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I often hear our Morningside students talk about their experiences in the School of Visual and Performing Arts as "powerful," "life-changing" and "incredible." At Morningside, where experience matters, our students find powerful, life-changing experiences in their daily work as artists, thespians and musicians. Majors and non-majors alike join forces to create art, music and theatre that opens hearts and minds, and fosters a passion for the Visual and Performing Arts. It is this cultivated passion that creates a sense of family that stands the test of time and distance.

Whether this bond comes in the form of a cast and crew of a sold out show, on a fall break photography trip to the Pacific Northwest, or in a dedicated music ensemble, Morningside students find themselves surrounded by a support system of passionate faculty and driven students in a place that strives to polish and perfect their talents.

Our classroom experiences are not limited to a typical classroom. We use the world as our stage. The Morningside touring ensembles make overseas travel a part of those life-changing experiences every three years, finding a new corner of the globe in which we immerse our learning and expand our horizons.

No matter your passion, we have a place for you. As a prospective musician, artist, educator or thespian, we will echo your relentless pursuit of excellence and engender a freedom to create and inspire. I invite you to explore Morningside, a place where experience matters. Come learn about our scholarship opportunities, experience our courses, ensembles, productions and travel that students benefit from each year. Consider beginning your exciting artistic experience at Morningside University—we'd love to have you!



Heath J Weber

Heath Weber
Dean, School of Visual and Performing Arts



*"I like the **relationships** with the professors. They're very **kind** and willing to reach out to you outside of class. I also like the **flexibility** of classes and the ability to **be involved** in multiple ensembles."*

Dylan Root, 2020
Music Education

EXPERIENCE *matters*



INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES

Ensembles are comprised of students with passions in many areas and career interests with one shared goal of making special musical moments for each other and their audiences.

Morningside's ensembles tour internationally every three years as a part of the May Term experience. Students have the opportunity to receive Morningside credit for their exploration of music and culture all over the world. Students can participate in smaller ensembles within our brass, woodwind, string and percussion programs. In these small ensemble settings, our students collaborate with each other, guest performers and Morningside faculty to create a robust variety of musical experiences for our students.

THE PRIDE OF MORNINGSIDE MARCHING BAND

The Pride performs at home football games as well as some local high school competitions every year. This ensemble provides great excitement and spirit during games as well and innovative, corps-style half-time shows. This group is open to all wind, percussion, and color guard members.

THE MORNINGSIDE WIND ENSEMBLE

This elite ensemble performs regularly across the region and is recognized for its artistry and innovative programming. The ensemble hosts the Northwest Iowa Honor Band every January and tours regionally. This group performs three concerts a year and serves as the band for commencement.

THE KUCINSKI SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA

Serves the greater Siouxland Community as a valuable orchestral training ground. This ensemble enjoys multigenerational teaching and learning and performs orchestral masterworks as well as traditional, contemporary and popular literature.

THE MORNINGSIDE ALL AMERICA BAND

Formed as an official partnership in 2017, the All America Band is a college/community ensemble that serves community musicians as well as college and advanced high school musicians. Members rehearse once weekly and perform four innovative concerts each year.

M AVENUE JAZZ

The tradition of jazz is rich at Morningside, as well as in greater Siouxland. As a major performing group, M Avenue Jazz provides music for campus and community events, as well as partnering with high school bands and professional musicians. The three-day Morningside Jazz Festival, the region's premier festival, is held each February and attracts bands from throughout the Midwest. M Avenue Jazz tours regularly and also provides students with opportunities to play in professional jazz settings in Sioux City and the surrounding areas.

ADDITIONAL ENSEMBLES:

- Flute Choir
- Trombone Choir
- Clarinet Choir
- Saxophone Quartet
- Brass Ensemble
- Guitar
- Collaborative Piano
- Pep Band
- Jazz Combo



CHORAL ENSEMBLES





THE MORNINGSIDE CHOIR

The Morningside Choir is a highly selective auditioned ensemble of singers, recognized for its excellence in choral performance. The ensemble has earned recognition for its artistic performance of varied choral repertoire in prominent regional, national, and international venues. In addition to performance, the choir hosts an annual All-State Choral Camp in August, All-State Choral Ensemble Clinic in October, and the Tri-State High School Honor Choir in February.

CANTABILE

Cantabile is comprised of talented treble singers and performs challenging and varied choral repertoire. The student musicians are featured throughout the academic year in on-campus performances, including Christmas at Morningside, and within the Siouxland community.

CAMERATA

The tenor-bass Camerata is dedicated to outstanding musical performance in a convivial atmosphere and is comprised of students from various areas of primary study. The group serves as an ambassador for the college by performing in community-related events, including Christmas at Morningside.

SYMPHONIC CHORUS

Composed of Morningside students and Siouxland community members, the Symphonic Chorus performs an array of choral literature, ranging from choral octavos to choral/orchestral works. The ensemble presents two major works each year.

LYRIC THEATRE

Open to all singers regardless of major. The Morningside Lyric Theatre program presents a yearly opera or musical. Recent productions include *Next to Normal*, *Dido and Aeneas, Quilters* and *Into the Woods*.



VISUAL ARTS

Artistic interests and talents vary greatly, as do the disciplines offered and practiced at Morningside. The Visual Arts at Morningside provide a strong foundation in art and design to students interested in pursuing a creative career, as well as non-majors with a deep passion for the visual arts.

With significant work in two-dimensional and three-dimensional art, student artists at Morningside think globally, with an eye for aesthetics, creativity, and critical and analytic thought.

Students and faculty collaborate on *The Kiosk*, the art and literary magazine published each year at Morningside University and distributed the world over.

Morningside's visual art faculty practice is deeply rooted in our classrooms as well as studios and galleries. Widely recognized artists of the highest caliber, they work tirelessly to awaken those same passions in their own students. Travel with the photography club to the Pacific Northwest or engage in a graphic design internship with one of Sioux City's *Fortune 500* companies.

Morningside Art graduates are employed in a wide variety of creative fields, including advertising, graphic design, studio art, photography and teaching.

Visual artists can pursue a number of different mediums: sculpture, painting, drawing, printmaking, ceramics, photography, graphic design, and art education.



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INTERNSHIPS

Students in the School of Visual and Performing Arts are encouraged to explore the many creative possibilities that exist in today's companies and industry. Visual and Performing Arts students have had recent internships with:

- *The Kiosk* (Art and Literary Magazine)
- The Sioux City Symphony
- Vangarde Arts
- The Sioux City Conservatory of Music
- The Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Sioux City
- Ray's Midbell Music
- The Sioux City Art Center
- The Helen Levitt Gallery
- Senior Living Magazine
- Sign Pro
- The Academy of Fine Music
- Avery Brothers Outdoor Advertising
- Meredith Publishing, Des Moines
- South Dakota Shakespeare Festival
- LAMB Regional Arts Theater
- Shot in the Dark Productions
- Prairie Repertory Theater





THEATRE

The Morningside Theatre Collective is driven to explore all aspects of the theatre arts and share those gifts with the Morningside community, allowing our graduates to enjoy a lifetime of theatre participation. With 5 mainstage productions, one of those always a musical or opera, Klinger-Neal Theatre is a vibrant jewel on campus.

Recognized in 2019 by the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF), the Morningside Theatre Collective was honored to present *Trifles* as one of six regionally invited productions at KCACTF. *Trifles* was one of three Morningside productions nominated for this honor. Six individual students won awards from KCACTF for their work on Morningside Theatre productions in 2019. Additionally, *Dido and Aeneas* was named a national finalist for the American Prize Competition.

- 3-5 mainstage productions each year (including a musical or opera)
- Student led productions
- Lyric Theatre
- Professional guest performers and directors

THE MUSTANG THEATRE COMPANY

The Mustang Theatre Company has a long tradition of theatrical excellence. Housed in the 300-seat Klinger-Neal Theatre, performers at Morningside enjoy a wide variety of hands on experiences both on stage and behind the scenes.

Presenting 3-5 mainstage productions (including one opera or musical) and one or more student directed shows each year, Klinger-Neal remains one of Morningside's most vibrant venues. When you participate in theatre at Morningside you will learn alongside the best faculty around. Our theatre faculty and music faculty have been active performers on major stages the world over, appearing in the last two years at The Metropolitan Opera, The Chicago Lyric, The Santa Fe Opera, just to name a few!

Your experience in theatre can take many shapes. If you have a desire to direct shows or write and create plays, check out our opportunities in our student produced shows. From beginning to end, Morningside students produce every aspect of a show. Under the watchful guidance from theatre faculty, the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival has recognized these shows for their excellence in directing, acting, lighting and scenic design.

HONE YOUR CRAFT WITH COURSES IN:

- Acting
- Scenic Design
- Lighting Design
- Play Production
- Costuming
- Voice and Movement
- Applied Theatre
- Arts Administration

Or pair your Iowa teaching certification with an endorsement in theatre arts. With the theatre endorsement, you can teach courses in theatre, debate, play production, and speech.

A GLOBAL MORNINGSIDE

The School of Visual and Performing Arts works tirelessly to build important relationships and powerful experiences on campus and in the Sioux City community. Those experiences are powerful and support a vibrant arts community right here at home. But, we know that global experiences create new curiosities and foster a sense of unity with people the world over. The Morningside experience in the School of Visual and Performing Arts encourages students to explore, dream and discover new worlds and perform in some of the world's greatest places.

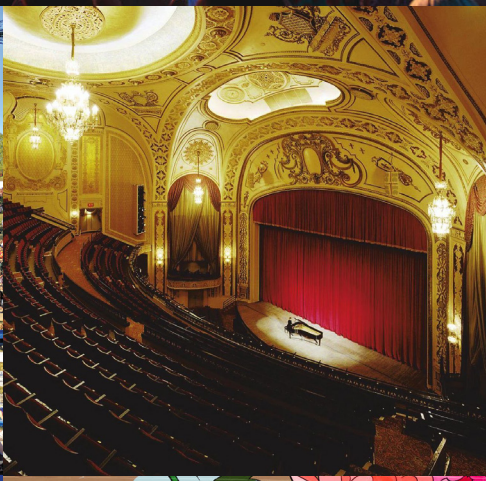
PAST TOURS AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD INCLUDE:

- The Morningside Choir: Japan, May 2018; Spain, May 2015
  Coming in 2022 - Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic
- M Avenue Jazz: Elmhurst Jazz Festival, 2018; Eau Claire Jazz Festival 2016
- The Morningside Photography Club: Pacific Northwest2021, 2018 tour, New York 2017, Prague, May 2015
- The Morningside Theatre Collective: January 2019 *Trifles* by Susan Glaspell at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival
- Morningside Wind Ensemble: New York, May 2019, Italy, May 2009




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IS
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ARTS ALIVE IN SIOUX CITY!

Sioux City has long been an artistic mecca for the Midwest. Home to the recently expanded Sioux City Art Center, Morningside's own 1300-seat Eppley Auditorium, the 2500-seat Orpheum Theatre, the 10,000-seat Tyson Event center, The Hard Rock Hotel and Casino's Battery Park Concert series, Saturday in the Park Music Festival, Art Splash, countless live music venues, 5 community theatre companies and many art galleries, Sioux City boasts a major city arts vibe that few cities our size enjoy. Morningside is a strong contributor to the arts in Sioux City, welcoming world-class musicians and performers to our own concert hall and encouraging our faculty as performing artists. Morningside music, art, and theatre alums and faculty are performers in GRAMMY nominated ensembles, The Metropolitan Opera, Opera Neo, Shot in the Dark Theatre, local and regional symphonies, winners of competitions, creators of new music, contributors to art shows and galleries all across our city and region.

Recent Morningside and Sioux City performances include:

The Van Cliburn Gold Medalist Yaekwon Sunwoo (2016, 2019, 2020), The GRAMMY nominated South Dakota Chorale, Chanticleer, Cantus, The King Singers, The Army Field Band and Soldiers Chorus, The Offut Brass, DCI Morningside, Ke$ha, Pitbull, G-Eazy, Post Malone, 311, Counting Crows, The Sioux City Symphony, Les Miserables, Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder, Moscow Ballet, Finding Neverland, Nelly, Waitress, Sawyer Brown, Warrant, and Kinky Boots.



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The Morningside University experience cultivates a passion for **lifelong learning** and a dedication to **ethical leadership** and **civic responsibility**.

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