

THE JOYFUL NOISE

“Make a joyful noise to the LORD” - Psalm 98:4



Dear Kindred Spirit Family,

As we reach the end of another year, it is so encouraging to reflect on God’s continued provision for our group. This year God was gracious in bringing several new faces into our group (seven in total!) while we continued to fulfill our mission of sharing God’s love through song on and off campus. God is always good—a theme you will see many times throughout the rest of this newsletter.

Once again this year, our schedule was packed with singing and other activities! During the fall semester, we welcomed Kyle, Kaylan, and Oleg into the group, and later went on a mini-retreat to the Pocono mountains, where we sang for a local church and served at a local food pantry. Later in the semester, we celebrated Christmas at a joint “Christmas Jam” with the Princeton University Gospel Ensemble. In the spring, four more newbies joined the group—Mary, Daniel, Soon Il, and Paul—and we drove to Boston to sing and fellowship with many other Christian groups at the Break it Down Boston conference. With a couple more arches completed, we said goodbye to Sadie, Caris, and Jasmeene, who we were blessed to have rejoin us for her Senior Arch!

Looking ahead, we are planning a new **tour to Atlanta, GA** this upcoming fall. We ask for your continued prayer and support as we plan for this trip and continue to encourage the campus and community with the gospel. If you know of ministry opportunities in the Atlanta area, feel free to send them our way.

Lastly, I’d like to invite you to our **Reunions Arch**, which will be at the same time as last year—**Saturday, June 1 at 10 a.m. at 1879 Arch**. You can also join us after the arch for a casual **reception**, held at **11 a.m. in Friend Center 108**, for fellowship with other KS alumni and current members. We look forward to seeing you there!

In Christ,

Alden C. Hunt ‘20
KS President 2019
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Who We Are

We are Kindred Spirit, Princeton’s one and only Christian a cappella group.

What We Do

Kindred Spirit offers outreach to the Princeton community and to our audiences everywhere through fellowship, arch sings, community service, and shared testimonies.

Why We Do It

Although we are all sinful people (Romans 3:23), the Lord Jesus Christ, through his mercy, has redeemed us all.

Consequently, we are devoted to spreading the gospel through song, to encouraging one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, and to glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ.

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MD's Corner: KS' 2018 Repertoire

Hello KS alumni!

What a year of singing joyful noise unto the Lord! In making all this noise, we've been exploring a more diverse array of musical styles (partly in thanks to our newbie vocal percussionist Oleg Golev '22!), ranging from the spiritual "Deep River", to new arrangements from Shane & Shane, a mash-up of hymns in "Rock Song," all the way to the KS classic "If I Stand."

Something KS is trying to incorporate more into our rehearsal schedule this year is a time to sit down (standing for 1.5 hours straight is a lot!) to discuss and reflect on the meanings of the lyrics – by delving into the lines of sheet music along with our Bibles, we can reflect on such powerful and convicting commands to "Clear the Stage" in our lives and make room for God, so that we can bask in the wonder of looking at His creation around us and declare to Him, "You're Beautiful." We think taking time for this has not only made us more aware and attuned to the mood and messages of the songs we sing, but also has helped in our evangelism efforts to point our audience to the Lord during performances.

I felt so blessed to hear Kaylan Fomby '22, our amazing (!!) pub chair, give a powerful testimony during newbie arch of how God has been teaching her in her daily life to put her trust in Him, whenever she is afraid (Psalm 56:3). Another one of our newbies this year, Mary Davis '22, declared during one of our Easter songs, "But God demonstrates His great love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Having the opportunity to proclaim God's truth while making music with such dear brothers and sisters is a priceless little nugget of heaven! We hope to continuously be armed with Scripture, more Spirit-breathed testimonies, and new arrangements on the journey, and would dearly appreciate your prayers (and song recommendations! Alumni arrangements are most welcome, please send them to einspahr@princeton.edu). Thank you for reading!

Warmly,
Sam Einspahr '20
2019 Music Director

Spiritual Health & Fellowship

Kindred Spirit has been blessed with so many strong spiritual leaders over the past few semesters. God has grown us through fellowship time, rehearsals, and traveling together. Our weekend retreat to the Delaware Water Gap last semester was especially helpful in promoting integration of new members and group cohesion. We shared special memories in studying scripture, praising God through jam sessions, praying together, and serving with the Bushkill outreach. We look forward to our fall tour of Atlanta, Georgia, next semester!

We have been inspired by MIT's Cross Products, an acapella group that we met at BIDD this semester. Cross Products defined Christian acapella not as a singing group that happens to be Christian, but rather as a body of believers that happens to sing. Kindred Spirit has met together to talk about our collective vision for the group, and how we can best worship God and serve Him through our music. We have spent much time together in prayer and fellowship, and our music director, Sam, has led the group in many discussions about the meaning and scriptural significance behind our songs. These discussions have been critical to our spiritual growth as a group. Members have been very open and excited to share how the music has impacted them personally. Discussing these ideas and reading through relevant scriptures has enlivened our worship in rehearsal and in performances.

Praise God for His work both in and through the group, and we pray that God will continue to move powerfully through our singing.

Kaitlyn Macmillan '20
2019 Fellowship Chair

Looking Ahead

Many exciting events are on the horizon for KS this year! This fall break, at the end of October, we will be traveling to Atlanta, GA on tour for a week. Previous tours to Tennessee and Texas were wonderful opportunities to serve communities in other parts of the country, share the gospel, and deepen friendships within KS through the fellowship that comes with spending time with one another outside of a typical rehearsal time. We hope to create a similar experience for those in the group this year and those we will be serving in Atlanta. If you will be in the city and want to meet up with us or know of a good service opportunity we could pursue, please feel free to reach out to us! We are also looking into the possibility of recording a short EP with some of our more recent arrangements in the spring.

If Atlanta isn't a convenient location to connect with KS again, we will be at reunions this weekend in Princeton! We will be hosting a rehearsal open to alumni at 10am on Saturday, June 1 in Woolworth Hall, followed by an arch sing in 1989 Arch at 11am, with a KS alumni-students reception after the arch in Friend 108. Whether you would like to sing some KS classics with us or simply stop by to watch, we would love to see you and your families there and have the current members meet you.

We are always looking for more chances to break out of the Princeton bubble and reach new community members in the general Princeton/New Jersey/New York/Philadelphia area, and welcome any suggestions you might have for possible singing or volunteer opportunities in the vicinity. In the meantime, we will continue our singing on campus and advertise our arches and other events on our Facebook and Instagram accounts—you are always welcome to attend!

Charlotte Tausche
2019 Business Manager

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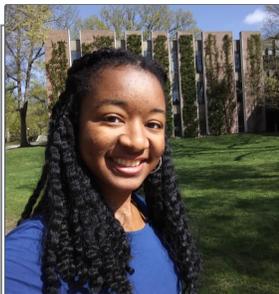
Looking ahead...

This fall, KS will be heading to **ATLANTA, GA** for our Fall tour! If you live in the area and/or have a connection to a

- Ministry
- Service Organization
- School
- Etc.

we could sing for or serve, contact the current KS President, Alden Hunt: achunt@princeton.edu.

Meet the Newbies!



Kaylan

Kaylan is a freshman from Lawrenceville, GA majoring in Molecular Biology. In addition having a wonderful alto voice, Kaylan loves to worship and enjoys discussing the mysteries of God. She’s involved in Princeton Faith and Action, Worship House, and Princeton Christian Fellowship, and she’s also our current publicity chair!



Oleg

Originally hailing from the deep Russian woodlands, Oleg now lives in Princeton to fight squirrels after fighting bears in his homeland got too repetitive. His vocal percussion journey started as “Oh, that’s kind of cool,” and brought him to KS and their fellowship. On the off-time, Oleg takes 2 a.m. bike rides or listens to foreign music, or both!



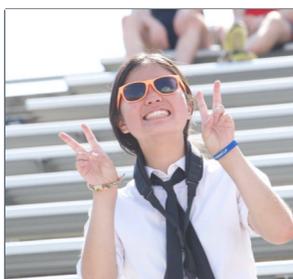
Kyle

After years of gentle, pleading encouragement from Sam Einsphar '20, Kyle finally auditioned for and joined KS this year during the fall. Kyle studies ELE, which means he’s mastered the art of holding a smooth tenor line *and* a back-breaking schedule! Outside of KS, he’s part of Chapel Choir and HackPrinceton.



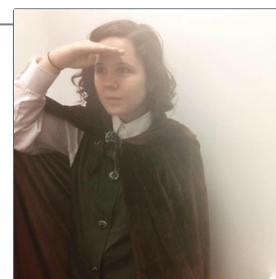
Daniel

Daniel is a junior from Brazil studying computer science. When he’s not belting out the tenor line, you can find him playing guitar and wearing flip flops—even in the middle of winter! Outside of KS, Daniel is the president of Princeton Christian Fellowship and solves upper-level math problems for fun.



Soon Il

A junior CEE major from New York, Soon Il really *bridges* the musical scene on campus—in addition to KS, she’s also in V Tone and the Princeton University Band! Soon Il is known for her beautiful alto voice, her love of Pikachu and potatoes, and her incredibly joyful attitude.



Mary

She sings opera. She sings in Chapel Choir. And yes, she even sings the high A in Deep River! Mary (a freshman COS major from Pennsylvania) is a musical force to be reckoned with—and a wonderful person to boot.



Paul

Paul is a bass, which means KS is very lucky to have him. Oh, and he arranges music and plays piano stellarly and has perfect pitch. No biggie. Somehow he manages to have time for his freshman COS classes, Manna, and PCF as well!

Senior Spotlights

Sadie Van Vranken

Sadie joined KS her freshman spring, and quickly worked her way to the top - for the past two years, she served as Kindred Spirit's president. Her beautiful voice, steadfast leadership and welcoming presence have been a true blessing to the group over the past three and half years, and we are sad to see her go!

Sadie graduated as an African American Studies major, and is currently planning her next steps.



Caris Gagnon

Caris will be dearly missed by the KS fam – her calm and patient spirit while drilling notes into the sops for sectionals, her otherworldly scatting and improvisation abilities, and her commitment to praising the Lord every time she sings – these have all been a true inspiration to the group for the past 4 years.

After graduation, Caris will be taking part in Teach for America and will be a blessing to everyone she meets and mentors there!



Jasmeene Burton

Jasmeene will be deeply missed for her bubbly personality, adorable laughter, and unfailing enthusiasm. Jasmeene has served Kindred Spirit in several ways, initiating the role of publicity chair and using her gifts to facilitate both the internal and external ministry of the group.

Not only has Jasmeene blessed Kindred Spirit with her strong, beautiful alto voice, but her incredible range has also allowed her to sing soprano and tenor parts as needed. Jasmeene's humble heart is evident in her praises, and Kindred Spirit has learned so much from her powerful expression of faith.





“Home Awaits”: still online!



Around this time last year we announced the availability of “Home Awaits” on most streaming platforms, and it’s still there! Just search “Home Awaits”, and download or listen to KS arrangements of “If I Stand,” “Brother,” “Clear the Stage,” and more!

Of course, CD versions of “Home Awaits” are still available—if you’d like to purchase one for yourself or as a gift, email our business manager, Charlotte, at ctausche@princeton.edu.



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