

spectrumproject.org



SPECTRUM PROJECT

University of Northern Iowa

Saturday, April 25, 2015

11:00 AM

Bengtson Auditorium

University of Northern Iowa

FREE admission



The UNI Spectrum Project combines music, movement and drama for children with different abilities.

About the Spectrum Project...

The **Spectrum Project** is a Saturday program that combines music, movement and drama for children with different abilities. Performers come from the Cedar Valley and range in age from 6 to 17. The project meets each Saturday beginning in January. This performance is a selection of various activities experienced during this year's sessions. The activities use ideas and creations from the performers, along with direction from the UNI students.

Buddies are UNI students and graduates who volunteer each week to work with the performers. Each performer is paired with a Spectrum Buddy for the duration of the project.

Spectrum Theatre was founded by UNI Theatre Professor Gretta Berghammer in 2012. The Spectrum Project, a continuation of efforts to provide performing arts experience for children, is modeled after the Ball State Prism Project, founded by Ryan and Amy Hourigan at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.

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Program
Best Day of My Life



**Opening: Make an Entrance
Welcome, Welcome!**

Animal Entrance - Purple & Gold

Animal Greeting - Purple & Gold

Build Animals - Purple & Gold

Bake a Cake - Red

Zoo Twinkle - Purple & Gold

Elephants Have Wrinkles - Purple & Gold

F.U.N. Song - Jordan Rodden & Joshua Kreger

Hosey Posey

Build an Instrument - Red

Since U Been Gone - Kendall Maslak

Golden Guitars - Gold

Best Day of My Life - **SPECTRUM ROCKS!**

Closing: Best Day of My Life Dance

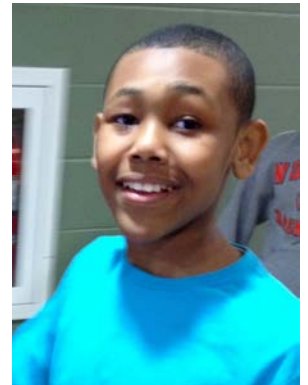
Meet Our Performers

Gold Group



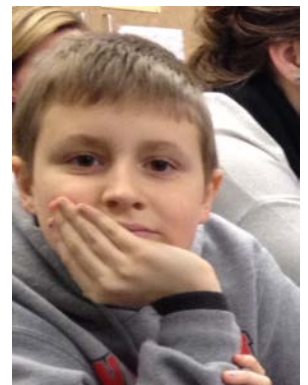
Catie is 11 years old and is in 4th grade at Poyner Elementary in Waterloo. She loves reading books, music, and cheerleading. She currently dances lyrical at National Dance Academy and loves to perform at the annual recital each May. She is a proud and excited cheerleader with the UNI Sparkles! Her buddy Breann says, "She is super caring and always brightens my day with a hug and a hand hold."

Elijah is 12 years old and is currently a 7th grader at Central Middle School in Waterloo. He loves to build things with his hands and make music with his keyboard. He also enjoys watching sports with his dad, enjoys watching cartoons with his brothers, playing outside and going swimming. He is a fun and loving young man who cares about his family. Elijah recently started communicating by typing with his family and teachers which has opened numerous possibilities for him.



Gabe is 11 years old and is in 5th grade at River Hills Elementary school in Cedar Falls. He likes computers, puzzles, and French fries. He spent the first 10 years of his life in San Antonio, TX and moved to Iowa to be closer to his family including his 18 cousins! At Spectrum, Gabe has shown he loves to look at books, enjoys walking, loves pressing the home buttons on iPhones and iPads, likes a squishy toy he and his buddy have nicknamed "Bob" and gives great high fives.

Joey is a 5th Grader at Cedar Heights Elementary in Cedar Falls. He enjoys technology, riding his bike and coming to music class. Joey is also a talented artist whose artwork puts a smile on everyone's face. He is a loving kid who enjoys telling "secrets" to anyone who will listen.





Kylie is an 8th grader at Peet Jr. High in Cedar Falls. She enjoys music, reading and shopping. One of Kylie's favorite activities is going on a walk with her family on warm sunny days. Kylie has spoken to two UNI classes about the importance of communication for everyone. Her favorite Band is *One Direction*.

Purple Group

Danielle is in 5th grade at Kittrell Elementary in Waterloo. She likes to play outside, swim, watch videos online, sing, and dance. Her favorite song is Walking on Sunshine. She loves to dance to the Hot Dog song from Disney Playhouse and read Dr. Seuss books. She also loves to eat french fries at Culvers and McDonalds.



Dayton is 8 years old and is in first grade at Cedar Heights Elementary in Cedar Falls. He is a UNI Sparkles Cheerleader, likes to swim, play at the park, ride his bike, and likes to help others. Dayton's favorite movie is Cars. His sister is Maya who is also a performer for Spectrum.

Maya is 8 years old and is in first grade at Cedar Heights Elementary in Cedar Falls. She has been a UNI Sparkles Cheerleader for two years. Her buddy, Maddie says, "Maya loves to talk about her family and often tells cute stories about her mom or dad." Maya likes to play at the park, read books, and swim. Her favorite movie is Madagascar Two. Maya's brother is Dayton who is also a performer for Spectrum.



Sam is seven years old and is in first grade at Hudson Elementary. He loves to sing, watch movies, and play outside. Sam is very interested in animals and loves to read books about them. He also loves to take pictures with his camera. He is involved with trampoline and tumbling at WTTC. He is also a great swimmer!

Thomas is 9 years old and is in 3rd grade at Kittrell Elementary in Waterloo. Thomas loves everything about planes. He likes to travel in planes, watch videos about planes, drawing and coloring pictures of planes, etc. He also loves legos and talking nonstop about his trip to Disney World. He had a blast!!



Tristan is a student at Orchard Hill Elementary in Cedar Falls. He loves to sing and dance to songs by Taylor Swift, Lorde, and many other popular artists. He loves viewing and touching all EXIT signs in hallways, bathrooms, and classrooms. His buddies, Megan and Pierce enjoyed dancing, singing, and playing instruments with him. They especially enjoyed his happy giggles!

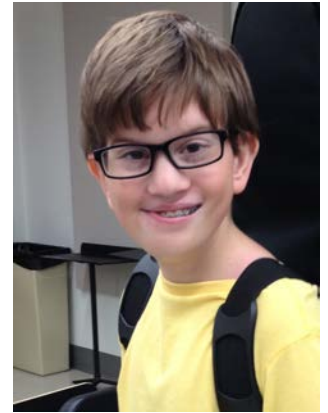
Red Group

Emma is 14 years old and is an 8th grader at Holmes Junior High in Cedar Falls. She loves all activities in and out of school. She keeps her life very busy. She will cheer at any sporting event and welcomes any traveling adventure that comes her way. The most important things in life to her are family and friends. Emma loves singing and riding her scooter. She exercises every day (walking), likes to horseback ride; and loves the UNICC Children's Choir, Spectrum Theater and the Spectrum Project.



John is 14 years old and is in the 8th grade at Holmes Junior High in Cedar Falls. He has enjoyed being involved in theater opportunities with Spectrum Theater and Sturgis Youth Theater over the past 2 ½ years. He loves Spectrum Project and playing drums in the Garage Band. Currently John is taking private drum set lessons and is on the Holmes track team. He won a first place ribbon in basketball at the state Special Olympics competition this year. John also has intense interest in small appliances such as vacuum cleaners, fans, pencil sharpeners, etc. Other favorite activities include swimming, going down water slides, and riding his bike.

Jonathan is fourteen years old and in 7th grade at Holmes Junior High in Cedar Falls. He loves Super Hero Cartoons, playing Wii games and table games, building with Tinker Toys, Legos and clocks with gears. He enjoys time with family, playing with Nerf guns, composing on the piano, walking and training the dog.



Jordan is 17 years old and is a Junior at West High School in Waterloo. Jordan likes watching Animal Planet and loves motorcycles, especially Harley Davidsons! He can make a lot of “crazy-cool” animal noises. Jordan also drives and hopes to get a job at Menards this Spring.

Joshua (aka Heavy Metal Joshua) is ten years old and in third grade at Southdale Elementary in Cedar Falls. He loves to rock out on guitar! He is a huge SpongeBob fan, and really enjoys making up his own dance moves. Joshua currently is interested in learning how to be a magician, a ventriloquist, and how to play the ukulele. He has also had the opportunity to act in his older brother’s movies as an alien, a boy, and a Nina.



Kayla is 16 years old and is in 10th grade at East High School in Waterloo. She is interested in gorillas, writing with chalk, flying kites, and especially horses. Her favorite food is french toast and her favorite color is blue. She enjoys the My Waterloo Days Parade, Sturgis Falls, and her pets Goldy and Crystal. She participates in Special Olympics, the Aspire Horse Therapeutic Program, and Camp Hope. She is good at writing creative stories and likes to fish and canoe. She has a close connection and intuition regarding animals and hopes to work more with them as she gets older.

Kendall is 13 years old and is a 7th grader at Holmes Junior High School in Cedar Falls. She likes to play with her cousins and make hot cocoa with her Grandma. She also knows taekwondo. She really enjoys singing and dancing when she comes to the Spectrum Project. Kendall sings and plays guitar in Spectrum Rocks!



2015 Spectrum Project Directors



ZACH ATHA
Drama Director
Drama & Theatre for Youth



JENNY HAMPTON
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Theatre Performance



MOLLY EVANS
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Sciences and
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Performance



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Communication
Sciences and
Disorders



SHAINA DAVIS
MA Flute
Performance



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Clarinet Performance
and Public Relations



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Art Education



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Sciences and
Disorders



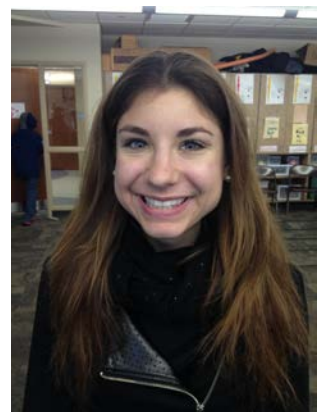
BREANN KRAGT
Social Work



**MADDIE
MACTAVISH**
Psychology



PAIGE MCGRATH
Music Education



**MICHELLE
MEADOWS**
Music Education,
Flute Performance

2015 Spectrum Project Buddies



ABBY MORGAN
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**CHELSEA
PLEGGENKUHL**
English Education



LIZ RIEHL
Elementary
Education



**MAKAYLA
TIBBETTS**
Communication
Sciences and
Disorders



ANNA PATCH
Social Work



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Social Work



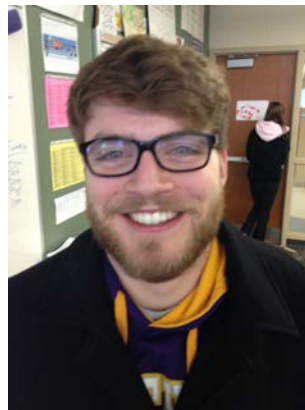
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Women and Gender
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POLASHEK**
Music Education



PIERCE SKALA
Elementary
Education



Get Involved



Are you passionate about helping others with special needs? Are you passionate about helping others to have a wonderful experience in the arts? Are you interested in becoming a UNI Spectrum Buddy for the 2016 Spectrum Project spring season?

Here's your chance! The 2016 Spectrum Project programs need dedicated, passionate, enthusiastic and excited future professionals to make next year's Spectrum Project better than ever!



Most of the Spectrum Project Buddies involved with this year's program began with little or no experience teaching children with special needs. Spectrum Buddies can be any majors. This year our buddies are majoring in social work, psychology, art education, communication sciences & disorders, elementary education, music education, and public relations to name just a few.

As buddies, UNI students learn to apply motivational and instructional struggles, which improve their ability and willingness to teach, work, and empathize with children with special needs.



For more information about getting involved in the UNI Spectrum Project, go to spectrumproject.org or email Kevin Droe at kevin.droe@uni.edu



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