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## Students selected for 2022/23 Jerry Ensembles

**Madison, Wis. (Nov. 3, 2022)** — Overture Center for the Arts and The Grand Theater in Wausau have named 40-plus Wisconsin high school students to their 2022/23 [Jerry Ensembles](#), the premier vocal performance groups representing the Jerry Awards.

Students from participating Jerry Awards high schools can audition each year to join the Central or Southern Jerry Ensemble. The Central Wisconsin Jerry Ensemble is directed by Marshall DeLonay, and the Southern Wisconsin Jerry Ensemble is directed by Gail Becker.

The accomplished singers of the Jerry Ensemble participate in the group 2-4 years each, delighting audiences with songs from musical theater, movies, legendary artists and more. They present solos, duets, trios and group performances in front of a variety of audiences in a variety of settings each year, including the Jerry Awards Ceremony, Cocktails with Tim & Karra, UW basketball games and Kids in the Rotunda. According to Karra Beach, Overture's director of Broadway Engagement Programs, performing live with the ensemble helps students develop poise and confidence while building technical skills in acting, singing and dancing.

### **2022/23 Central Wisconsin Jerry Ensemble**

- Shiloh Burgess, DC Everest Senior High School
- Emmett Braun, Antigo High School
- Zoa Carter, Antigo High School
- Peter Chrudimsky, Antigo High School

- Lily Casey, Wausau East High School
- Julia Conway, DC Everest Senior High School
- Arabelle Ellsworth, Marshfield High School
- Olivia England, Lakeland Union High School
- Julia Gerdes, Rhinelander High School
- Catherine Harmon, DC Everest Junior High School
- Anna Jacobson, DC Everest Junior High School
- Emily Jacobson, DC Everest Senior High School
- Alexis Justice, Marshfield High School
- Elise Laughlin, Wausau West High School
- Nolan Mudler, Wausau West High School
- Jay Nibarger, DC Everest Senior High School
- Megan Nguyen, DC Everest Senior High School
- Mansi Peters, DC Everest Senior High School
- Brooklynn Roble, DC Everest Senior High School
- Terrek Schjoth, DC Everest IDEA Charter School
- Addilyn Seep, Eau Claire Memorial High School
- Morgan Smith, Eau Claire Memorial High School
- Julian Traska, DC Everest Junior High School
- Nolan Travis, Wausau West High School
- Morgan Wierzba, DC Everest Senior High School

#### **Upcoming Performances**

- Million Dollar Quartet Christmas Pre-Show Performance at The Grand – November 18, 6:30 p.m.
- Midtown Men Holiday Hits Pre-Show Performance at The Grand – December 7, 6:30 p.m.
- Wausau Conservatory of Music – December 11, time TBD
- The Landing – December 13, 4 p.m.
- Hairspray Pre-Show Performance at The Grand – January 16, 6:30 p.m.

#### **2022/23 Southern Wisconsin Jerry Ensemble**

- Erica Briski, Oregon High School
- Lilly Cherney, Monroe High School
- Lucas Finley, Abundant Life Christian School
- Matias Finley, Abundant Life Christian School
- Catherine Gernetzke, St Ambrose Academy
- Gracie Halverson, Madison West High School
- Nathan Heil, New Glarus High School
- Beau Bastian Jacobs, Oregon High School
- Teagan Kluetzman, Madison East High School
- Dalaney Lange, DeForest High School
- Molly McArdle, Sun Prairie West High School
- Lucy Natale, Parker Arts Academy
- Laura Perry, Stoughton High School
- Leela Peterson, Monona Grove High School
- Leena Rathgeber, Monona Grove High School
- Sam Ross, Stoughton High School
- Owen Sehgal, Middleton High School
- Alternate for 2022/23 is Connor Wilkinson, Sun Prairie East High School

### Upcoming Performances

- Cocktails with Tim & Karra: Come From Away – November 5, 3 p.m. and 7p.m.
- Cocktails with Tim & Karra: Hadestown – January 19 and 20, 7 p.m.
- Kids in the Rotunda – February 4, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- River Arts Center – Friday, March 24, 7 p.m.

**THE JERRYS** - The [Jerrys](#) is Overture’s high school musical awards program that encourages, recognizes and honors excellence in high school musical theater. The program began in the 2009/10 school year with 23 productions within 45 miles of Madison and has since expanded across the state through partnerships with Marcus Performing Arts Center, The Grand Theater and Viterbo University Fine Arts Center. Educators and industry professionals review productions at Wisconsin high schools and/or community theater organizations and provide valuable feedback to students. In its first decade, the Jerry Awards engaged more than 700,000 students, teachers, theater professionals and community members and has grown into a nationally recognized showcase of the brightest stars in Wisconsin high school musical theater.

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