

PROFESSOR MIKE MENNARD



Believe it or not, Mike Mennard is an “Admiral in the Navy of the Great State of Nebraska.” The state’s governor gave him this honor—the highest given in Nebraska—for his work with children as both a musician and a poet, with more than 10 children’s recordings and book of children’s poetry.

Mike’s been performing for audiences since he was a young boy, traveling with his parents and two sisters singing Southern Gospel. Today, he’s an award-winning songwriter, poet, and author and, as the Lincoln Journal Star declared, “the Poet Laureate of Silliness.”

He’s also a college English professor, but don’t hold that against him...please.

"BUCCANEER" BEN VANDEVERE

Ben got a taste of musical theatre in 5th grade and found a calling—a hunger, really.

With so many shows to his credit—including *The Music Man* (twice), *Cinderella*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Our Town*, *Captain Scrooge*, *Into the Woods*, and *Gilligan’s Island*—Ben now has “modest dreams.” He merely hopes one day to land on Broadway, write his own show, record a top-40 hit, become a Disney prince, and travel the world. (If he has time, he’ll cure cancer and end world hunger.)

Ben might be a vocal performance graduate from Union College (2016), but he also plays practically every instrument—except the didgeridoo. (Give him time!) He launched two a cappella vocal groups—F7ve Seven and R3sonate.

Most importantly, Ben takes cosplaying seriously. Catch him at a ComicCon or Renaissance Faire, and who knows what character you might find.



ANDREA "DREAMER DREA" REED



Dreamer Drea—a.k.a. Andrea Reed—hails from the Kansas City, Kansas. She's very insistent on noting she is a Kansan and not a Missourian.

She recently graduated in 2016 with a degree in music—vocal performance—at Union College in Lincoln, Neb. It was there she met Ben, Chang, and Mike, her eventual musical partners.

While at Union, she sang in Ben's a cappella jazz vocal group, F7ve 5even, then later in the a cappella gospel trio R3sonate with Ben and Chang.

She's not ashamed to admit she loves My Little Pony, cosplaying, and anime fan conventions. But her truest love is singing and making googly eyes at Rudy—Mike's charming greyhound—when no one's looking.

CHARMAINE "CHEERY CHANG" ANG

Her name is Charmaine Ang, but her friends have condensed it to "Chang." And she's very cheery!

Chang was born and grew up in Chipata, Zambia. She still calls Zambia home. Her parents were missionaries and, well, still are.

When she's not sporting her Magic Pants, Chang's a junior music major (piano) at Union College. We've lost count how many languages she can speak or understand, but one of them is Dung Beetle.

Chang has performed improv and musical theatre, but she also loves poetry, drawing, going on mission trips, making weird and random noises, and inciting laughter.

Like all members of the Mighty Magic Pants, Chang's ambitions are small. One day she hopes to be a medical and musical missionary, along with being an architect, a pilot, a studio engineer, a playwright, a lmmaker, and an author.

Most importantly, one day she hopes to be Lea Salonga, Mulan, or Jackie Chan.

