

# The Quarter Note

August 2008

The Newsletter of the Nebraska Choral Arts Society (NCAS)

## Letter from the Board...

On behalf of the Nebraska Choral Arts Society, I would like to welcome you to the 2008-2009 *Kaleidoscope* concert season. The board of directors, conductors, staff, and singers truly hope you enjoy the music that has been prepared for you. We are proud of the work that has been accomplished over the past 30 seasons and are very excited to share many musical seasons ahead.

We would like to thank those who have provided generously to the mission of our organization through gifts of time, talent and treasure. Without these gifts, it would not be possible to continue to provide the instruction to our singers that results in beautiful and exceptional live choral performances. By continuing this support you contribute to the inspiration that makes our organization worthwhile and the ability to share exceptional music.

Our season promises to be entertaining, inspirational and rewarding for singers and audiences alike. Thank you for sharing it with us. Now, don't be shy, tell your friends and family about your experience and encourage them to share the music!

Warm regards,

David Scott  
President  
NCAS Board of Directors

*On the left is a small group of Cantori choir members on their 2008 tour to Chicago, IL where they sang in the Orchestra Hall under the direction of Maestros Emily Ellsworth and Rollo Dilworth.*



## The Mission of NCAS

*To share the gift of great choral music, to inspire new generations with the love of singing, and broaden our reach to all ages and cultures.*

*Kaleidoscope*  
2008-2009 Concert Season

*Belle Musique— Benefit Concert*

**October 7, 2008**

Christ Community Church, 7pm

Offering Accepted to give to Open Door Missions.

*NCC, CAST, and Masterworks*

*Reflections*

**October 18, 2008**

UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center, 7pm

Tickets Adults \$10 Youth/Senior \$8

All Tickets increase \$2 the day of the show.

*Bel Canto, CAST, and Masterworks*

*Festival of Christmas Brass & Choral Music*

**December 12 & 13, 2008**

First United Methodist Church, Friday 7:30,

Saturday 3pm, Saturday 7:30

Tickets \$15

All tickets increase \$2 the day of the show

*NCC, CAST, and Masterworks*

*Symmetry*

**February 28, 2009**

\*Presbyterian Church of the Cross, 7pm

\*(Location Corrected from Season Brochure)

Tickets Adults \$10 Youth/Senior \$8

All Tickets increase \$2 the day of the show.

*Cantori, CAST, and Masterworks*

*Illusions*

**March 14, 2009**

UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center 2 and 4:30pm

Tickets Adults \$10 Youth/Senior \$8

All Tickets increase \$2 the day of the show.

*NCC*

*Beethoven's 9th Symphony & Brahms' Schicksalslied*

**April 3, 2009**

UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center, 7:30pm

Tickets Adults \$10 Youth/Senior \$8

All Tickets increase \$2 the day of the show.

*Masterworks, Heartland Philharmonic Orchestra,  
and UNO University and Concert Choir*

*Patterns*

**May 9, 2009**

UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center, 2 and 4:30pm

Tickets Adults \$10 Youth/Senior \$8

All Tickets increase \$2 the day of the show.

*NCC & CAST*

**Phones Down in  
NCAS Office**

In the month of July the NCAS office was struck by lightning during the many storms that affected the Omaha area. This strike of energy confused and disoriented all of our programming on our phones. This progressively became worse making it necessary to upgrade our systems.

NCAS would like to extend their deepest apologies for any inconvenience this has caused your family or business. We have recently upgraded our system and have high hopes for future use of the telephone.

**Annual Meeting set  
for September 20th**

All NCAS parents and singers are asked to attend the Annual Meeting September 20th, at 10:30 am. The meeting will be held in the Recital Hall of the Strauss Performing Arts Center. The purpose of this meeting is to give parents and members information to make the upcoming season run as smoothly as possible.

Used uniforms will be for sale beginning at 10:00 am. Please park in either lot to the west of the Strauss Performing Arts Center.

**New Director of  
Operations**

Rachel Aalund, the new Director of Operations, has been busy this summer getting the office ready for the exciting new season.

Aalund is originally from Beulah, ND. She moved from North Dakota to Nebraska to go to school at Midland Lutheran College. This May she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Music. Aalund enjoys volunteering at her local church, teaching piano and voice, performing with the Fremont Dinner Train, singing in community choirs, and planning various events.

This position is a great fit for Aalund because of the passion she holds for children and music. Aalund realizes the importance of music in a child's life and encourages each young person to be passionate about their talents.



Contact the NCAS Office (402)342-6753 ext. 201 or [rachel@choirmusic.org](mailto:rachel@choirmusic.org) to order season or individual tickets.



The picture above shows Kathleen Doebel conducting CAST on their '08 summer tour to a Music camp in North Carolina.

## Volunteer Corner

Below is a list of opportunities to volunteer. Take a look and send me an e-mail with any opportunities you would like to take advantage of!  
Your Volunteer Coordinator, Debi Tompkins, [debi@choirmusic.org](mailto:debi@choirmusic.org)

### **Sound and Lighting Technicians**

NCAS needs 4-5 people to train to assist with sound and Lighting for performances during the 2008-2009 Kaleidoscope concert season.

### **Fix It Volunteers**

The office is asking for the talented people who can fix things; vacuums, computers, and many other things that might need to be fixed. If you have a talent for fixing things; IT or appliance please let us know!

### **Clean It Volunteers**

The office is asking for the people who enjoy keeping things neat and tidy! Someone who is willing to come in and give the office a good clean. If this is you, please let us know!

### **Concert Volunteers**

NCAS is asking for volunteers who would like to help people to their seats, set up/tear down, and help with sales at all of our concerts. Each concert date is under the 2008-2009 Kaleidoscope concert season.

**Get your hours scheduled soon!**

*As the fall begins we have a number of families that need assistance with their financial aid. If you would like to help our singers out by giving money for scholarships please contact the office right away! (402)719-0593*

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### Artistic Staff

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Dr. Sean M. Burton  
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Kat Doebel  
*CAST Conductor*

Tim Marsden  
*Materworks Conductor*

Cody Talarico  
*Ragazzi Youth & Ragazzi Children*  
*Conductor*

### Administrative Staff

Rachel L. Aalund  
*Director of Operations*



**Many Voices, One Vision**

**Upcoming NCAS Fundraisers**

~ *Saving Sidekick Coupon Books - \$20*  
 August 16th - October 20  
 Books include coupons to over 35 businesses in the metro area!  
 Buy online at [www.omahacouponbook.com/ncas](http://www.omahacouponbook.com/ncas)

~ *Fall Tour Raffle - \$1*  
 November - January  
 More information to come!

~ *Vocci*  
 NCAS' annual gala fundraiser.  
 Features: silent and oral auction, dinner, dancing, and entertainment.  
 Save the date: **February 21st, 2009.**

**Dennis Uniform NCAS Night**  
 Receive 10% off your uniform Purchase on  
 September 16th 6:30-9:00pm  
 Contact NCAS Office with any questions.



**Fall Auditions**  
**2008-2009 Concert Season**  
 August 28, 2008  
 UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center  
 9am-5pm  
 September 4, 2008  
 Avery Presbyterian Church  
 Auditions are by appointment only!  
 Please call the NCAS office at  
 (402)342-6753 to set up your audition time.

**Thank you!**  
 NCAS is grateful for the numbers of families that have come into  
 the office this summer to help prepare us for the upcoming season.

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