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# SPAN

Student Performing Arts  
Night



*2023*



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# Program

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## Penn Band

The Penn Band is one of the University's most progressive student-led traditions. We stand among the largest and most active student-led organizations on-campus, rehearsing and performing upwards of 100+ times during the academic year and serving as the guardians of All Things Red and Blue.

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## Pan-Asian Dance Troupe

Pan-Asian Dance Troupe is proud to be the University of Pennsylvania's premier Asian fusion dance team that actively works to bridge culture and identity with performance.

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## iNtuitons Experimental Theatre

iNtuitons Experimental Theatre is the premiere alternative theatre group at the University of Pennsylvania.

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## The Excelano Project

Founded in 2001, The Excelano Project is the University of Pennsylvania's premier spoken word poetry group. But EP goes beyond the poetry; we are a family.

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## Dhamaka

Penn Dhamaka is the University of Pennsylvania's premier competitive all-male fusion dance troupe. Dhamaka performs a variety of dance styles, including Bhangra, Hip-Hop, Bollywood, Kuthu, Raas, and more.

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## Front Row Theater Company

A student-organized theatre company producing theatre that calls attention to cultural, political, and societal issues important to its membership and its greater communities.

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## Penn Jazz

Penn Jazz is the student-run big band jazz ensemble at the University of Pennsylvania, led with the assistance of musical director Skyler Hagner.

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## Penn Players

Penn Players is the oldest theater group on campus, and fulfills a special role in the campus community as the only theater group that utilizes a professional director.

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## PENNaach

PENNaach, the University of Pennsylvania's premier South Asian Dance Troupe was founded in 1997 to promote South Asian culture through forms of traditional, classical and modern dance. Naach is the oldest surviving Indian fusion dance team in the country.

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## Penn Singers

Penn Singers is the only 4 year theatre company at Penn! We're a tight-knit community of performers, musicians, and technicians committed to producing top-notch musical theatre and having fun!

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## CityStep

CityStep is an arts/social impact club that connects Penn students with Philadelphia youth. Through dance and mentorship, we provide elementary to middle school students with opportunities for creative self-expression.

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## Simply Chaos

Simply Chaos: Penn's Premier Stand Up Comedy Troupe.

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## Sparks Dance Co

Sparks Dance Company is a talented, passionate group of dancers specializing in ballet, jazz, contemporary, hip hop, and more. Beyond the dance studio, we share a love for community outreach.

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## Quadramics Theatre Company

Quadramics is UPenn's oldest student-directed theatre company, producing a fall play and spring musical! We share a passion for great theatre—so come join us for the fun, madness and drama!

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## Sargam

Penn Sargam is one of America's first student-groups dedicated to promoting South Asian fusion music. Sargam brings together music ranging from Hindustani, Carnatic to Bollywood, Pop and Rock

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## West Philly Swingers

West Philly Swingers: Penn's premier swing dancing troupe. Lindy Hoppin' and West Coast Swinging in the City of Brotherly Love and Beyond. Catch us swingin' on Locust and our show!

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## Without A Net Improv

We are Without A Net, Penn's premiere and only improv comedy troupe! Our shows are 100% unscripted (and uncensored). Come out to have a good time!

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## Arts House Dance Company

Arts House Dance Company is a student-run dance company known for its strong technique, innovative choreography, and tight-knit culture. The company performs styles including contemporary, jazz, hip-hop, ballet and more.

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## Stimulus Children's Theater

Stimulus Children's Theatre Company (Stim) is a theatre group that aims to share performances with valuable lessons to young audiences, through both musical theatre and traditional plays.

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## Soundworks Tap Factory

Soundworks Tap Factory is Penn's only tap dancing group! We are a student-led company that produces two shows a year. Open to all levels of experience!

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## Penn Glee Club

Penn's oldest performing arts group, featuring a professionally directed SATB choir, technical staff, and band. We frequently perform at University events and embark on a 10-day international tour each May!

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## Penn Raas

Penn Raas is UPenn's premiere co-ed Garba/Raas team. We perform lively dances for our friends and family at home and across the country throughout the year.

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## Atma

Atma is UPenn's award-winning, female-identifying South Asian fusion a cappella student group! Since the inception of the group at the University of Pennsylvania in 2002, Atma has been most noted for bringing together a wide variety of genres to create a deep and unique sound.

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## Disney A Cappella

Disney is Penn's premier co-ed community service a cappella group, and the most magical group on campus. If you like Disney music, this group is for you!

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## Penn Masti

Penn Masti is Penn's premier competitive co-ed South Asian fusion dance team! Bringing energy and a little mischief to each performance, Masti adds a twist to South Asian fusion dance

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## Penny Loafers

The Penny Loafers are the University of Pennsylvania's only all-gender indie & pop a cappella group. We love introducing audiences to songs from up-and-coming artists and reinventing our favorite household jams.

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## Penn Shabbaton

The Shabbaton, founded in 2001, is the University of Pennsylvania's premier Jewish a cappella group. We sing music in both English and Hebrew and perform locally and nationally on tour.

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## Onda Latina

Penn's Premiere Latin Dance Group

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## PennSori

PennSori is UPenn's premier K-Pop fusion a cappella group. We sing a range of genres from pop to K-Pop to serve as a bridge between Korean and American cultures.

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## Dischord

Dischord is Penn's premier Pop and R&B all-gender a cappella group, covering artists like Rihanna, Harry Styles, and Frank Ocean. We live by the motto 49% Music and 51% Family.

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## Fuerza

Fuerza strives to ensure that the presence of Latinx music and culture continues in our institution. We help teach interested Penn students and community members the basics of Latinx music!

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## The Inspiration A Cappella

The Inspiration is a coed A Cappella Group that focuses on music written and/or performed by people of the African Diaspora, with two main goals: to entertain AND to educate people.

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## Penn Chinese Dance Club

Penn Chinese Dance Club is a dance group dedicated to practicing traditional Chinese dance. We host our annual showcase every spring and welcome dancers of all levels.

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## Quaker Notes

Quaker Notes is a fun-loving, all-female-identifying a cappella group, and the first a cappella group established on Penn's campus. Our music ranges from pop to oldies to alternative and R&B.

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## The Pennchants

We are UPenn's premier all male identifying acappella group that specializes in performing songs of our childhood.

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## Strictly Funk

Strictly Funk is Penn's premiere hip-hop and contemporary dance and production company. Let's funk!

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## Penn Counterparts

Founded in 1981, Counterparts is the University of Pennsylvania's oldest all-gender a cappella group. Today, we sing pop and jazz, create albums and music videos, and tour across the world.

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## Menagerie

Menagerie is a pop and rock band on campus dedicated to making music more fun and inclusive. We have performed during Spring Fling, Band Slam, and so much more! Follow us on instagram @pennmenagerie!

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## PennYo

PennYo is America's first and Penn's premier Chinese a cappella group. We have covered many East Asian and Western artists and we hope to continue bringing our culture to Penn.

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## Penn Dance

Penn Dance Company is the University of Pennsylvania's premiere modern dance company, the oldest dance company on campus, and the only dance group with a professional artistic director.

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## Keynotes A Cappella

Welcome to the world of Keynotes A Cappella! Our co-ed group thrives in inclusivity, primarily singing pop songs while also exploring various genres like r&b, indie, alternative rock, and more!

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## PennSix

Penn Six is Penn's only no audition comedy a cappella group. We take pride in our values of diversity, open mindedness, and overall great vibes. Join today!

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## Penn Latin and Ballroom Dance Team

We teach and promote Ballroom and Latin dancing to Penn students and other members of the Philadelphia community, and we travel to collegiate competitions. No partner needed. We welcome beginners!

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## Penn Masala

Penn Masala is the world's first South Asian a cappella group. This summer we completed a 6-city India tour and performed at the White House

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## Penn KBeats

Penn k-Beats is the only official undergraduate student dance group that specializes in K-Pop dance. We aim to promote K-Pop culture through various performances on and off campus.

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## Full Measure

Full Measure seeks to actively serve our community as an outward-pointing ministry, sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ to others around us.

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## Off the Beat

OTB has been rocking out on stage and in studio since 1987. Whether recorded or live, we make ourselves proud with unique arrangements and powerful vocals alike.

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## Penn Hype Dance Crew

Penn Hype Dance Crew is a co-ed, student-run dance crew that explores a variety of styles within hip hop and builds a diverse and fun community of dancers.

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# Additional Groups

- Penn Enchord A Cappella
  - Penn Masala
  - Penn Swizzles
  - New Spirit of Penn Gosel Choir
  - Beatles' Penn
  - DJ@P
  - Kapacity
  - PennRaps
  - Penn Alaap
  - Penn Compose
  - Penn Dure
  - Penn Records
  - Polyphonia
  - Student of Hip Hop Legacy
  - The Songwriters Collective
  - African Rhythms
  - Freaks of the Beat
  - MMDC (Miss May Dance Crew) & B&G (Bounce & Groove)
  - Penn Ballet
  - Penn Lions
  - Penn Thillana
  - Penn Yalla
  - Rueda Penn Casino
  - WAVE
  - Bloomers Comedy
  - Mask & Wig
  - Penn Improv Society
  - African American Arts Alliance
  - Penn Chinese Theater
  - Penn Illusionist
  - Penn Monologues
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## **AUDITIONEES:**

- ***Please see the schedule below with important dates for groups you might plan to audition for.***
- ***Please consider your own academic and personal commitments when considering your audition plans.***

## **Student Group Show Weeks - Fall 2023**

**AUGUST 27th - SEPTEMBER 2nd**

**Front Row** - Harrison College

**Mask & Wig & Bloomers** -  
Zellerbach

**SPAN** - Zellerbach

**SEPTEMBER 17th - 23rd**

**iNtuitons** - Platt House

**SEPTEMBER 28th - OCTOBER 1st**

**PAC Con** - Platt House

**OCTOBER 15th - 21st**

**\*Fuerza** - Class of '49

**Mask & Wig** - IGT

**OCTOBER 22nd - 28th**

**Bloomers** - Prince

**FamPAN** - Irvine

**Glee Club & Penn Dance** - IGT

**Penn Dhamaka** - Zellerbach

**Quadramics** - Class of '49

**OCTOBER 29th - NOVEMBER 4th**

**4A** - Class of '49

**PennYo** - IGT

**Strictly Funk** - IGT

**Flip for more groups!**



Details will be available closer to the date at  
<https://www.vpul.upenn.edu/secure/calendar/>

\*Independent Group

# Student Group Show Weeks - Fall 2023

## (continued)

### NOVEMBER 5th - 11th

**Arts House** - IGT

**Atma** - Class of '49

**Full Measure** - Bodek

**Pennchants & Quaker Notes** - IGT

**Penn Jazz** - Bodek

**PennSori** - Class of '49

**\*Penn Songwriters Collective** -  
Platt Lobby

**Stimulus** - Prince

### NOVEMBER 12th - 18th

**Counterparts** - IGT

**The Excelano Project** - Rainey,  
Museum

**The Inspiration** - Prince

**iNtuitons** - Class of '49

**\*Keynotes** - Platt Lobby

**Onda Latina** - IGT

**Penn Sargam** - Harrison, Museum

**Penn Singers** - Prince

**Penn Six** - Widener, Museum

### NOVEMBER 19th

**\*Penn Ballet** - IGT

### NOVEMBER 26th - DECEMBER 2nd

**Front Row** - Class of '49

**Off the Beat** - IGT

**Penn Chinese Theater** - Harrison,  
Museum

**\*Penn Enchord** - Bodek

**Penny Loafers** - Prince

**Shabbatones** - Widener, Museum

**Simply Chaos** - Class of '49

**Soundworks** - Prince

**Sparks** - IGT

### DECEMBER 3rd - 9th

**Dischord** - IGT

**Disney** - Class of '49

**New Spirit of Penn** - IGT

**West Philly Swingers** - IGT

**Penn Players** - Prince

**Without a Net** - Class of '49

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# PAC EXEC

## Introductions to the Performing Arts Council Executive Board!



### CHRISTINA CUNNINGHAM

Christina (she/her) is a Senior from Lake Wales, Florida studying Architecture in the College. She became involved with TAC-e in the spring of her freshmen year and has been invested ever since! Besides being TAC-e Chair, she is on the board of Stimulus Children's Theatre, though she often works on the prod staffs of other TAC-e groups! She loves the tight knit community in TAC-e and how loving and inclusive the groups are. When not doing her TAC-e Duties, you can find Christina running recruitment for all of the Panhellenic Sororities and working on projects in the Student Committee on Undergraduate Education. Email Christina at [tache.chair@gmail.com](mailto:tache.chair@gmail.com)

TAC-E CHAIR



### MEGAN HIGGINS

Megan Higgins (she/her) is a senior from Fairfield, IA majoring in Political Science and minoring in Jazz and Popular Music Studies. Between fulfilling her ACK Chair duties, music directing Penn Counterparts, typing away at the work study desk, and rehearsing with Penn Jazz, Platt House has essentially become her second home on campus. Outside of her musical involvements, Megan is a member of Friars Senior Society and Sigma Delta Tau. Some of her interests include running, cooking, iced coffee, and SABSing on a sunny day. Email Megan at [ack.chair@gmail.com](mailto:ack.chair@gmail.com)

ACK CHAIR



### MALLIKA TATAVARTI

Mallika Tativarti (she/her) is a junior from California studying Communication and English and minoring in French. She is the SMAC Chair and co-DEI coordinator, as well as a cast member of Bloomers and a self-proclaimed Awesome Audience Member. She's been involved in Penn performing arts since freshman fall! Mallika loves theatre, art, and Architectural Digest Open Door videos. Email Mallika at [SMAC.chair@gmail.com](mailto:SMAC.chair@gmail.com)

SMAC CHAIR



### ELLA NEVO

Ella Nevo (she/her) is a sophomore from Bryn Mawr, PA, studying Bioengineering. She is a member of Penn Dance Company and also serves as their costume chair. When she is not in rehearsal, in class, or studying in Biotech GSRs, she enjoys crocheting, figure skating, and watching the occasional episode of New Girl. Ella loves the color purple, probably uses "slay" too often, and is so excited to serve as DAC chair! Email Ella at [dacchair@gmail.com](mailto:dacchair@gmail.com)

DAC CHAIR



### MADISON SMITH

Madison (she/her) is a Junior from Malibu, California studying Communications and minoring in Economic Policy. She is the Community Service chair and coordinates the After School Arts at Penn program (ASAP)! Madison is involved in a little bit of everything at Penn, but the arts & crafts table at ASAP is her favorite place to be. She loves art, baking, and NYT cooking videos <3. Email Madison at [paccomserv@gmail.com](mailto:paccomserv@gmail.com), she loves to talk about ASAP!

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# AFTER School ARTS AT PENN



Love to sing, dance, act, make music, or play an instrument? Volunteer for After School Arts at Penn (ASAP), a student group at Penn where you can continue to perform while volunteering to teach local students in the arts!



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