



How Do I Buy Tickets to the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts - Spring Concert on April 22?

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Buying tickets is easy. → You can buy tickets by going first to our own website:
<http://www.mve.org/>

Then click the **BUY TICKETS** blue button. And pop, you see a **"Calendar"** of events at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center.



Click either the **2pm** show or the **7:30** show on **April 22** (there are lots of shows available, so be sure to go to ours). You can buy tickets at premium reserved seating or general admission prices (premium is closer to the front). You will see a red illustration of the seats, and you can pick which seat you want. You can then go back to buy tickets also for the other show time in the same purchase time. You can have the tickets mailed to you if you do it now with a few weeks left, or you can have your tickets kept at Will Call.

When you **proceed to checkout**, you can register with the Sharon Lynne Wilson center first (address, email contact), and then proceed to pay by credit card. There is a service fee, but the process is very smooth and seamless. Yes, you will now be on the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center's mailing list, but that is fine as they have lots of interesting shows over the year, but the one best is on Saturday, April 22 with the **Midwest Vocal Express!**

- Premium Reserved Seating - \$25.00
- General Admission Adult - \$20.00
- General Admission Child - \$17.00
- General Admission Senior - \$17.00
- General Admission Student - \$17.00



April Calendar in Brief

Monday, April 3 2017 – 7:00 pm

[Rehearsal](#)

Monday, April 10 2017 - 7:15pm

[Rehearsal](#)

Tuesday, April 17 2017 - 7:00pm

[Board Meeting](#)

Saturday, April 22 2017 – 2 & 7:30pm **Now That's Funny Spring Concert**

Monday, April 24 2017 - 7:15pm

[Rehearsal](#)

Barbershopper for the Month in February – Derek Balke

We had not one, not two, not three, but FOUR Barbershopper of the Month in February. This was the four members of our quartet the **Quarter Notes**, consisting of **Randy Will** (tenor), **Matt Nagel** (lead), **Bruce Vitale** (Bari), and **Bob Bartkowiak** (bass). They performed eleven paid gigs (and a bunch of impromptu ones) throughout the Milwaukee area on Valentine's Day.



Thanks and congrats on your BOTM Awards.

Hoops Mania – Cody Whitlock

Hoops Mania is in full swing. Thanks to so many chorus members, the MVE has netted nearly \$2,000 for our contest. Good luck to all our hopeful participants. Woo hoo!

Now That's Funny! – Mike Lietke

This year's spring concert theme is modeled after the yearly "Joke Show" of **Prairie Home Companion** when **Garrison Keillor** was the host. Think of it as 100 jokes in 100 minutes. If you are not familiar, that greatly-anticipated show was incredibly rapid-fire, short hitter jokes. They are often times themed (a section for knock-knocks; blonds; etc...).



*Did you know that **YouTube**, **Twitter** and **Facebook** merged to form a new social networking company? The new site is called **YouTwitFace**.*

For a quick gander at **A Prairie Home Companion Joke Show**, go to:
<http://prairiehome.publicradio.org/programs/2011/01/22/scripts/jokes.shtml>

An Interview with New MVE Member Jacob Lambert

MVEer asks: Jacob, you clearly have a wonderful lead voice. How did you develop your extraordinary singing ability?

Jacob replies: You are too kind! I truly have been singing nearly my whole life. My parents started me out with private vocal lessons at age seven and I got involved with musical theater around the same time. As a child diagnosed with a mild case of cerebral palsy, joining on with the **Champaign-Urbana Theater Company** allowed me to embrace my love for music while also becoming more confident as a performer.



MVEer asks: What were some of the productions you were in, Jacob?

Jacob replies: I got my start in **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** and I was involved in several other musicals from grade school through high school. My Champaign Urbana Theater Company experience was capped off in my senior year playing the role of **Jean Valjean** in a student production of **Les Misérables**.



MVEer asks: Outside of music, what are some of your other interests or hobbies?

Jacob replies: Aside from music, I love writing – mostly creative writing and other reflective, personal pieces. I was a journalism major in college and wrote for the university's student newspaper, **The Daily Vidette**. I will always have a love for print journalism...actual physical newspapers.

MVEer asks: Where did you go to college?

Jacob replies: I attended **Illinois State University** in Normal, Illinois. In case you're curious, that's where the "redbird" in my email comes from. Most people assume I'm a Cardinals fan, which couldn't be further from the truth. I've been a Cubbies fan from the beginning – long before they were world champions. *EDITOR'S NOTE:* Jacob's email is: redbird2013@gmail.com



MVEer comments and asks: Jacob, our chorus sang at ISU Center for the Performing Arts in 2013 with the Sound of Illinois and Central States from Kansas City. That concert in Normal was one of the most amazing with the audience



totally involved in every song. But, back to asking a question, what do you do for a living?

Jacob replies: I spend my days at the “Corner of Happy and Healthy,” at the **Walgreens** corporate campus in Deerfield, Illinois. I work as a Global Security Analyst with our Asset Protection Solutions team.

MVEer asks: Wow. Tell us about your family and, may I ask, how old are you Jacob?

Jacob replies: I’m 26. I have an older brother, two older sisters, and two younger brothers. The newest addition to the Lambert family is my wife, **Jenelle**. We were just married on December 23, 2016.

MVE asks: How did you meet **Jenelle**?

Jacob replies: Our paths crossed at Illinois State where we both sang with the **ISU Concert Choir** and the **ISU Madrigal Singers**. We both also sang in separate a cappella groups, **Jenelle** in an all-girl’s a cappella group, **Secondary Dominance**, and I with a mixed a cappella group called the **Clef Hangers**.

Jenelle is currently singing as a lead with the **Melodeers** (along with Josh Umhoefer’s mom and Scott Haugen’s wife, **DeAnne Haugen** and Matt Nagel’s wife, **Ann-Elizabeth Nagel**). Jenelle’s mother (**Tori Hicks**) formerly sang as a baritone in the quartet **Roxy**, and she currently directs the **Midwest Crossroads Chorus** in Joliet, Illinois. I credit Jenelle and her family for convincing me to give barbershop a shot.

MVE says: So, I can see, you have a *cappella*, or perhaps I should say, ACA- everything surrounding your families. We are so very happy to have you with us, Jacob, and we look forward to meeting Jenelle.

Jacob Closes Thanks so much! It’s an honor to sing with you all, and to be on this journey with the Mighty MVE.

Gary Pratt’s Next Chapter – Gary Pratt
(gp@wi.rr.com at least for a bit more).

