



BEL CANTO  
CEDAR VALLEY

# TELL ME A STORY

A CHORAL SHOWCASE OF TALL TALES,  
SPOOKY STORIES, AND LUSH LULLABIES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH, 3:00 PM  
WATERLOO CENTER FOR THE ARTS  
225 COMMERCIAL ST, WATERLOO, IOWA

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for making this concert possible.

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## Community | Quality | Passion

Bel Canto Cedar Valley (BCCV) is a premiere community chamber choir serving the communities of the Cedar Valley. Bel Canto Cedar Valley contributes to the cultural enrichment of the community by promoting quality choral music, exploring vast and varied choral repertoire, and encouraging music as a life-long passion.



Alice Reid Pruisner, Artistic Director and Founder of Bel Canto Cedar Valley, graduated with honors from Augustana College in Rock Island, IL with an undergrad in Vocal Music Education and from The University of Northern Iowa with a Master of Music in Choral Conducting. Ms. Pruisner has experience conducting choirs of all ages, and is especially passionate about community building and outreach. Ms. Pruisner lives in Cedar Falls with her husband, two daughters, and two mini dachshunds.

**Bel Canto Cedar Valley presents:  
Tell Me A Story -  
A Choral Showcase of Tall Tales, Spooky Stories, and Lush Lullabies**

*Alice Reid Pruisner, Artistic Director  
Bethany Brooks, Accompanist*

**Bohemian Rhapsody**

*Recorded by Queen*

*Soloists: Devin Wipperman, Darwin Johnson, Jess Lieb*

*Words and Music by Freddie Mercury*

*Arranged by Philip Lawson*

**Bedtime Stories**

**Goodnight Moon**

*Text by Margaret Wise Brown*

*Music by Eric Whitacre*

*Soprano Soloist: Elizabeth Nelson*

**Wynken, Blynken and Nod**

*Poem by Eugene Field*

*Music by Donna Garrtman Schultz*

*Bob Dunn, guitar; Ellen Waterman, flute*

**Only in Sleep**

*Poem by Sara Teasdale*

*Music by Ēriks Ešēvalds*

*Soprano Soloist: Megan Schwickerath*

**Americana Stories**

**Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy**

*Words and Music by Don Rayne and Hughie Prince*

*Arranged by Ed Lojeski*

*Small Group: Sara Blessing, Megan Schwickerath,*

*Kennedy Hiles, Kelsey Williams, Jess Lieb, Calista Rowe*

*Instrumentalists: Sean Kiefer and Christine Anderson, trumpet; Ben Stineman, trombone;*

*Ben Shockley, tenor saxophone; Alexis Kraayenbrink, bass; Barry Dvorak, drum set*

**The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald**

*Words and Music by Gordon Lightfoot*

*Arranged by Alan Dunbar*

*Baritone Soloist: Chris Knudson*

*Small Group: Darwin Johnson, James Mossman, Mitchell Stover, Bill Atkins,*

*Joseph Guzman, Ben Shockley, Joel Haack, Ben Stineman, Leo Stineman, Alex Chittenden,*

*Kevin Lam, Chris Knudson, Micah Pruisner, Zachary Rogers*

*Instrumentalists: Bob Dunn, guitar; Alexis Kraayenbrink, cello*

**Buffalo Gals**

*Arranged by John Alexander and Ryan McSweeney*

*Alexis Kraayenbrink, bass; Barry Dvorak, xylophone;*

*Bob Dunn, guitar; Bethany Brooks and Matt Rector, piano*

### **Spooky Stories**

**Erlkönig**  
(words and translation on next page)

Poem by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe  
Music by Franz Schubert  
Arranged by Jim Clements

**The Ballad of Sweeney Todd**  
From Sweeney Todd

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim  
Arranged by Andy Beck

### **Love Stories**

**Orange Colored Sky**

Words and Music by Milton Delugg and Willie Stein  
Arranged by Kirby Shaw

Soloists: Christine Anderson, Meg Stineman  
Small Group: Ellen Waterman, Meg Stineman, Patty Foster, Cindy Lear,  
Charis Crozier, Tiffany Peterson Rasmussen, Kim Erisman, Jennifer Jacobson,  
Alexis Kraayenbrink, Kate Hahn, Christine Anderson, Robin Souhrada,  
Megan Lien, Melanie Drake, Shoshanna Coon  
Instrumentalists: Sean Kiefer, trumpet; Ben Shockley, tenor saxophone;  
Bob Dunn, guitar; Ben Stineman, bass; Barry Dvorak, drum set

**You Stole My Love**

By Walter Cecil Macfarren  
Small Group: Amanda Bridges-Kramme, Liz Nelson, Kyla Billington,  
Sarah Rueber, Devin Wipperman, Matt Rector, Noah Rouw, Brook Jacobson

### **Bible Stories**

**Jonah**

Words and Music by Rollo A. Dilworth  
Bass Soloist: Noah Rouw

**Jericho**

Traditional Spiritual  
Arranged by Moses Hogan  
Soprano Descant: Elizabeth Nelson

### **Upcoming performance dates:**

Saturday, December 14 at 2:00 p.m.  
A Bel Canto Christmas: Songs of the Season  
Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center

Sunday, April 27 at 3:00 p.m.  
Lost and Found (BCCV Spring Concert)  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
with Hudson High School Choir

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for more information about future performances, auditions,  
and special events!**



## **Bel Canto Cedar Valley Leadership**

Alice Reid Pruisner – Founder and Artistic Director	Bethany Brooks – Accompanist
Jonathan Bridges – President	Christine Anderson – Choir Manager
Kevin Lam – Secretary	Tiffany Peterson Rasmussen – Treasurer
Charis Crozier – Marketing	Bill Atkins – Grants
Patty Foster – Member-at-large	Matt Rector – Member-at-large
Amanda Bridges-Kramme – Soprano Section Leader	Jess Lieb – Alto Section Leader
Devin Wiperman – Tenor Section Leader	Zachary Rogers – Bass Section Leader

**Bel Canto Cedar Valley members live in a number of area communities and cover a wide range of professions, but we are all joined together by our love of music as a life-long passion.**

### **Soprano**

Sara Blessing  
*Cedar Falls*  
*Choral Music Education Professor, UNI*

Amanda Bridges-Kramme  
*Waterloo*  
*Elementary General Music Teacher*

Charis Crozier  
*Cedar Falls*  
*College Student*

Patty Foster  
*Cedar Falls*  
*Realtor, Oakridge Real Estate*

Jennifer Jacobsen  
*Cedar Falls*  
*Elementary School Counselor*

Alexis Kraayenbrink  
*Cedar Falls*  
*Elementary Orchestra Teacher*

Lucinda Lear  
*Waterloo*  
*Independent Music Teacher*

Elizabeth Nelson  
*Waverly*  
*Data Manager*

Tiffany Peterson Rasmussen  
*Reinbeck*  
*General Manager, Foundation Service Corp*

### **Soprano, cont.**

Megan Schwickerath  
*Waterloo*  
*VFS Processor*

Meg Stineman  
*Cedar Falls*  
*2-D Artist*

Ellen Waterman  
*Cedar Falls*  
*Consultant*

Kelsey Williams  
*Cedar Falls*  
*Secretary*

### **Alto**

Christine Anderson  
*Waverly*  
*West Music Road Representative*

Kyla Billington  
*Cedar Falls*  
*Crisis Counselor*

Shoshanna Coon  
*Shell Rock*  
*Chemistry Professor, UNI*

Melanie Drake  
*Cedar Falls*  
*Consultant and Writer*

**Alto, cont.**

Kim Erisman  
Cedar Falls  
Interior Design

Kate Hahn  
Cedar Falls  
Retired Attorney

Kennedy Hiles  
Waverly  
Training Specialist

Jess Lieb  
Waterloo  
Funding Specialist

Megan Lien  
Waterloo  
Bid Administrative Assistant

Robin Souhrada  
Cedar Falls  
Business Office Administrator

Calista Rowe  
Cedar Falls  
Vocal Music Teacher

Sarah Rueber  
Cedar Falls  
Staff, Around the Corner Productions

**Tenor**

Bill Atkins  
Reinbeck  
Director, Information Security

Joseph Gutzmann  
Grundy Center  
Vocal Music Teacher

Darwin Johnson  
Waterloo  
Branch Manager

James Mossman  
Waverly  
Director of Production Operations

**Tenor, cont.**

Matt Rector  
Denver  
Government Relations

Ben Shockley  
Cedar Falls  
College Student

Mitchell Stover  
Waterloo  
Vocal Music Teacher

Devin Wipperman  
Waverly  
Technology Director

**Bass**

Alex Chittenden  
Cedar Falls  
Operations Manager, Asset Protection

Joel Haack  
Cedar Falls  
Retired UNI Admin/Math Professor

Brook Jacobsen  
Cedar Falls  
Judge

Chris Knudson  
Waverly  
Chief Marketing Officer

Kevin Lam  
Cedar Falls  
Organizer, Political Outreach

Micah Pruisner  
Cedar Falls  
Engineer

Zachary Rogers  
Cedar Falls  
Vocal Music Teacher

Noah Rouw  
Cedar Falls  
Respite Provider

**Bass, cont.**

Ben Stineman  
Cedar Falls  
Network Engineer

Leo Stineman  
Cedar Falls  
Student

**Director and Accompanist**

Alice Reid Pruisner, Director  
Cedar Falls  
Artistic Director, BCCV

Bethany Brooks  
Cedar Falls  
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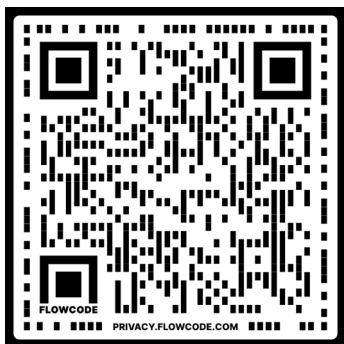
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