

JOYFUL NOISE

KINDRED SPIRIT'S NEWSLETTER
"Make a joyful noise to the Lord" - Psalm 98:4



Dear Kindred Spirit Family,

As this semester concludes, I am encouraged by God's continued provision for KS. He brought us four new faces this year, (Eric, Abby, Suah, and Katie!), all of which have blessed our group with their warmth, love, and amazing voices! Throughout the year we've sung God's goodness and have so much to be thankful for!

It was a busy year for KS! During the fall semester, we sang at Tiger's Roar, welcomed our newbies, performed for several campus events, and rocked out at the Christmas Jam! In February, KS headed to UPenn, which hosted Break-It-Down-Philly. At BIDP we befriended Rutgers' First Light. Furthering this bond, we welcomed them to campus for a joint Easter Arch Sing, which was a tremendous blessing! Later in the spring we had the joyful opportunity to sing at Six14's performances. Finally, KS wrapped up the semester two weeks ago with our Senior Arch, where we said a sad goodbye to our seniors Andra and Moreen.

Looking ahead, we pray that God continues to grow our group so that we may grow his kingdom on campus and beyond. At Princeton Preview we were excited to meet many incoming freshmen interested in KS! Next fall, we plan to broaden our group's gospel-sharing reach and sing at several churches. We additionally pray that God may make feasible a KS tour next year, which we haven't been able to do since before COVID-19. We appreciate your continued support and prayer as we seek to share the gospel far and wide through song.

Lastly, I'd like to invite you to our Reunions Arch! On Saturday May 27th, join us from 9:00-10:30am for rehearsal in Woolworth 102, and then for the Reunion Arch sing from 10:30-11am at 1879 Arch! You can also join us for a casual reception afterward, held at 11am at Robertson 005, for fellowship with other KS alumni and current members. We look forward to seeing you there!

In Christ,
 Calvin Hunt '24
 KS President 2023
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WHO WE ARE

We are Kindred Spirit, Princeton's one and only Christian a capella group.

WHAT WE DO

Kindred Spirit offers spiritual outreach to the not only our Princeton community but 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, has bought us back & made us an inheritance to Himself.

Thus, we are devoted to spreading the gospel through song (Ephesians 5:19), in order to exhort one another in Christ, and to glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ.



MD's Corner: KS' 2023 Repetoire

Before coming to Princeton, I had never once imagined that I would be part of an a cappella group, let alone direct one. To be completely transparent, I hadn't even considered being Music Director until well into last semester. But if there is one thing I've learned in these past few years, it's that God has a habit of using us in ways we could never plan for.

Looking back on this past semester, I can honestly say that this role has been one of the most fulfilling positions I've ever had the opportunity of being in. Leading a musical group is challenging and time-consuming, but it is all the more rewarding. It has taught—and continues to teach—me so much, not only musically, but in patience, gentleness, leadership, and humility.

One of the biggest challenges I've faced was trying to find the balance between KS as a music group and KS as a fellowship. It's so easy to get caught up in trying to sound perfect, and getting frustrated when we sound anything less than that. Especially in a year where KS is much smaller than normal, it was easy to get discouraged when we were missing voice parts and balance was a struggle. But another thing I've learned is that God is not glorified through our perfection, but in our true and authentic worship. And while we should always strive to do our very best, I've found that taking breaks from drilling during rehearsals to analyze lyrics and have worship jams is much needed. This semester, we learned the bridge of Revelation 19:1 to sing as a warm-up, which I think was a great way to set the right tone at the start of rehearsal.

After this year's BIDP, a great blessing was the creation of a shared arrangements bank, and being able to sing a few beautiful arrangements from other groups, such as "You Say," "Because He Lives," and "This is Living," in addition to our KS classics and arrangements by our very own Paul Kim. After scouring the internet, we were also able to get our hands on a wonderful arrangement of "Living Hope" for our Easter Arch! I hope to try my hand at arranging over the summer, and plan to continue to diversify our repertoire in the fall. Being Music Director has truly been such a joy and pleasure, and I am, once again, so grateful that God's plan turned out different from my own. I pray that He continues to use me to lead us in joyful noise, and that KS will be evidence of the joy that only comes through Him.

In Christ,
Tiffany Deane '24
2023 Musical Director



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Special Thanks To:

The 2022 KS Officers:

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President

Paul Kim '23
Music Director

Moreen Rezkalla '23
Fellowship Chair

Tiffany Deane '24
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& Publicity Chair*

Current Officers:

Calvin Hunt '24
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Tiffany Deane '24
Music Director

Eric Ahn '24
Business Manager

Abby Girma '26
Publicity Chair

Another Awesome Year at BIDP

This year, Kindred Spirit had the opportunity to attend and sing at Break It Down Philadelphia. Since Philadelphia is so close, we decided a day trip would be the best option and we practiced tirelessly all the songs before the big weekend arrived.

On February 25, all of us packed into two cars, and after a short hour-long car ride filled with fellowship and singing, we arrived in Philly! After a short period of driving around the city looking for available parking, we reached the University of Pennsylvania. We started the day with a prayer, warmed up for the long day ahead, and rehearsed the group song for the year, "[Insert Group Song Title]" along with all the other Christian a cappella groups attending BIDP that year. We even had students from UC Berkeley and Stanford join us all the way from the west coast to attend BIDP!

Afterward, we were paired with Columbia's Joyful Noise, and we went busking in the town square. We sang many Kindred Spirit classics, such as "Lord Reign in Me" and "Wade in the Water". Joyful Noise joined us for our final busking song, "Oceans," which turned out beautifully. Being able to spend time with such an amazing and diverse group of students, and share our love for God with the people of Philly, was an awesome experience.

The concert started at 7 that evening. As attendees began to trickle in, I could tell some of our members were a bit nervous before our performance. However, after listening to all the great performances sung by students from across the nation, I knew we would do great. When it was finally our turn to go up on the big stage, Kindred Spirit performed "Scandal of Grace," arranged by our very own member Paul Kim, and "Shake," reminding us of the love and joy we should have in our relationship with God.

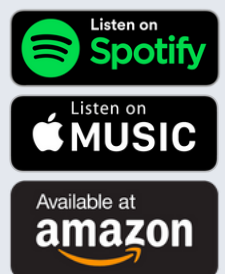
After the concert, we hopped back into our cars and drove back home to Princeton, but not before capping the night off with some late-night McDonald's! This was a great experience for KS, and we were able to meet so many like-minded brothers and sisters at this event. I am so thankful for the family I have in KS and Christ, and I hope we can continue to attend more "Break It Down" events in the future!

Sincerely,
Eric Ahn '24
2023 Business Manager



Our latest album, Home Awaits, which we released in the fall of 2016, is available on CD and several streaming platforms: Apple Music, Amazon Music, Spotify, Pandora, among others. Search "Home Awaits" and download or listen to KS arrangements of "If I Stand," "Brother," "Clear the Stage," and more!

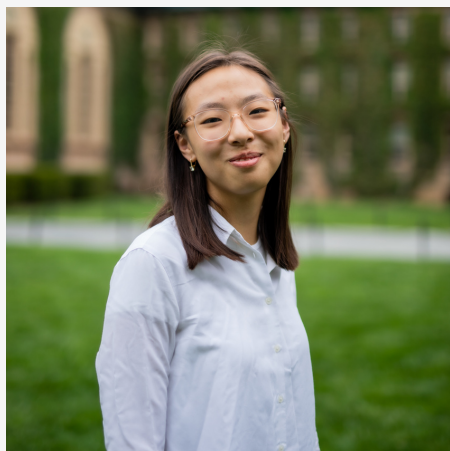
If you wish to purchase the CD, reach out to our current Business Manager Tiffany Deane: tdeane@princeton.edu





Meet the Newbies!

Abby is a current freshman in the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department. She is involved with PCF primarily where she is a Prayer Team leader as well as CU NOVA. When she's not fanatically researching quantum computing, you can find her listening to Messianic Jewish music or trying to do something weird like taking the natural log of Cinderella.



Suah is looking to potentially concentration in Molecular Biology and she is from Queens, New York. Aside from KS, her hobbies include drinking boba, playing the ukulele, writing poetry and enjoying the Lord!



Meet the Newbies!

Eric is an ORFE major from Georgia. Apart from KS, he's mainly involved in student government and Manna. Eric loves to play golf, eat late meal, and wake up bright and early in the morning. Most of the time, you can find him on the B Floor of Firestone where he permanently resides.



Katie is a junior AB COS major from Princeton, NJ. She is an active member of the Princeton Christian Fellowship, and is serving as a Worship leader this year. She also plays the cello in Sinfonia and La Vie en Cello. She can usually be found doing a COS assignment in a library, at a PCF event, or participating in some sort of musical rehearsal.

Senior Spotlights



KS was one of the very first communities I became a part of while at Princeton. Over the past few years I have been so blessed to be able to worship and grow with for the last 4 years. My life has been made so much more full with KS, and has made me recognize the depth and breadth of God's grace and love.

I pray that God continues to use this group to boldly proclaim His name and bless the hearts (and ears) of the Princeton community and beyond. Next year, I will be staying in Princeton to intern with Princeton Christian Fellowship! I am so excited to see KS grow in the next year and stand proudly watching at future arches! :)

Senior Spotlights

God works in wonderful ways. I had no idea when a group of KS members filed into my bedroom at sunrise to sing to me my freshman spring that this would be one of them. KS has been an answer to many prayers and an incredibly loving family to me in Christ, and I will miss it more than words can say. I have been so blessed to sing of our awesome God, grow in my relationship with Him and with my amazing brothers and sisters, and see the Lord's provision in sustaining KS through all seasons. No matter what the day would bring, gathering in our prayer huddle in Woolworth and then singing praise together filled me with a joy and peace that passes understanding.



I could not be more grateful for these beautiful memories and friendships, and for the mighty ways in which God works in and through us. I pray the Lord will continue to bring glory to His name through KS, and may He bless and keep you
(Numbers 6:24).



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