

Reunion Participants

Randy Gill, Nashville, TN (74)
Lynne (Yoakum) Stewart, Shelby Township, MI (74)
Kathryn (Boggs) Ahart, Los Angeles, CA (75)
Holly (Wiser) Rademaker, The Colony, TX (75)
Mark Smith, Ocoee, FL (75)
Donna (Clark) Ham, Waterford, MI (76)
David Allen, McAlester, OK (78)
Sherry (Taylor) Cummins, South Lyon, MI (78)
Loree (Utle) McCauley, Houston, TX (78)
Lisa (Morris) Thaxton, Southside, TN (78)
Tom Rellinger, Petosky, MI (80)
Amy (Clayton) Ogar, Saline, MI (81)
Geannetta (Walker) Bennett, Windsor, CT (82)
Dayton Blake, Memphis, TN (82)
John Carpenter, Mogador, OH (82)
Lori (McKnight) Bubin, Flint, MI (83)
Angie (Haggard) Dunn, Germantown, OH (83)
Dawn (McKamey) Gentry, Indianapolis, IN (83)
Harold Gentry, Indianapolis, IN (83)
Benjay Haggard, Germantown, OH (83)
Terry (McClure) Pitts, Rochester Hills, MI (83)
Pam (Whitelaw) Behrenwald, Lakeview, MI (84)
Mark Davison, Smithfield, PA (84)
Angie Irvin, Charlotte, NC (84)
Dave McClure, Mount Morris, MI (84)
Jodi (Jeziarski) Sharp, Lake Orion, MI (84)
Gerry Stoughton, Nashville, TN (84)
Jim Calkin, Canton, MI (85)
Becky (Blake) Eubanks, Holly, MI (85)

Terri (Teachworth) Ewald, Grand Rapids, MI (85)
Emmanuel Lewis, Buffalo, NY (85)
Andy Peper, Warren, MI (85)
Frank Pitts, Rochester Hills, MI (85)
Mark Starling, Berkley, MI (85)
Simone (Hipkins) Thomas, Sterling Heights, MI (85)
Linda (Clayton) Goodwyn, Lebanon, TN (86)
Dawn (Bradley) Kurschat, Rochester Hills, MI (86)
Edwin Smith, Southgate, MI (86)
Pam (Cline) Whitley, Northfield, NJ (86)
Julie (Jones) Boag, Dearborn, MI (87)
David Brackney, Attica, MI (87)
Dawn (Beck) Anderson, St. Paul, MN (88)
Gerald Baker, Pontiac, MI (88)
Mark Brackney, Rochester Hills, MI (88)
Laura (Day) Leach, Jeffersonville, IN (88)
Brian Cain, Auburn Hills, MI (89)
Julie (Wilson) Piazza, Lake Orion, MI (89)
Karen (Petrich) Christian, Clarkston, MI (90)
Bryan Davies, Flint, MI (90)
Anne (Yoakum) Leonard, Shelby Township, MI (90)
Pete Sexton, Pontiac, MI (90)
Kevin Allen, Lorain, OH (91)
James McDuffie, Searcy, AR (91)
Ken Pribish, Rock Hill, MO (91)
Debi (Shauver) Rutledge, Rochester Hills, MI (91)
Ken Cleghorn, Ferndale, MI (94)
Jason Ragsdale, Nashville, TN (94)
Dan Washburn, Copley, OH (94)
Keisha Dukes, Detroit, MI (95)
Kwaun Dukes, Detroit, MI (95)

Mark Kamphuis, Rochester Hills, MI (95)
Oliver Belo, Markham, ON (96)
David Carnes, Rochester Hills, MI (97)
Jim Lewis, Troy, MI (97)
Kristy Petrich, Auburn Hills, MI (97)
Amy Coe, Davisburg, MI (98)
Nadine Taylor, Marion, MI (98)
Melissa Coe, Davisburg, MI (99)
Dion Frasier, Buffalo, NY (99)
Holly Johnson, Garden City, MI (99)
Beth Stewart, Shelby Township, MI (99)
Moses Velasco, Scarborough, ON (99)
Jonathan Woodall, Cherry Tree, PA (99)

Date is the last date an individual sang in Autumn.

Reunion Planning

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Rochester College presents

25th Anniversary Autumn Concert



Program: Original Autumn
Individual Groups
1998-99 Autumn
Intermission
Anniversary Autumn

Autumn Celebrates a Rich Heritage of Great Singing

Autumn has delighted audiences for twenty-five years. While membership and music styles have changed, the group has maintained a standard of excellence established during the group's first year of existence.

Establishment of Autumn

In the early 70's, Dr. Don Gardner, president of the college, envisioned a traveling performing group that would represent the college at various youth functions. His dream became a reality as his wife, Audrey, persuaded Randy Gill, a talented young freshman, to return for his sophomore year and begin a singing group.

Since the concept of a small traveling ensemble with a repertoire of non-religious music was just beginning to develop among Christian colleges in 1973, half of Autumn's original membership had to be recruited. Eventually, five students banded together to form the first Autumn, not

knowing the long-term impact their efforts would have on the college's student enrollment and music program development.

Members of the group selected the name *Autumn* to reflect the easy-listening style of their music, and to honor the beautiful season they all enjoyed on the campus. Primarily, they performed popular numbers, such as *If You Could Read My Mind*, *Sing Medley*, and *Going Out of My Head*. Their normal program also included a small selection of traditional and devotional songs.

After weeks of preparation and a few individual performances, Autumn made its debut tour to Ontario and New York on February 11-13, 1974. The group traveled with Larry Stewart in a Volkswagen van borrowed from his parents. By the end of the summer, Autumn logged over 12,000 miles in travel, performing for eighty-four audiences over a six-state area. Don Robinson traveled with the group during the summer in a station wagon purchased by the student body.

sponded enthusiastically to Autumn's new image and program.

With the introduction of Company, a traveling drama troupe, in the fall of 1984, the Admissions Office no longer found it necessary to split Autumn to cover two events on the same date. Consequently, directors began selecting smaller groups based upon available talent and ease of travel.

Autumn of the 1990's

By the fall of 1990, members of Autumn began receiving moderate scholarships for their work with the group. Since that time, Autumn has consistently numbered either five or six members each year.

Autumn began broadening its repertoire of music styles as contemporary Christian music blossomed. From the popular tunes of Acapella to the precise sounds of Glad, Autumn has performed a wide range of music.

In order to address a growing in-

terest in musical performance groups, the college added Spectrum in the fall of 1992. In contrast to the first year, it is not unusual for as many as forty to audition for one of the two performing groups.

With the addition of a bachelor's degree major in music at Rochester College, one wonders what the future will hold for Autumn. No doubt, however, that future will uphold the tradition of excellence that has honored the college for twenty-five years.

Music Directors

Students provided musical leadership for Autumn during the group's initial two years. Four talented music directors have worked with Autumn since that time.

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| 1976-84 | Randy Gill |
| 1984-86 | Ed Buchanan |
| 1986-96 | Joe Bentley |
| 1996- | Frank Pitts |

Recordings

Recording methods have evolved with Autumn! Copies of all recordings from 1974 through 1996 are available tonight. Originals are still available for both 1997 and 1998. While the copies are not the same quality as original recordings, they still provide great listening!

Records

1974 You Can Close Your Eyes

Records and 8 Track Tapes

1975 We're Goin' Home

Records

1977 Autumn
1978 On the Road Again
1980 66 Miles to Madison

Cassette Tapes

1982 Sail On
1983 Heed the Call
1984 I'm Yours!
1985 The Trumpet of Jesus
1986 Worship His Majesty
1987 All Things Are Possible
1988 Ain't Got Time to Die
1989 God Holds the Future
1990 Jesus is the Answer
1991 People Need the Lord
1992 Rock of My Salvation
1993 Glorify Thy Name
1994 Everybody!
1995 Hallelujah, the Lamb of God
1996 Undivided Heart

Cassettes and Compact Discs

1997 Listen to Our Hearts

Compact Discs

1998 We Were Made for This

Leadership Transition

Fritz Petrich capably directed the A Cappella Chorus on a part-time basis from 1973 to 1976, but Autumn had to depend upon student leadership. Randy Gill provided that leadership during the first year, and Mark Smith during the second. Unfortunately, Autumn did not perform during the 1975-76 academic year.

In the fall of 1976, Randy Gill returned to the college as a full-time instructor of music and began directing both the A Cappella Chorus and Autumn. During the same academic year, he also introduced Brighter Days, a small traveling ensemble that featured an entire program of religious music. All three groups flourished in the years that followed.

Restructuring of Autumn

In 1981, personnel changes in Autumn led to the development of a summer ensemble that performed only gospel music. Based upon reception of that group, Randy Gill and admissions personnel decided to reshape the image of Autumn.

That fall, Brighter Days merged into a twelve-member Autumn that performed selections from a growing field of contemporary Christian music. The number of singers enabled the group to split into two smaller ensembles when two performance opportunities fell on the same date. Audiences re-

Autumn Membership

1973-74

Kathryn Boggs
Randy Gill
Mark Smith
Holly Wiser
Lynne Yoakum

1974-75

Kathryn Boggs
Phil Huckaba
Becky Sims
Mark Smith
Holly Wiser

1976-77

David Allen
Rosetta May
Mark Moore
Nedra Smith

1977-78

David Allen
Lisa Morris
Sherry Taylor
Loree Utley

1978-79

Lauren Dickinson
Cherry Echols*
Sandy Evans*
Marcia Shepherd
Clay Sturgeon

1979-80

Tim Dill
Tom Rellinger
Clay Sturgeon

1980-81

Tim Dill
Rick Root
Ann Wright

Summer

Amy Clayton
Mark Davison
Tim Dill
Terry McClure

1981-82

Dayton Blake
John Carpenter
Dulane Daughtry
Dan Ealey
Harold Gentry
Deanna Howe
Cliff Jones
Terry McClure
Dawn McKamey
Lori McKnight
Scott Smith
Geannetta Walker

1982-83

Tony Davis
Mark Davison
Dan Ealey
Harold Gentry
Angie Haggard
Benjay Haggard
Jodi Jezierski
Terry McClure
Dawn McKamey
Lori McKnight
Von Smith
Pam Whitelaw

1983-84

Jim Belasco
Mark Berard
Mark Davison
Simone Hipkins
Angie Irvin
Jodi Jezierski
Scott Lanning
Emmanuel Lewis
David McClure
Leslie Rhoads
Gerry Stoughton
Michelle Sturgis
Pam Whitelaw

1984-85

Becky Blake
Dawn Bradley
Jim Calkin
Linda Clayton
Simone Hipkins
Emmanuel Lewis
Andy Peper
Frank Pitts
Leslie Rhoads
Mark Starling
Terri Teachworth
Nathan Yoder

1985-86

David Brackney
Dawn Bradley
Linda Clayton
Pam Cline
Karla Gaddie
Julie Jones
Edwin Smith
Kim Whitmire
Nathan Yoder

1986-87

Gerald Baker
James Ballard
David Brackney
Mark Brackney
Laura Day
Julie Jones
Pam Krick
Linda Sattison
Jeff Westerby*
Rob Wright

1987-88

Gerald Baker
Dawn Beck
Mark Brackney
Jim Craig
Laura Day
Linda Sattison
Debi Shauver
Julie Wilson

1988-89

Jeff Allen
Brian Cain
Jim Craig
Ady Hutchins
Codie Johnson
James McDuffie
Karen Petrich
Debi Shauver
Don Smith
Julie Wilson

1989-90

Darrell Amy
John Batty
Dian Cain
Bryan Davies
Julie Lovelace
Donny Martin
Karen Petrich
Pete Sexton
Debi Shauver
Anne Yoakum

1990-91

Kevin Allen
Dawn Dickey*
James McDuffie
Jessica Pell
Ken Pribish
Sheryl Rathbun
Debi Shauver
Jill Vick*

1991-92

Ken Cleghorn
Jessica Pell
Jason Ragsdale
Sheryl Rathbun
Drew Smith
Dan Washburn

1992-93

Ken Cleghorn
Keisha Dukes
Kwaun Dukes
Jason Ragsdale
Drew Smith
Dan Washburn

1993-94

Ken Cleghorn
Keisha Dukes
Kwaun Dukes
Jason Ragsdale
Drew Smith
Dan Washburn

1994-95

Oliver Belo
Steven Bruce
Kathlene Cotter
Keisha Dukes
Kwaun Dukes
Mark Kamphuis

1995-96

Oliver Belo
Steven Bruce
David Carnes
Stephanie Corp
Holly Johnson
Kristy Petrich

1996-97

David Carnes
Holly Johnson
Jim Lewis
Kristy Petrich
Moses Velasco

1997-98

Amy Coe
Dion Frasier
Holly Johnson
Nadine Taylor
Jonathan Woodall

1998-99

Melissa Coe
Dion Frasier
Holly Johnson
Beth Stewart
Moses Velasco
Jonathan Woodall

Autumn Trivia

- Named on the right, 123 singers have performed with Autumn since the group's inception in 1973. Nearly two-thirds of those individuals are participating in the 25th Anniversary Reunion Concert.
- Four couples share the Autumn experience, Harold and Dawn Gentry, Mark and Rosetta Moore, Frank and Terry Pitts, and Drew and Kathleen Smith.
- Songs repeated the most times over the past twenty-five years include *Cornerstone*, *Old Man's Rubble*, *God Holds the Future*, and *Amen*.
- Debi (Shauver) Rutledge holds the distinction of being the first person to sing with Autumn for four years as the college began adding four-year programs.
- Membership of Autumn remained unchanged for two consecutive years during 1992-93 and 1993-94 academic years.
- Beth Stewart, daughter of Lynne (Yoakum) Stewart, became the first second-generation member of Autumn this fall.

* Summer groups often included only some of the members. Occasionally, a new person replaced a member of a group for the summer only (indicated by an asterisk).

Membership lists were compiled from yearbooks and chorus programs, so a person who sang with Autumn for only one semester may not be listed.