

A cappella to delight LateNight

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Some a cappella singers said that at a football school, it's easy for the attention to be taken from the arts — but they hope a free showcase Friday will change that.

The a cappella group The Dreamers will host the A Cappella Sampler at 10 p.m. Oct. 29 at Alumni Hall.

With nine different a cappella groups, there will be a lot of variety, said Matt Seyler, a member of The Dreamers who is in charge of promoting and organizing the event.

"Every group is going to bring something different," Seyler (senior-marketing) said.

The sampler is the only opportunity all year students will be able to hear all nine groups at the same venue for free, said Luke Skerpon, a member of the largest a cappella group on campus, Blue in the Face.

"There's a variety of different styles within each a cappella group and they

If you go

What: A Cappella Sampler

When: 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29

Where: HUB Alumni Hall

Details: Free

all have their own thing that makes them unique," Skerpon (junior-secondary education) said.

Because a cappella has its own style, the groups can rearrange all types of music genres into a cappella, he said.

"We either purchase songs with the a cappella harmony parts or we have someone in our group write them," Skerpon said.

This year there will be a more diverse set of songs and genres, Seyler said.

"We are doing a rap song, but you can basically turn any genre whether it's a rap song, 50s, or rock," he said.

The members of the different groups performing share a passion for a cappella, but their majors do not reflect it, said Keisha Mulugeta, member of Savoir Faire.

She said none of her group's members are music majors.

"My group keeps me sane when I have a physics and a chemistry exam coming up to worry about," Mulugeta (sophomore-immunology) said.

Last year, The Dreamers weren't able to put on the sampler due to increased security at HUB LateNight, but they received a call from organizers saying they were able to perform this year.

So instead of a sampler, the musical groups put on a winter concert singing holiday songs.

Organizers said they hope there is a good turnout.

HUB-Alumni Hall fits 800 people and more than 400 people are attending, with more than 650 "maybes" on the Facebook event group, Seyler said.

Lion FM, Noontime team up for show

By Karina Yücel
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The Student Programming Association's Noontime Concert Series is teaming up with The Lion 90.7 FM this week to celebrate the radio station's 15th anniversary.

On Friday, The Lion will co-host the Noontime Concert Series with the series' committee and will also hold its own event in its studio.

"The Lion has been around for 15 years on Halloween, and to celebrate we are having a party in the studio," said Zach Zimble, president and general manager of The Lion. "There is going to be food, music and an open house for people to come in and see what we do."

The party will start at 11:30 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. Friday.

Zimble (junior-supply chain and information sciences and technology) said The Lion has been teaming up with the Noontime Concert Series since the beginning of the semester. Artists performing at the concerts would go into the studio before or after their sets, play a few songs and have an on-air interview, Zimble said.

If you go

What: Tinted Image performance at Noon and The Lion 90.7 FM open house

When: Noon Friday, Oct. 29

Where: HUB-Robeson Center

Details: Free

Zimble said not many people know the Lion FM station is located behind the fish tanks in the HUB-Robeson Center.

Carolyn Lederach, Noontime Concert Series chairwoman, said she is excited for the joint event.

Tinted Image Acoustic Trio will perform for the series, Lederach (senior-advertising) said.

Tinted Image is from Rochester, N.Y., and the Noontime committee found the band on a website where artists can submit electronic press kits, Lederach said.

"They are very poppy," she said.

"We thought the band was different. [Tinted Image] has both a full band and also a three-piece acoustic act with a

keyboardist, saxophonist and guitarist."

The three-piece acoustic act consists of Matt Merritt on guitar, Joel Vickers on saxophone and vocals and Alyssa Coco on keyboard and lead vocals, Coco said.

Coco said the full band has opened for groups such as Green Day, Paramore and Smash Mouth.

"We are very lucky to have been performing for such big bands and in such large venues," Merritt said.

Merritt said he and Vickers met while in high school and played in a jazz band together before they started playing original music.

Coco was previously a contestant on "American Idol" and joined the band after she was eliminated from the popular show.

The band has been together two years this week, Merritt said, and is happy to have stayed together for so long.

The members are also looking forward to coming to Penn State.

"We are excited to come and play," Coco said.

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Sigma Alpha Iota: International Music Fraternity (all-female) (2006)

The Dreamers
Phi Mu Alpha: all-male/oldest a cappella from Alpha Zeta Chapter (1989)

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