

# An Unexpected Song And Dance

Sunday afternoon is the annual All County Band and Chorus concert. While in high school, I always looked forward to this event. Not only did it mean two days out of school to practice, (I went for both groups all four years), but it also meant being surrounded by fellow students who shared a passion for music. However, one of the schools in the county, until recently, never chose to participate. During my junior year, we had the privilege of having R.D. Mathey as the guest clinician for the choir. It featured, among other pieces, a medley of Andrew Lloyd Webber pieces. I was among the brave souls who tried out for a duet of "Unexpected Song" from [Song and Dance](#). Unfortunately, I was not chosen to sing the duet. I do remember the performance of Jester Harrison's "Amen" which was a staple of the BGSU Men's Chorus under Mathey's direction. I tried to find a youtube video but they must not perform it anymore.

Another common occurrence was the typical winter storm that would either cancel the concert or postpone it for a week. One year, it was delayed twice before it was finally shelved for the year. Why it has always been in the middle of winter, I do not know. [Justj](#), is your youngest involved this year?

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## The Little Critters Are Coming

Coming to EHS on October 31 is America's Finest Singing Machine, [The Bowling Green State University Men's Chorus](#). I was a four-year member of the group and some of the best times

were spent on a Lakefront tour bus traveling to one nighters during our Fall mini tour and our week long Spring recruitment tour. We would load up the 3 buses (with risers, luggage, garment bags which held our tuxes) at 5am. Our director, the legendary R.D. Mathey, corralled his "Little Critters" by feeding them Crispy Critters (or as they are more commonly called Krispy Kreme cinnamon buns... I've mentioned those in a post previously). It was on these excursions that we were treated to "Host Family Horror Stories" every morning on the 8" television/VCR that each bus was equipped with. Also, I made the acquaintance of one "Richard Hurts" during roll call. It was also on the Spring tours that I had my first experiences of Broadway... not just any Broadway but the theatre district in the heart of Manhattan.

So, anyway, one of the little stops the chorus will make will be at my high school alma mater. Halloween afternoon at 12:30. In the past, alumni have been called down to perform the traditional barbershop number "Please, Mr. Columbus" to close the concerts. Although the group is under the direction of a new leader, I would not be surprised if the tradition did not stand.