with their songs. Chairs were removed from their classroom to force students to be more alert and to support their tone better. This new group was called the **Wavaires** and was added to the GHS musical roster of Girls' Glee Club and General Choir, which already existed. They put on a community Christmas concert at the Methodist Church. The boys in the Wavaires collected a love offering in the church and donated the money to the pediatrics ward at Wayne Hospital.

All choirs were under new leadership the next year, 1972-73, when **Mrs. Marilyn Light** became choral director. The Wavaires expanded with performances in the Darke County Home, community church service, the Doyle Brumbaugh Benefit Fund, singing Christmas carols at the Court House, and at the Homecoming Banquet.



Ed Reck Wavaires founder 1971-72



Marilyn Light Wavaires Director 1972-73



above right: Wavaires perform at **Choir-O-Rama** 1972, Connie Neal GHS 1972, Dave Bell GHS 1973, Debbie Martin GHS 1972, and Carolyn Edsall GHS 1972, and others sing "Bali Hai" from *South Pacific*.



Wavaires singing Christmas carols at the City Building, Christmas, 1972(above), and 1973 >>>>.



Marilyn continued to lead the choral music department through 1975.



1973-74 Wavaires (left)

1974-75 Wavaires (below)



1976-77 Wavaires (left)

In 1977-78, Marilyn Light continued to lead the groups for the second year in a row, and for her fifth year in the previous six. The 1978 musical groups performed “Bye Bye Birdie” and in the Winter Musical and Choir-O-Rama. They added church services to their agenda of shows and attended the District Contest.

A new era began in 1978-79 when **Miss Michele Smith** became leader of all the vocal groups. During the 83-year period of 1930 to 2013, two teachers led the GHS choral department for 73 of those 83 years: **Miss Elizabeth Hill** from 1930 to 1968 and **Miss Michele Smith** from 1978 to 2013.

Marilyn Light and accompanist Jill Longfellow in 1978 (below right)

The 1979 Wavares practice their choreography (below)



Michele Smith’s first year at GHS, 1978-79 (below)



The 1980 vocal music department consisted of the same five groups as in previous years and gave 40 to 50 performances for various civic organizations, an elementary school tour, a County Choral Festival, the Good Friday Community Service, GHS musicals, and competed in the state contest and Solo and Ensemble competition. Students raised \$2,000 selling candy and \$700 from poster sales. The May Choir-O-Rama was a resounding success and Wavares performances include selections from “The Wiz”, “Breakfast at Tiffany’s”, “Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band”, “The Muppet Movie”, and other movie themes.

The 1979-80 Wavares performance at the December, 1979, Winter Musical. >>>>>>

1980-81 Wavares performing at Homecoming, 1980 (below):





Wavaires 1978-79



Wavares 1980-81



Wavares 1981-82 (below)



Mrs. Anne Bailey filled in for Miss Smith for the 1981-82 school year. The group performed at the National Honor Society Banquet. >>>

Anne Bailey. Director for one year (below)



The 1982-83 Wavaire were back under the direction of **Michele Smith** again. The 25-member group performed in several churches and many Memorial Hall events. Miss Smith took the Wavaire to new heights and they were one of 28 groups invited to participate in the Great Southern Choral Classic in Orlando, Florida. They received first place in show class.



1983 Wavaire: *Front sitting:* Becky Coblentz, Sharon Zerkle, Jeff Lehman, Kendra Ringley, Chris Triplett, Jane Fiely, and Melanie Sander. *Standing, left to right:* Teresa Luce, Fred Williams, Rob Jones, Tamy Voke, Robb Kensinger, Scott Burkett, Heidi Baughman, Brenda Enicks, David Lloyd, Mark Denniston, Kevin Carothers, Jeni Haworth, Dave Rentz, Anne Randolph, Rick Kensinger, Mark Middlecoff, Dan Spidel, Paul Peiffer, and Miss Michele Smith, *Director.*

1983 trip to Orlando Florida



Wavaires perform at 1982 Winter Musical



The 1983-84 Wavaires consisted of 24 members and had piano accompanist JoEllen Engle GHS 1987, drummer Scott Burkett GHS 1985, and bass guitarist Dave Lloyd GHS 1984. Following last year's Florida trip, 12 of the vocal members formed a **Stage Crew** to assist in setup and take down. The vocal group placed third at the Oak Hills Contest and sixth place at Coshocton. Some of their activities included school open house, various club and parties, banquets, church performances, and Choir-O-Rama. New choreography was added to their performances from **Barbara Rethlake**.

Singing at the 1984 N.H.S. Banquet:



Michele Smith and accompanist JoEllen Engle:



Sharing the spotlight of "A Chorus Line" medley
Bruce Saylor '86 and Wade Smith '84 join voices:



Joe Kolb '86 and Teresa Luce '84
"cuddle up" for a duet:





1983-84 Wavaires (above)

1984-85 Wavaires (below)



The 1984-85 Vocal Music Department included a Mixed Choir, Girls' Glee, and the Wavares. The Wavares along with the Stage Crew participated in the Piqua Show Choir Contest. The Mixed Choir performed at the Darke County Choral Concert held at the GHS gym. The Girls' Glee and Mixed Choir participated in the OMEA choir contest at Troy HS. Individuals participated in the Solo and Ensemble contest at Indian Lake HS.



<<<< Rachel Lester, Chris Kolb, and Melissa Lemon "get down" in a Wavares performance. ('84-'85)



Miss Smith stands proud in 1986 Choir-O-Rama >>>>>

Wavares perform Acapella at the Winter Musical, '85-'86, (below)



The entire GHS Music Department at the Choir-O-Rama (1986) (below)





The 1985-86 vocal music department had so many requests to perform that some had to be turned down. The high point was the Grand Championship at the Oak Hills Show Choir Invitational. The additional students added to the program put in extra time and enthusiasm.





The 1986-87 Wavaires won the Grand Championship of the Piqua Show Choir Contest. They also represented Ohio in the Young American National Performance Choir Festival in Hollywood, California. They performed a spectacular performance at Disneyland and were video-taped on the “Solid Gold” set at Paramount Studios. Their fund raisers consisted of selling Holiday gift items and candy bars.

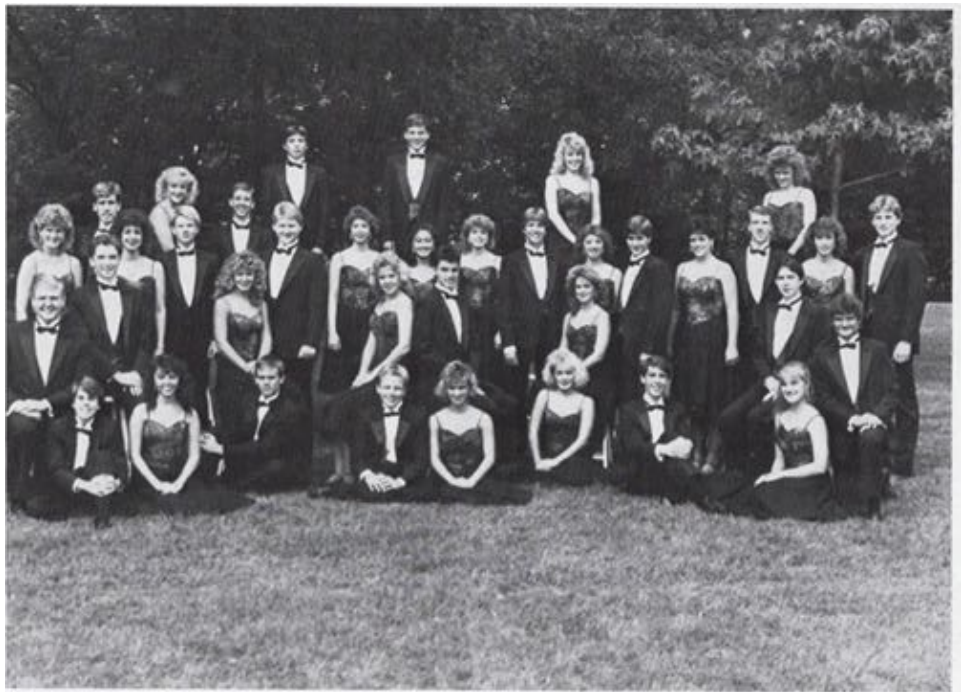
Tom Fletcher, Tracy Grilliot and Jeff Compton:

Senior Wavaires boys perform with Soloist Jeff Compton, 1987 (below)





Miss Smith (1988)
and Lori Blanchard,
4-year accompanist
for all 3 choirs.
(above)



WAVAIRES — Seated are Joe Dull, Brooke Schooley, Shawn Trissel, Jason Kerns, Cherie Leis, Nicki Lephart, Mike Fitch, Deirdra Nealeigh. Kneeling (on stools) are Tim Hart, Ray Swartout, Michelle Grillot, Amy Spencer, T. J. Eberwine, Anita Hocker, Chris Miller, Greg Byrd. Standing are Shirley VandenBosch, Tom Fletcher, Ms. Smith, Brian Ullery, Jeff Burkett, Ben York, Carol Fullroth, Kathy Glick, Lori Blanchard, Luke Rosenberger, Jenny Hittle, Adam McElwain, Shannon Tanner, Mark DePoy, Molly McGreevey, Tom Kolb. On Ladders are Katy McElwain, Gerald Fort, Jeff Lockhart, Stacie Hocker, and Kate Wampler.

1987-88 Wavares won the Piqua Show Choir Grand Championship for the third time. They also won second place at the Ohio Northern Show Choir Contest and the Best Costume category. The group presented a Dinner Theater in January, and were honored by the V.F.W. and Ladies Auxiliary.

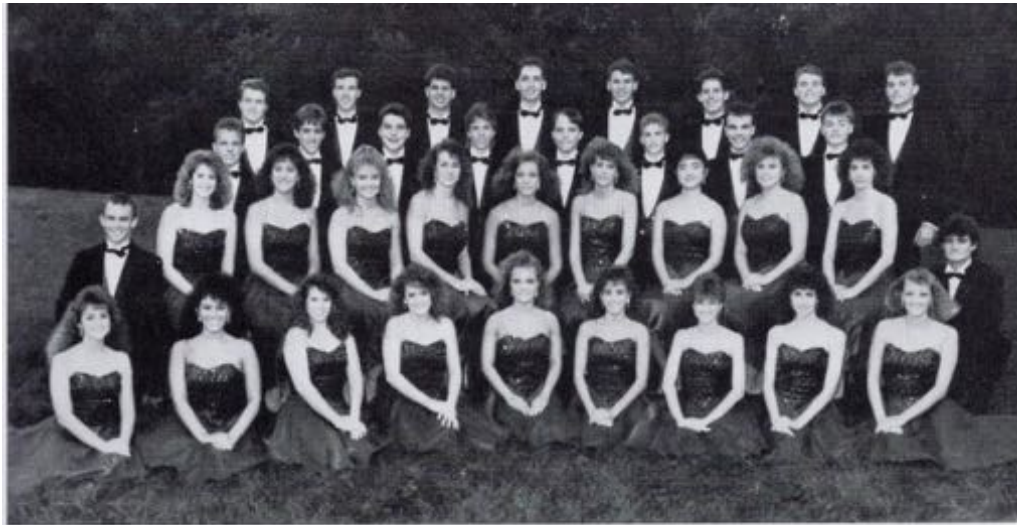




Wavaire members include, Carol Fullroth, Michelle Grillot, Jenny Hittle, Jill Kinnison, Cherie Lels, Katy McElwain, Chrissy Rethlake, Shirley Vanden Bosch, Anita Hocker, Nicole Lephart, Molly McGreevey, Michelle Middlestetter, Brandon Peters, Shelley Stebbins, Shannon Tanner, Meredith Ward, Mike Fitch, Ron Kerg, Jason Kerns, Nathan Miley, Gary Savage, Shawn Trissel, Jeremy Woodall, Greg Byrd, Mark DePoy, David Hawes, Bill Kolb, Jeff Lockhart, Rob Montgomery, Ray Swartout, Brian Ullery, Ben York.

The 1988-89 Wavaires received a second place in the Piqua Show Choir Contest. They were invited to the Bishop Leurs Show Choir Contest in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where they placed fifth. This was the first time an Ohio school placed in the Top 6. Their cantata “Alleluia” was performed in more than ten churches.





The Wavaire: First Row: Anita Hocker, Kelli Ketring, Dawn Sleppy, Stephanie Youngker, Cherie Leis, Shelley Stebbins, Chrissy Rethlake, Meredith Ward, Lori Hart. 2nd Row: Shawn Trissel, Jeannie Longfellow, Holly Kraus, Jenny Pfoutz, Michelle Middlestetter, Molly McGreevey Jill Kinnison, Catherine Glick (accompanist), Brandon Peters, Miss Michele Smith, Greg Byrd. 3rd Row: Jason Kerns, Brian Clark, Brad Bell (drums), Rob Sowry (bass), Shawn Shaffer, Jaime Garrett, Rob Montgomery Nathan Miley Back Row: Ron Kerg, Mark DePoy Greg Stiver (sound), Ray Swartout, Jeff Lockhart, David Hawes, Bill Kolb, and Gary Savage.

Wavaire strike a pose >>>>
 Myles Rutherford stands as a
 Snowman at Winter Concert >>>>



The 1989-90 Wavaire started their busy schedule with a Christmas Sing-a-Long at the memorial Hall. They performed a smashing Dinner Theatre show. They were Grand Champion of the Piqua Show Choir Contest, which included Choir groups from as far away as Illinois. The biggest event of the year was the Chicago "Showstoppers" Invitational held in March, where they did not finish in the Top 6.



Wavaires: Front Row: Ron Kerg, Holly Kraus, Sean Wood, Brandon Peters, Catherine Glick, Rob Montgomery, Melanie Lavy, David Hawes. **Second Row:** Brad Bell, Bill Kolb, Myles Rutherford, Nathan Miley. **Third Row:** Mandi Moore, Kelli Kagey, Meredith Ward, Jeannie Longfellow, Chrissy Rethlake, Jenny

Pfoutz. Fourth Row: Rob Klosterman, Jennifer Light, Mrs. Michele Unger, Michelle Miller, Andy Steinbrecher. **Back Row:** Ben Glick, Stephanie Youngker, Matt Coverstone, Lori Hart, Shawn Shaffer, Heather McMillan, Ty Bryson, Kelli Ketring, and Tood Cook.



The 1990-91 Wavaires finished runner-up in the Kettering-Fairmont Show Choir Contest. They presented a Dinner Theatre, the Christmas Concert, Choir-O-Rama, and many area churches. They performed two cantatas, for church shows and music, "Praises of God's Love". The Director, Mrs. Michele Smith Unger, said, "You're only as good in performance as you are in rehearsal."



The '91 Wavares get it started at the Christmas Concert. >>>



<<< Bill Kolb and Chrissy Rethlake at '91 Dinner Theatre

Kelli Ketring, Nathan Miley, and Brandon Peters get down and funky at the Dinner Theatre (below)



1991-92 Wavares (below)



Front Row: Todd Cook, Mandy Myers, Dave Nawes, Stephanie Youngker, Josh Youkari, Cindy Clark, Shawn Shaffer, Kelli Kagey, Matt Coverstone.
Second Row: Jennifer Light, Aaron Ward, Melissa Brust, Robi Klosterman, Jenny Ploutz, Mrs. Unger, Jeanie Lougellow, Andy Steinhilber, Jamie Brown, Matt Kolb, Holly Kraus.
Back Row: Aaron McClain, Michelle Miller, Michael Hartley, Bryon Rehrhake, Heather McMillan, Brad Bell, Holra Stooe, Brian Clark.



1991-92 Wavaire (above) were Grand Champions at the Kettering-Fairmont Show Choir Invitational, competing against 14 other schools. They took the liberty to sing almost every Sunday at area churches. In April, the Wavaire flew to Disney World, Florida, to compete in a contest and perform at EPCOT Center. A lot of money had to be raised to finance this trip from every member, their parents, Mrs. Unger, local businesses, friends and relatives. They made a tape of their own ensemble to sell for money for their trip. They also sent telegrams throughout the community.

1992-93 Wavaire Contest Show (below):





1992-93 Wavaires (above) won the Grand Championships of the Kettering-Fairmont Show Choir Contest. The Dinner Theatre was a resounding success.

1993-94 Wavaires' Dinner Theatre had the theme of "A Night Out with the Wavaires". This continues for decades but the dinner theatre was not always part of "The Night Out". Suter's Meats catered the Dinner.

Some Night Out Dinner Theatre pictures form 1994. The first one is Matt Light singing "When You Are a Soldier". (below):



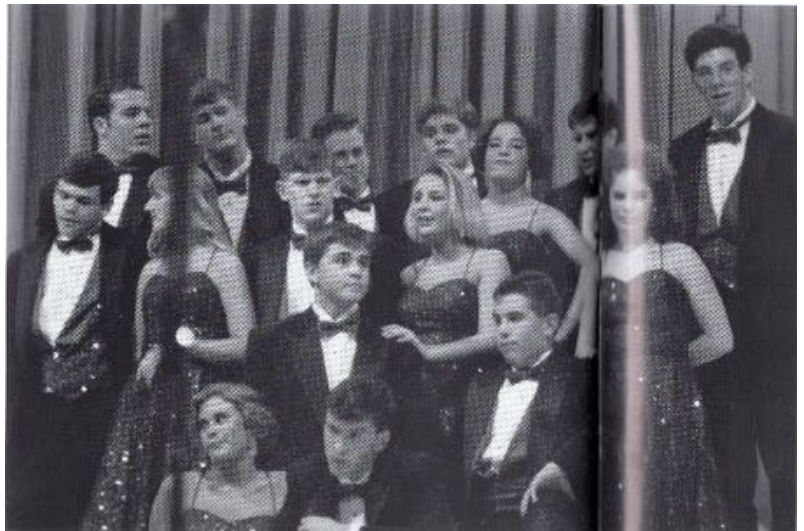


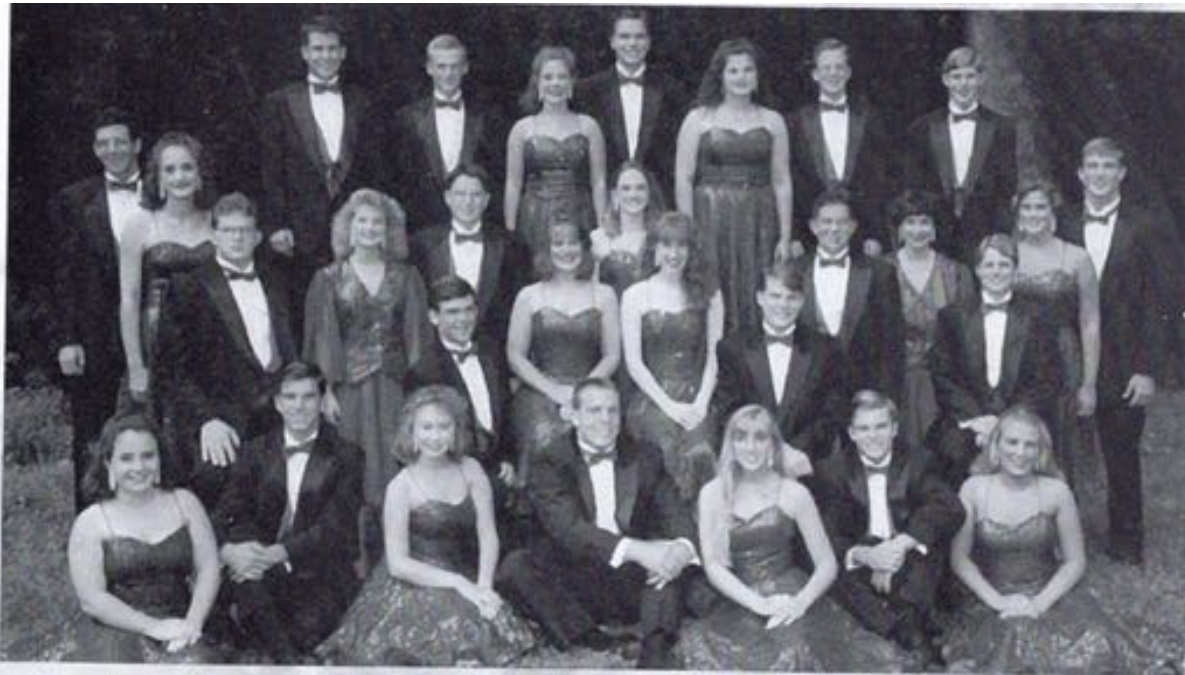
1993-94 Wavaires (above)

Front Row: Amy Smith, Joe Smith, Amy Dull, Aaron McLearn, Melissa Bruss, Jase Divens, and Heather Sroka. Row 2: Matt Light, Rachael Cook, Mike Hurley, Emily Coppess, Josh Divens, Aaron Ward, Charisa Hathaway, Chris Montgomery, Moira Stone, Josh Yoakam, Mary Lemon, Stacy Trissel, Jason Waltke, Shara Carter, and Ben Cook. Back Row 3: Ben Hawes, Katy Fahrbach, Joe Ungericht, Carrie Stachler, Matt Kolb, John Mardin, Angie DeVillers, and Chad Cantrell.

1994-95 Wavaires: >>>>
 Making transition to “Banjos”
 in their Championship
 Contest Show >>>>

Aaron LcLear, 4 year
 Member does “Chain Gang”





WAVAIRES: First Row;Mary Lemon, Mike Hurley, Emily Coppess, Chris Montgomery, Heather Sroka, Aaron McLearn, Allison Hunt **2nd Row;**Ben Cook, Kim Gruber, Jon Mardin, Betsy Cassel, Marcus Moore, Stacy Trissel, Amy Smith, Carrie Stachler, Shara Carter, Jason Waltke, Nick Good, Ms. Smith, Ben Hawes, Liz Eikenberry, Matt Light **Back Row;**Chad Gootee, Curt Labig, Emily North, Matt Kolb, Angela DeVilliers, Josh Bricker, Chad Curtis

1994-95 Wavaires





1995-96 Wavaires

Front Row: Abbie Stockslager, Dan Hile, Mary Lemon, Stacy Trissel, Betsy Cassel, Mike Flatter, and Ann-Marie Calkins. Row 2: Kim Gruber, Greg Badger, Markus Moore, Emily Coppess, Ali Hunt, Josh Bricker, Rebbie Breaden, and Liz Eikenberry. Row 3: Jared McLear, Brandy Clark, Chad Curtis, *Ms. Michele Smith, Director*, Jim Arnold, Becci Miller, and Adam McLear. Back Row: Tiffany Olwine, Josh Gruber, Marisa Vallo, Greg Coverstone, Kim Brewer, Nick Good, Lori Arnold, Joey Zweisler, and Megan Pleiman.

Wavaires show their patriotism with “Song of America” (far right >>)
 Stacy Trissel and Emily Coppess sing a tribute to the Beatles (right, below)
 Wavaires show their stuff while dancing to “Turn the Beat Around” (below)
 Wavaires guys transform into dogs
 For the comedy number “Birddog” (below, left)



“A Night Out with the Wavaires” took place on March 2, 1996, with a catered dinner preceding the three-hour spectacular show, and satisfied 400 spectators. Other vocal music groups performing this year were the Chamber Choir, Choraliers, and Girls’ Glee.

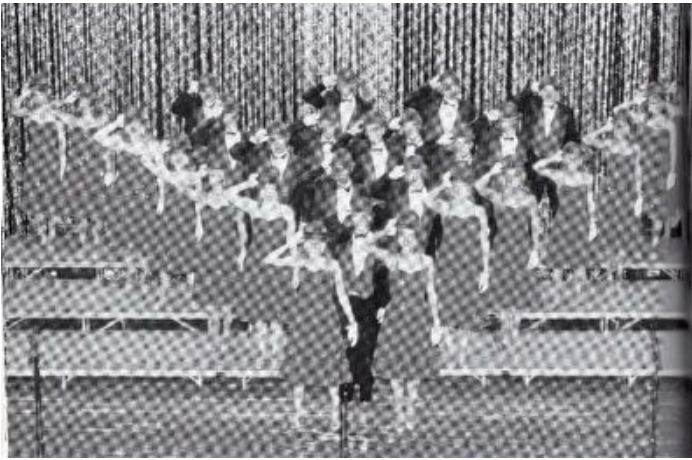
The 1996-97 Wavaires performed their normal performances of Cantatas, Christmas shows, and musicals, but added some other events. They placed second place in the Kettering Fairmont Show Choir Invitational. They flew to Hollywood to represent the State of Ohio in a week long put together by the Young Americans, a group of aspiring entertainers, They attended workshops, visited the beach, and performed their very successful contest show at Disneyland.



1996-97 Wavaires

Wavaires strike their final pose after performing a crowd pleasing show at Disneyland’s Magic Music Day (below left). The whole group poses in their Young American shirts in front of a Disneyland store (below right):





Wavares final position of the finale number of their contest show (above)
 1996-97 group picture at Bears Mill (named, but different view of color picture)



First Row: Adam McLear, Haley Ashbaugh, Dan Hile, Kate Jetter, Chad Curtis, Josh Gruber, Lori Arnold, Mike Flatter, Abby North, Jared McLear 2nd Row; Tiffany Bowman, Derek Tutwiler, Sarah VandenBosch, Zach Raby, Josh Bricker, Tiffany Olwine, Ms. Smith, Marisa Vallo, Will Jones, Nick Good, Heather Fourman, Justin Jordan, Tanya Winner Back Row; Greg Coverstone, Anne-Marie Calkins, Joey Zwiesler, Jessica Marcus Moore, Kim Brewer, Jim Arnold, Megan Pleiman, Reby Breden, Beth Calland, Gregg Badger.

1997-98 Vocal Music department had six groups: Wavares, Choraliers, Chamber Choir, Women's Choir, Girls' Glee, and Men's Choir.



1997-98 Wavares





Wavares 1998-99

The Wavares boogie down during their part of the 1999 Choir-O-Rama (right)



Michele Smith in Rehearsal (below)





Front Row (L-R): John Calkins, Jennifer Rogers, Anne Graber, Leah Roth, Lori Oliver, Mark Calkins. 2nd Row: Tim Cooper, Crystal Edwards, Brian Shafer, Pianist Cathy Ellis, Hayley Ashbaugh, Lisa Donadio, Brian Troutwine, Director Michelle Smith, Kelly Downey, Nathan Lohr. 3rd Row: Jacob Conkin, Jennifer Waylick, Andrew McIntosh, David McKibben

Wavares 1999-2000 (2 poses)



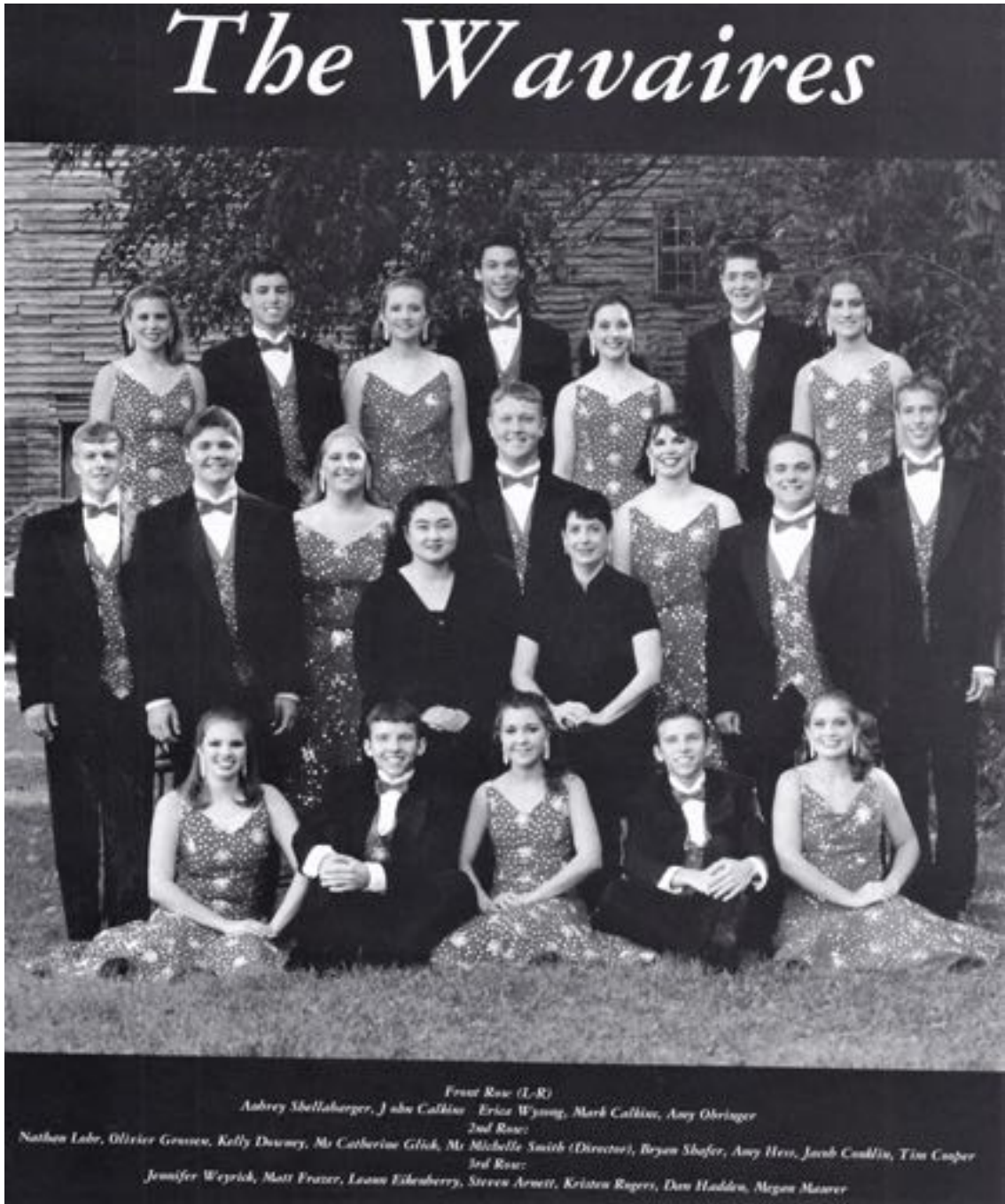
Wavaires!



Wavaires 1999-2000 (above)

Wavaires 2000-01 (below)





Wavaires 2000-02 (named)



SUMMER OF 2000: GHS CHAMBER CHOIR HITS NEW YORK CITY



Chamber Choir at St. Patrick's Cathedral

First Row (L-R): My Sarah, Megan Ham, Lisa Daniels, Anne Gruber, Jessica Weyrick, Amy Oberinger, Haley Ashbaugh, Jake Overbur, David McKibbin, Andrew McInnis, David Brumbyugh, Amber Koger, Jennifer Weyrick, Laura Donadio and Leni Oliver.
2nd Row: Whitney Hogg, Kelsey Anderson, Sarah McGloblin, Amanda Boyer, Annie Person, Mar Franz, David Nell, Matt Carver, Dan Hadden, Holly Spitzer, Jennifer Good, Megan Julian, Megan Mason, and Abby Heath.
3rd Row: Morgan Pigg, Crystal Edwards, Bri Loman, Mariah Harnagle, Amanda Baker, Nathan Lohr, Jacob Corliss, Tim Cooper, Ben Hart, Mary Oberinger, Tiffany Waller, Jennifer Shade, Amanda Moore and Lauren Ekerberry.
4th Row: Kelly Downes, Nicole Branch, Jeremy Rogers, Amy Hess, Lauren Warner, Brian Troutwine, Craig Via, Matt Bradley, Dan Kawaldi, Lauren Krikander, Leah Roth, Anna Overbur, Carrie Jones and Megan Hinde.

Chamber Choir in New York City, 2000



Wavaires
 2001-02
 (2 poses)- named >>



Front Row:
 Jennifer Weyick, Erica Wyszog, Kristen Rogers, Amy Oberinger, Ashly Schallinger
2nd Row:
 Morgan Julian, Phillip Rowan, Olivia Grimes, Mrs. Timmy Ippano (accompanied), John Calloni, Ms. Michele Smith (Dancer), Paxton Ramsey, Mark Callison, Morgan Mierz
3rd Row:
 A.J. Finn, Bryon Shaffer, Kate VanDeGilt, Laura Eklertberg, Tim Cooper, Libby Spill, Stephanie Holman, Mark Light, Dan Hadden
Back Row:
 Ralph Krupp, Chris Loh, Michael Bernhard, Mar Frazier

The Wavaires !



Wavares 2002-03

Front Row: Mike Bernhard, Megan Maurer, Olivier Grossen, Aubrey Shellabarger, Ralph Knipp, Erica Wysong, Chris Lohr, Kristen Rogers, and Mark Light. Row 2: Nicholas Flinn, Libby Spille, John Hottle, *Ms. Terri Fryman, Accompanist*, *Ms. Michele Smith Director*, Megan Julian, Adam Edger, Stephanie Holmes, and Tyler Jeffers. Row 3: Josh Bronnenberg, Steven Arnett, Alexis Berthold, Derek Copp, Jena Winner, Michelle Shaw, Caleb Lohr, Alisa Butts, A.J. Fritts, and Phillip Reeser. Back Row 4: Andrea Dyke, Cary Miller, Katie Van de Grift, Brien Sewell, Cassie Besecker, Tony MacKenzie, Kristina Murray, Fred Meyers, and Rachel Maurer.

Wavares at 2003
Choir-O-Rama (right)





Wavares 2003-04 at Choir-O-Rama



Wavaires 2003-04

The Wavaires



Front Row: Jena Weaver, Fred Meyers, Katie VanDeGrift, Adam Edger, Alisa Butts, Caleb Lohr, Lauren Hen.
2nd Row: Geoff Holmes, Cary Miller, Accompanist Mrs. Fryman, Director Pt. Smith, Alex Thomas, John Hottle.
3rd Row: Rachel Maum, Lacie Lid, Tyler Jeffers, Andrea Dyke, Cassie Basecker.
4th Row: Nicholas Flett, Kristina Murray, Phillip Reese, Mike Bernhard, Mabelle Shaw, Josh Bannenberg.
5th Row: Rebecca VanDeGrift, Lindsay Donalds, Rael Halverson, Whitney Shelabarger.
6th Row: Tony MacKenzie, Brian Sewell, A. J. Potts, Marc Sewell, and Mark Light.





2004

Wavares 2004-05 below)



Wavaires 2004-05

Choirs Make Music History!

In April of 2005, our Greenville Vocal Music Groups not only qualified for the OMEA (Ohio Music Education Association) State Choral Contest, but made us very proud by making Ohio Music History!
Under the direction of Ms Michele Smith, our Greenville Choral Students broke through established State Records by earning the status of the first Ohio School to have six choirs earn #1 Ratings from every judge!!



- THE WAVAIRES -

Front Row (L-R): Brian Sewell, Cassie Besetker, Kristina Murray, Michelle Shaw, Rachel Maurer, Andrea Dyke, Tony MacKenzie.
2nd Row (L-R): Geoff Holmes, Marc Sewell, Accompanist Mrs. Fryman, Chelsea Martin, Director Ms Smith,
Lacie List, Alex Thomas, Joshua Bronnerberg. *3rd Row (L-R):* Kaci Hathaway, Kate Anderson, Lindsey Densho, Susie Weaver, Sarah Hoering, Emily Kagey,
Rebecca VanDeGrift. *4th Row (L-R):* Dustin Capps, A.J. Fritts, Josh Mellong, Lindsey Lockhart, Brooke Jendrosnik, Ryan Lamborg, David Maurer

Wavares at 2005
Choir-O-Rama



Wavares 2005-06



Wavares in New York City, 2006





Wavaires 2005-06 (named above- bottom photo aligned differently)

Front Row: Dustin Copp, Kaci Hathaway, Emily Kagey, Lindsey Donadio, Rebecca VanDeGrift, And David Maurer. Row 2: Jansen Hein, Brooke Jendrusik, Ryan Roberts, *Mrs. Jane Tester, Ms. Michele Smith, Director, Mrs. Terri Fryman, Accompanist,* Ryan Butts, Sara Hoening, and Josh Melling. Back Row 3: Chelsea Martin, Neal Eikenberry, Lindsey Lockhart, Kate Anderson, Geoff Holmes, Jennifer Weyrick, Alex Thomas, Susie Weaver, Lacie List, Marc Sewell, and Kari Lemon. *Also pictured below, but different configuration*



Wavares
Choir-O-Rama
2006 (right)



Wavares 2006-07 (below)

Front Row: Kari Lemon, Chelsea Martin, Susie Weaver, Brooke Jendrusik, and Lindsey Lockhart. Row 2: Neil Eikenberry, Chris Phillips, Chris Andreas, and Ryan Roberts. Row 3: Brittany Bowers, Jacob Callahan, *Mrs. Terri Fryman, Accompanist, Ms. Michele Smith, Director*, Casey Stoller, and Kursten Wysong. Back Standing: Jon Fenstermaker, Krissy Melling, Matt Wroda, Sierra Wolfe, Tyler Erisman, Leslie Smith, and Ryan Butts.



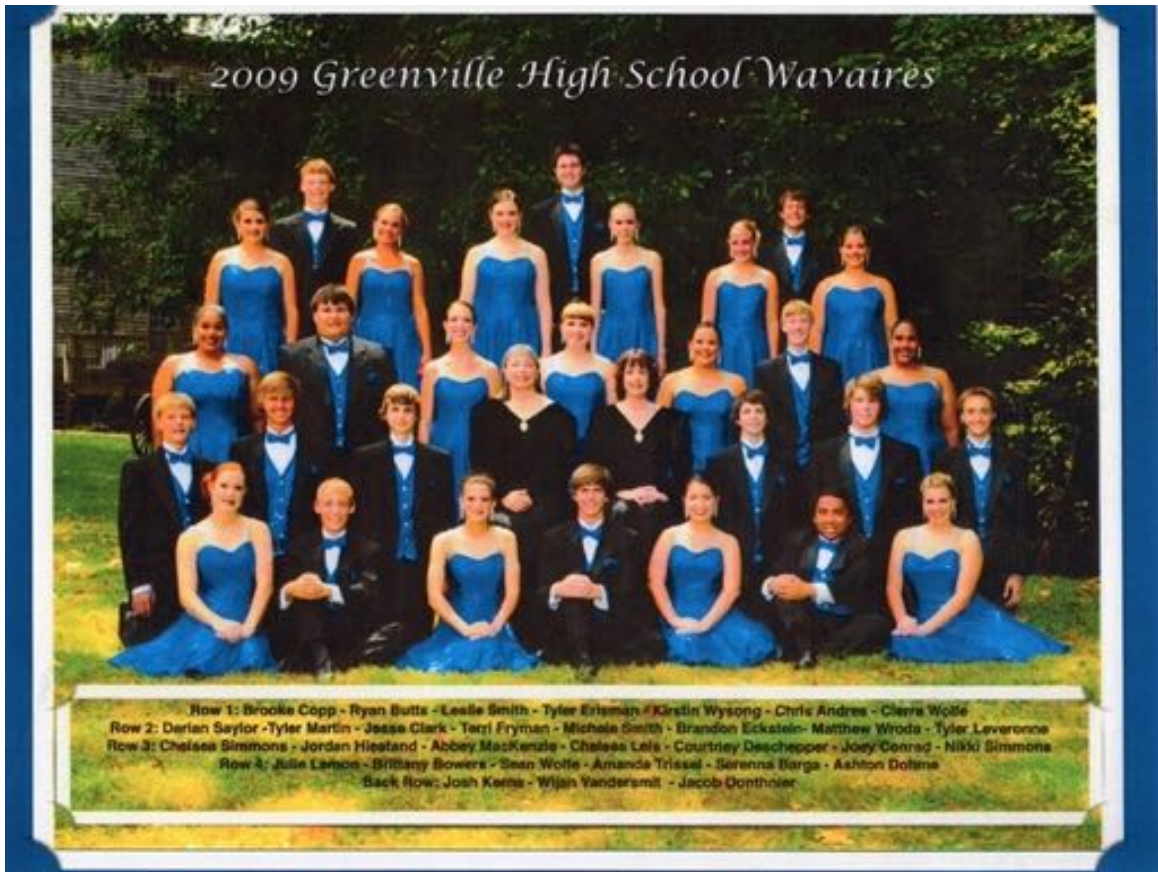
2007 Choir-O-Rama with the Wavaires and the future Wavaires' Director Chelsea Martin's solo performance (below)



Wavaires 2007-08 (below)

Alphabetical: Ben Anderson, Chris Andres, Sereena Barga, Brittany Bowers, Ryan Butts, Jacob Callahan, Jesse Clark, Joey Conrad, Brooke Copp, Courtney DeSchepper, Ashton Dohme, Brandon Eckstein, Neal Eikenberry, Tyler Erisman, Jon Fenstermaker, Jordan Hiestand, Chelsea Leis, Kari Lemon, Sarah Lyle, Tyler Martin, Ryan Roberts, Jordan Russell, Chelsea Simmons, Leslie Smith, Matt Suter, Amanda Trissel, Wijan Vandersmit, Cierra Wolfe, Sean Wolfe, Matt Wroda, and Kursten Wysong.





Wavares 2008-09 (different formations)

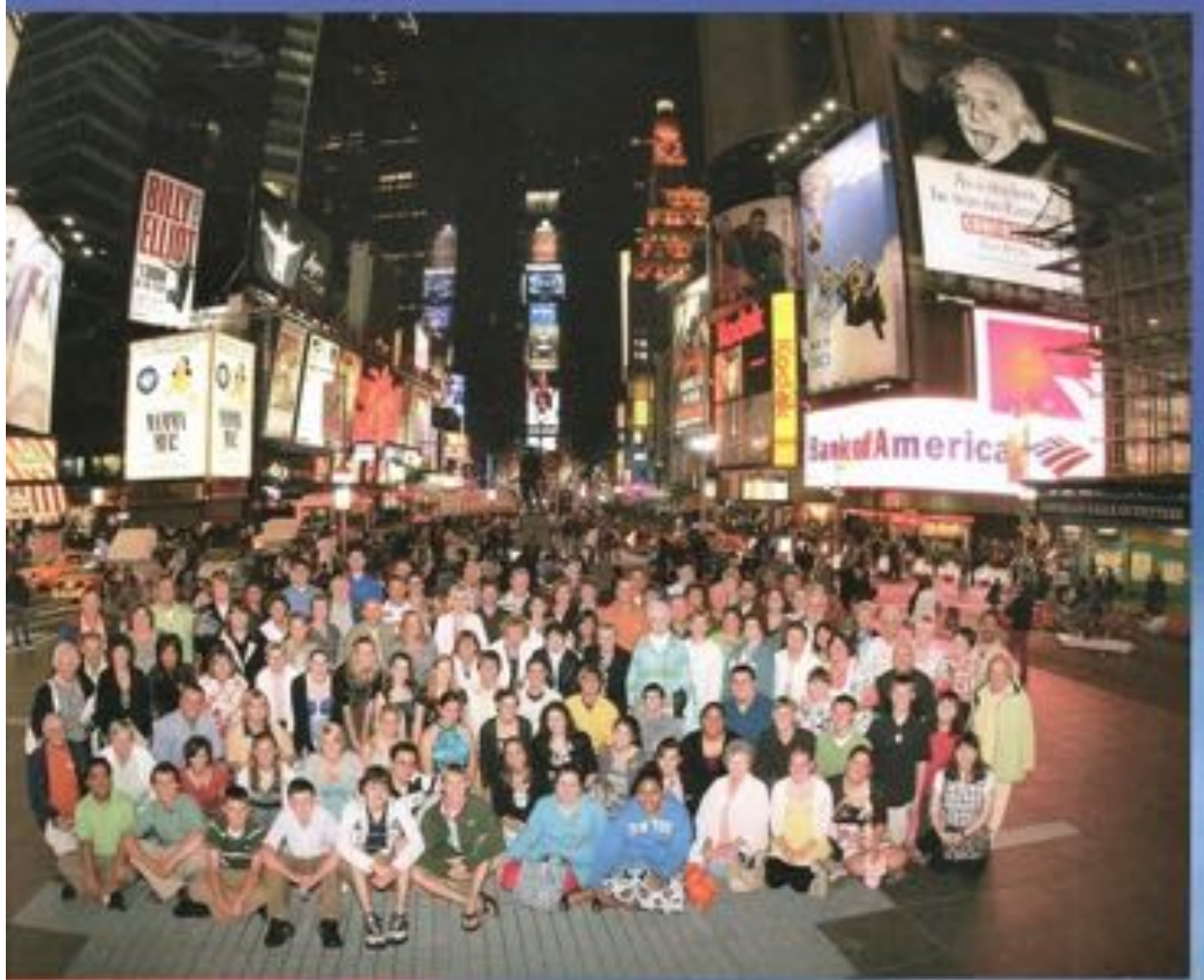


Wavaires perform, visit and experience the Big Apple!

New York

The Wavaires under the direction of Michele Smith headed for New York the first part of June, 2009. They went there for 3 scheduled performances beginning at St. Paul's Chapel, then the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and finally in the Allen Room at Jazz Lincoln Center on Broadway at 60th Street. While in New York the group also took in Broadway shows of "Wicked" and "Mary Poppins" to name a couple. They also entertained crowds in restaurants and in the streets with their musical talent ... this experience will be one the group will have for a lifetime.





The 2008-2009 Wavaires, parents & chaperones - well over 100 in total, took New York by storm with their musical abilities and love for performing.

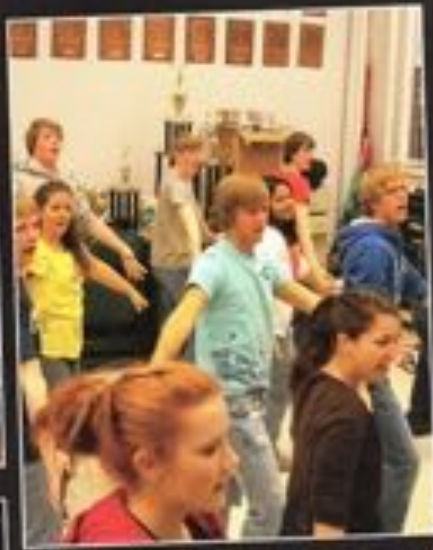


WavA



WavAires include: Chris Andres, Sereena Barga, Brittany Bowers, Ryan Butts, Jesse Clark, Joey Conrad, Brooke Copp, Courtney DeSchepper, Ashton Dohme, Brandon Eckstein, Tyler Erisman, Jordan Hiestand, Josh Kerns, Chelsea Leis, Sarah Lyle, Julie Lemon, Tyler Leveronne, Abbey MacKenzie, Tyler Martin, Darlan Saylor, Chelsea Simmons, Nikki Simmons, Leslie Smith, Amanda Trissel, Cierra Wolfe, Sean Wolfe, Matt Wroda, Kurstin Wysong. Director Michele Smith and accompanist Terri Fryman.

L I R e S





Wavaires 2009-10

Row 1: Brandon Eckstein, Courtney DeSchepper, Amanda Trissel, Ashton Dohme, Sean Wolfe, Sereena Barga, and Joey Conrad. Row 2: Nikki Simmons, Colton Robbins, Adam Hickerson, And Chelsea Simmons. Row 3: *Mrs. Terri Fryman, Accompanist, and Ms. Michele Smith, Director.* Row 4: Matthew Wroda, Landen Kiser, Abbey MacKenzie, Shore Crawford, and Josh Kerns. Back Row 5: Jacob Donthnier, Nicole Leis, Wijan Vandersmit, *Tyler Stickel, Choreographer,* Justin Westfall, Rachel Kindley, and Tyler Leveronne.

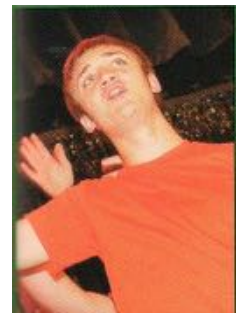
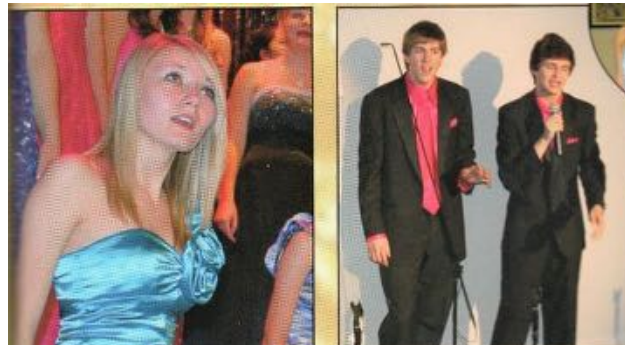
From the 100th Chief Yearbook in 2010, mentioning the beginning of the Wavaires in 1972. (right)





Wavaires 2010-11 (same as black and white photo in Yearbook)

Choir-O-Rama 2011 (below)



WAVAIRES



Pictured Right: Soprano: Mikayla Byers, Jeanna Givole, Hannah Hunt, Nicole Lutz, Julie Lemon, Abbey MacKenzie, Tessa Schinke, and Lauren Swisher. Alto: Terah Colby, Sabrina Curry, Cathyn Eckstein, Rachel Kindley, Brittany Kuhn, Amanda Manning, and Kira Ross. Tenor: Sam Bowers, Shore Crawford, Ben Hayes, and Landon Keer. Bass: Curtis Conrad, Sheldon Griffin, Josh Kerns, Adam Hixson, Colton Robbins, and Justin Westfall.





Wavats - Greenville's Show Choir - Wavats



Wavaires 2011-12 performances in New York City, June, 2012



Never give up! You can whistle...someday!

wavaires

*These Boots are
Made for Walking*



First Row: Hannah Hunt, Sabrina Curry, Sheldon Griffin, Nicole Leis, Heath Marker, Terah Colby, Caitlyn Eckstein
Second Row: Jessica Kerg, Tessah Schinke, Jeanna Gnade
Third Row: Brittany Kuhn, Kira Ross
Fourth Row: Adam Hickerson, Jarrod Lerner, Landen Kiser, Sarah Green, Justin Westfall, Evan Kiser, Curtis Conrad
Fifth Row: Ben Hayes, Alex Davis, Brooke Netzley, Dylan Blinn, Shore Crawford
Sixth Row: Mrs. Fryman, Ms. Smith

Q & A: WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR FAVORITE SONG TO PERFORM?



"Always Look on the Bright Side of Life... I really need to learn to whistle..."
- Shore Crawford



"Definitely, All My Fountains."
- Terah Colby



"Jai Ho!"
- Justin Westfall



"I like the Bon Jovi Medley"
- Nicole Leis



"I liked 21 Guns and Jai Ho the best!"
- Landen Kiser

MY MUSICAL STORYLINE

Firework



Night Out
Soul Man
Forget About the Boy

Dynamite!
Empire State of Mind





Nap Time!



new york



Up
Up
and
Away!!



Friends



new york



wavaires

The Wavaires performed at St. Paul's Chapel at Ground Zero, Riverside Church, and in the Allen Room at Jazz at Lincoln Center. They are the only high school group to perform their own solo concert in the Allen Room.



"GET UP, GET UP, GET UP AND SHAKE YOUR NAPKIN!"



BROADWAY!

Each person who went on the trip saw four Broadway shows. Everyone saw "Wicked" and "Warhorse." Then everyone had their choice of two of either "The Lion King," "Jersey Boys," "Phantom of the Opera," or "Anything Goes."





Wavares 2011-12

2012-13 Wavares performing with Foreigner at the Darke County Fair, August 19, 2012



Wavaires



First Row: Caitlyn Eckstein, Sabrina Curry, Hannah Hunt, Jeanna Gnade,
 Second Row: Kira Ross, Heath Marker, Tessah Schinke
 Third Row: Adam Hickerson, Evan Kiser, Brittany Kuhn, Alexander Davis, Ben Hayes
 Fourth Row: Sarah Green, Brooke Netzley
 Fifth Row: Terri Fryman, Ashley Grote, Michele Smith



Reece Hunt
 who has red hair
 like...



Spring Koger
 who is in theatre
 with...



Logan Hammett
 who goes to
 church with...



What do you hope you left with the group?

"It's nice to be important, but its important to be nice."

-Mrs. Fryman



Brittany Kuhn
who went to
Prom with
someone from a
different school
like..



Raehaul Mann
who is in Auto
Tech like..



Jeremiah Flatter
whose little brother
is..

Wavaires 2012-13

Michele Smith's final year as Director of Wavaires and the Vocal Music Department.
Ms. Smith began teaching at G.H.S. in 1978.



Thank you. Ms. Michele Smith, for making
the whole Vocal Music Department
the great program that it is today,
and the Wavaires a perennial World-Class Act.

1978



1985



1999



2013

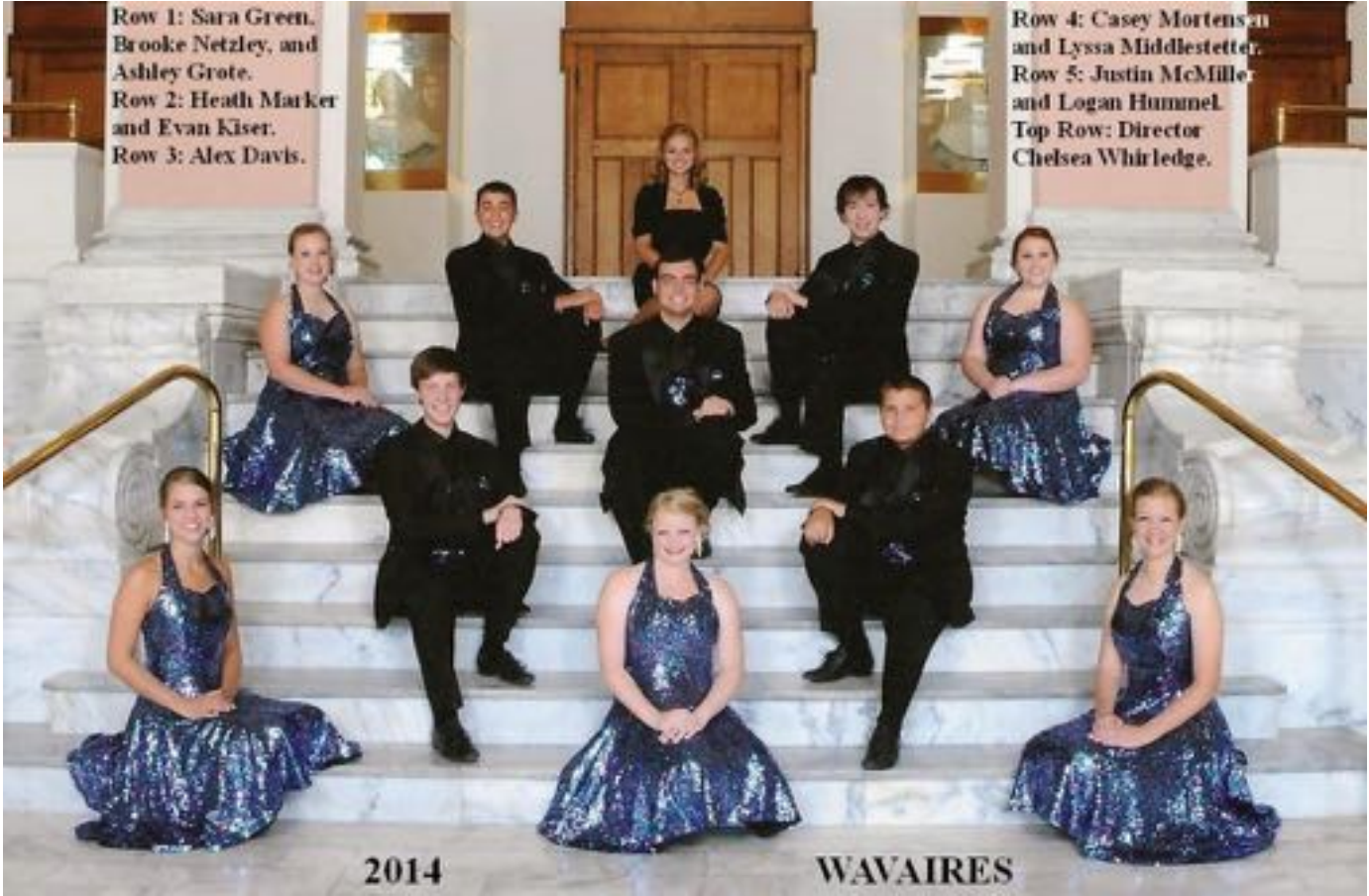


Wavares



Wavares is an elite group of singers and dancers who performs various shows at school and in the community throughout the year. Members include (bottom row, from left to right): Sarah Green, Brooke Nitzley, and Ashley Grove. Second row: Beah Marker and Ivan Kiser. Third row: Casey Mortensen, Alex Davis, and Lysia Middlestetter. Fourth row: Justin McMiller and Logan Hammett. Top row: Adviser Mrs. Chelsea Whiteledge





Wavares 2014-15 Disney trip photo



Wavares 2014-15



Top photo: The Wavares at one of their concerts. Below: Sophomores Zach Williams-Henninger, McKenna Crews, Alex Book, Molly Hart, Cassidy York, and Andy Hayes at a concert.

Above: The Wavares perform a large group number with the Jazz Scene at Choir-O-Rama.

Wavares

The Wavares are GHS' show choir group. They perform at numerous school concerts and events around the Greenville community. Students must audition for this singing and dancing group and must be dedicated to putting in hours of work on the weekend and after school. Many of these students go on to perform at the college level. They are a very talented and close-knit group!



The 2014-15 Wavares show choir. Front row, from left to right: Hannah Cloyd, Brooke Netzley, Evan Kiser, Alex Davis, Kimmy Martin, and Sarah Green, Second row: Casey Mortensen, Kayli Duncan, and Lyssa Middlestetter, Third row: Cassidy York, Andy Hayes, Zach Williams-Henninger, Justin McMiller, and Samantha Buchy.





Wavares 2015 at Choir-O-Rama (below)



Wavares 2015-16



Chelsea Martin Whirlledge,
GHS 2007, became Director
of the Wavares and the Vocal
Music Department in 2014



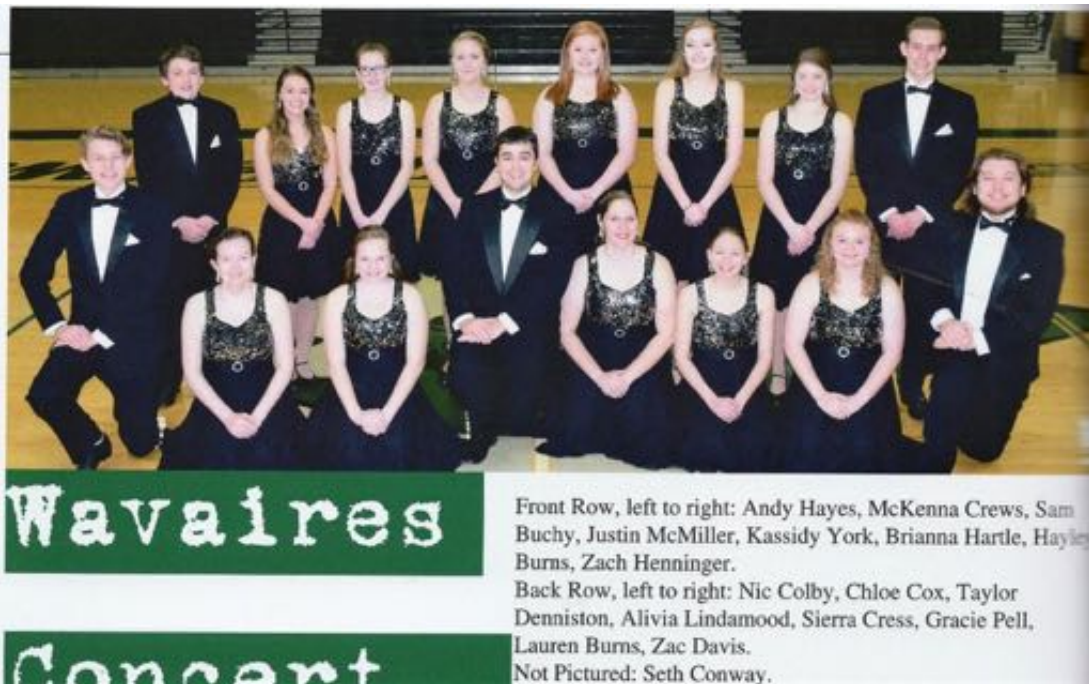


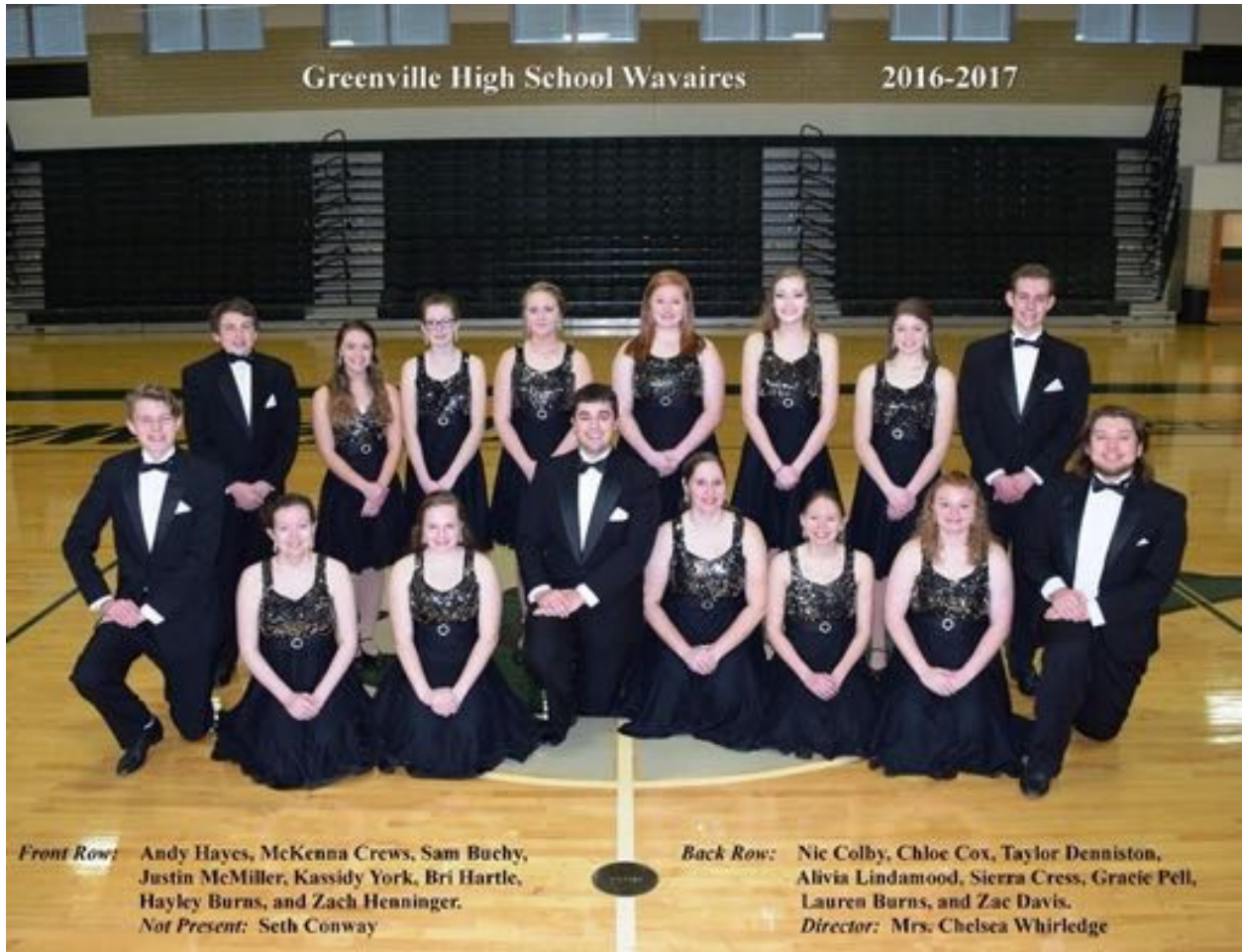
Wavaires 2015-16





Wavaires 2015-16 (above) and 2016-17 (below)





Front Row: Andy Hayes, McKenna Crews, Sam Buchy, Justin McMiller, Kassidy York, Bri Hartle, Hayley Burns, and Zach Henninger.
Not Present: Seth Conway

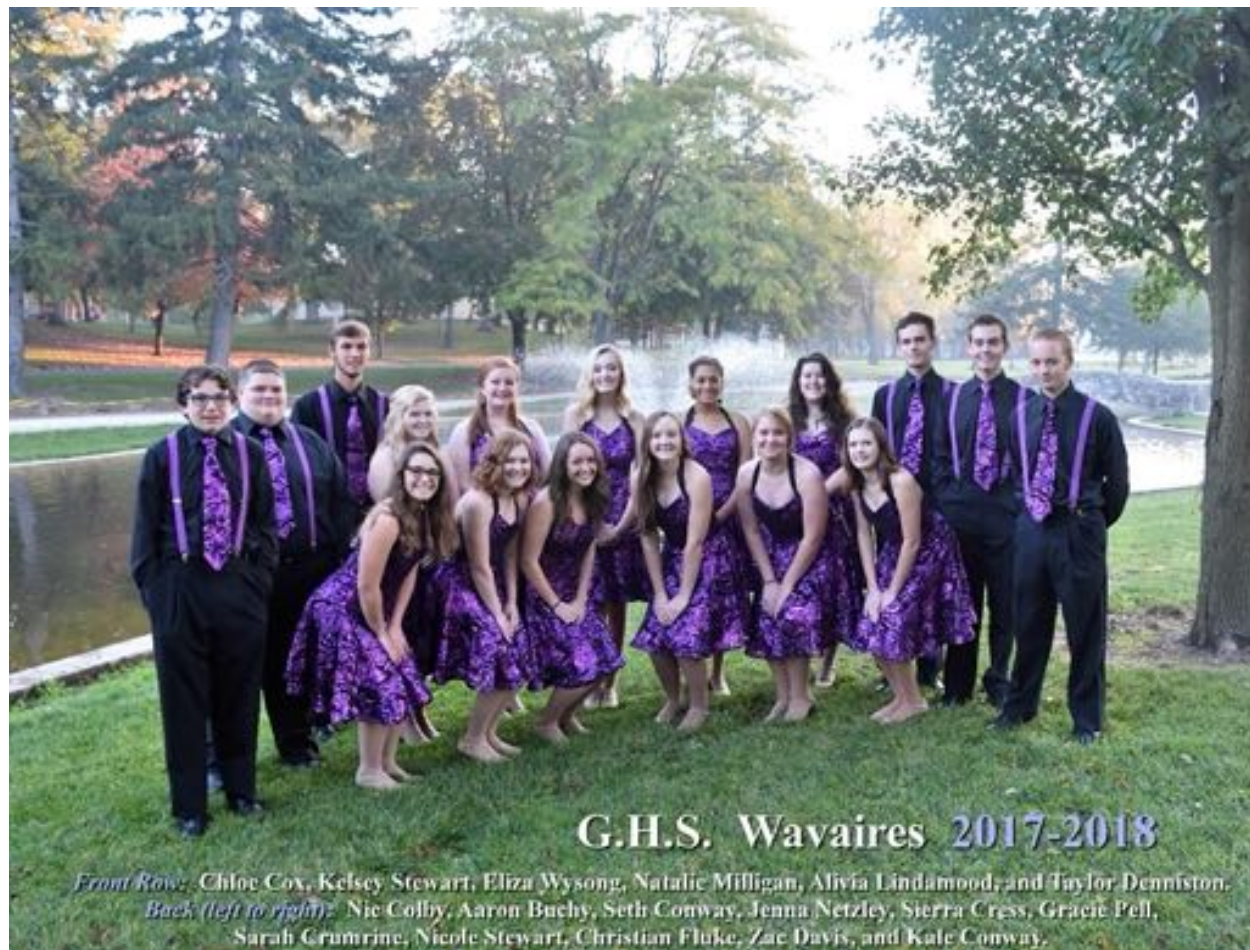
Back Row: Nie Colby, Chloe Cox, Taylor Denniston, Alivia Lindamood, Sierra Cress, Gracie Pell, Lauren Burns, and Zac Davis.
Director: Mrs. Chelsea Whirlledge



Greenville
High School

Wavares
2017 - 2018

Front Row: Christian Fluke, Sarah Gramme, Nicole Stewart, Sierra Cress, and Seth Conway. Back Row: Jenna Netzey, Chloe Cox, Kelsey Stewart, and Gracie Pell. Back Row: Aaron Buchy, Eliza Wysong, and Zac Davis. Back Row: Taylor Denniston and Natalie Milligan. Back Row: Nic Colby, Alivia Lindamood, and Ralf Conway. Photographer: Lauren Barnes. Taken October 20, 2017 at the City Park.



G.H.S. Wavares 2017-2018

Front Row: Chloe Cox, Kelsey Stewart, Eliza Wysong, Natalie Milligan, Alivia Lindamood, and Taylor Denniston. Back (left to right): Nic Colby, Aaron Buchy, Seth Conway, Jenna Netzey, Sierra Cress, Gracie Pell, Sarah Gramme, Nicole Stewart, Christian Fluke, Zac Davis, and Kale Conway.

What's your favorite part about being in wavaires?
 "Being able to be with each other everyday, and doing what we love together."
 - Sierra Cress



President: Sierra Cress

Vice president: Lauren Burns

Secretary: Gracie Fell

Treasurer: Jenna Metzley

Librarian: Nic Colby

Equipment/Social Chairman: Seth Conway



2017-2018
Wavaires



Greenville High School

Wavaires

2017-2018



Front Row: Chloe Cox, Eliza Wysong,
Sarah Crumrine, Gracie Pell,
Nicole Stewart, Sierra Cress,
Alivia Lindamood, Natalie Milligan,
Lauren Burns,
Taylor Denniston, and
Jenna Netzley

Back Row: Zachary Davis,
Nicholas Colby, Aaron
Buchy, Seth Conway,
Christian Fluke, and
Kale Conway



Wavaires 2018



Wavaire 2018
Christmas party
and caroling at
Mr. Dick Brown's
house



Mrs. Chelsea
Whirledge



Wavaires after
Pass and
Review for
NJROTC in
November
2018

Greenville Wavaires and Jazz
Scene, Disney Trip 2019



Wavaires

Your 2018-2019 Wavaires include: Andrew Atkins, Mackenzie Baker, Ryleigh Barber, Aaron Buchy, Jace Bunger, Anna Chavez, Cameron Clark, Nicholas Colby, Kale Conway, Chloe Cox, Taylor Denniston, Christian Fluke, Alivia Lindamood, Graham Milligan, Natalie Milligan, Jenna Netzley, Gracie Pell, Kate Rehmert, Kie Ross, Erin Stephens, Kelsey Stewart, Brinna Wolf, Eliza Wysonq.







Front: Katie Simpson, Taylor Davidson, Grace Park, Natalie Higgins, and Mrs. Whiteledge.
Row 2: Chloe Cox, Brianna West, Eliza Wyong, Kelsey Stewart, Kenna Baker, Kate Robinson, Anna Chaves, Jenna Nettle, and Alicia Lindemann.
Back Row: Mr. Andrew, Rhyligh Barber, Graham Higgins, Kate Conway, Kai Rosta, Aaron Busby, Erin Stephens, Andrew Adkins, Jace Bauger, Christian Fobin, Cameron Clark, Mr. John Whiteledge, and Nic Colby. Dec. 8, 2018



Front: Taylor Davidson, Miley Lindemann, Brenna Baker, Aletha Featon, Nic Colby, Jace Bauger, Cameron Clark, Katie Rehnert, Flora Wyong, Kie Labig, Mollie McLean, Emma Tutwiler.
 Dec. 8, 2019

WAVAIRES





John and Chelsea Whirledge
At Brown's Christmas



1st Row: Taylor Deniston, Alivia Lindamod,
Natalie Milligan, Nic Coby, Chloe Sowry,
Eliza Wysong
2nd Row: Mackenzie Baker, Kely Witwer,
Aoiha Fenton, Kie Labig, Payvin Thomason,
Kate Rehmert, Mollie Mc Lear
3rd Row: Erin Stephens, Ryleigh Barber,
Macie Zehringer, Emma Tutwiler
4th Row: Daniel Gonzalez, Cameron Clark,
Graham Milligan, Jacob Bungler, Andrew Adkins

DSS





GREENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL WAVAIRES 2019 - 2020

Front Row: Rayvin Thompson, Mollie McLearn, Kenzie Baker, Natalie Milligan, Taylor Denniston, Nic Colby, Alivia Lindamood, Chloe Sowry, Eliza Wysong, and Emma Tutwiler. *Not present: Brianna Wolf.*
Back Row: Macey Zehringer, Kate Rehmert, Aleiha Fenton, Jace Bunger, Graham Milligan, Andrew Adkins, Daniel Gonzalez, Cameron Clark, Ryleigh Barber, Erin Stéphens, Kie Labig, and Kelly Witwer.





Wavares at Dianne Brown's funeral, 3-30-2021, Presbyterian Church (below)



2020-2021 Wavaires

Members: Mackenzie Baker, Ryleigh Barber,
Jace Bunger, Cameron Clark, Myanna Conway,
Aleiha Fenton, Daniel Gonzalez, Khara Hartzell,
Kie Labig, Mollie McLearn, Carson Pope,
Kate Rehmert, Asia Thompson,
Raywin Thompson, Emma Tutuwiler,
Harley West, Christopher Wilkerson,
Kelly Witwer, Macey Zehringer



Winter Concert



Wavaires 2020-21



Wavaires 2021-22 Summer Camp July, 2021 at Memorial Hall (below)
Front Row 1: Emma Tutwiler, Kie Labig, Mollie McLear, Kenzie Baker, Kate Rehmert, and Cameron Clark. Row 2: Kamdon Riethman, Avery Yount, Khara Hartzell, Victoria Thompson, Carson Pope, Kelly Witwer, Isabelle Sommer, Maggie Galloway, And Addisyn Gathard. Row 3: Landon Weaver, Ethan Beckley, Haiden Livingston, Asia Thompson, Mya Conway, Lydia Beisner, and Aleiha Fenton. Back top Row: Brooke Jendrusik, Erin Stephens, Chelsea Whirledge, Chris Andres, and Andrew Adkins.





Wavares 2021-22

Front Row 1: Mrs. Chelsea Whirledge, Director, Emma Tutwiler, Kie Labig, Mollie McLearn, Kenzie Baker, Kate Rehmert, Cameron Clark, and Mr. Chris Andres, Assistant Director. Row 2: Carson Pope, Victoria Thompson, Khara Hartzell, Kelly Witwer, Aleiha Fenton, and Haiden Livingston. Row 3: Maggie Galloway, Lydia Beisner, Izzy Sommer, Asia Thompson, and Mya Conway. Back Row 4: Addie Gathard, Ethan Beckley, Olivia Flatter, Kamdon Riethman, Landon Weaver, and Avery Yount. Not present: Chris Wilkerson.

Wavares leaders: Chelsea Whirledge and Brooke Jendrusik at the Summer Camp, Director Chelsea, and Assistant Director Chris Andres.





Wavares 2022 Cantata, "House of the Lord" First United Methodist Church Mar. 13, 2022
Front Row: Emma Tutwiler, Kie Labig, Mollie McLear, Kenzie Baker, Kate Rehmert, and Cameron Clark. *Row 2:* Avery Yount, Victoria Thompson, Haiden Livingston, Aleiha Fenton, Kelly Witwer, and Carson Pope *Back Row 3:* Ethan Beckley, Mya Conway, Addie Gathard, Lydia Beisner, Izzy Sommer, Maggie Galloway, Asia Thompson, and Kamdon Reithman.

Compiled by Dick Brown in 2022 to honor the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Wavares. Special thanks to Chris Andres and Chelsea Whirlledge for bringing together many of the group photos that Michele Smith had commissioned and kept for the Vocal Music Department. Chris had prepared tribute boards for use in the Memorial Hall of group pictures of the Wavares from every year since their inception in 1972. Also, yearbook pages and pictures have been added here along with pictures taken by Dick in recent years. This history needs to be retained for Greenville High School.

The success and longevity of the group is credited primarily to the dedication of Michele Smith, along with that of Chelsea Whirlledge, Marilyn Light, founder Edward Reck, assistant directors and talented accompanists.