THE MISSION
The F. Melius Christiansen (FMC) Endowment Fund was established in 1996 by the American Choral Directors Association of Minnesota (ACDA-MN) to guarantee a vibrant future for choral music in the state of Minnesota. Its mission is to provide financial support to Minnesota choral directors for professional development and graduate education, to encourage young musicians in the state of Minnesota to pursue choral conducting as a career, to provide need-based financial support for students of ACDA-MN members who are selected for the ACDA-MN state honor choir program, and to provide financial support for administration of the FMC Endowment Fund Committee activities.

THE INSPIRATION
The Endowment’s namesake, F. Melius Christiansen (1871-1955), was a Norwegian immigrant who is considered the ‘father’ of a cappella singing in North America. Christiansen founded the St. Olaf Choir in Northfield, Minnesota, and shaped it into arguably the best-known collegiate choir in the world. For nearly thirty years, he used an ethic of hard work to achieve perfect intonation, seamless ensemble blend, and crisp diction. The FMC Endowment Fund recognizes Christiansen’s inspirational contributions to the choral art that are still in evidence today.

THE IMPACT
Thanks to the generosity of people like you, we provided 60 people with more than $22,350 in scholarships from ACDA-MN’s FMC Endowment Fund in 2018. This year, 32 of our recipients were students of ACDA-MN members, who received need-based scholarships to participate in the ACDA-MN state honor choir program! And, for the first time, we supported two students in attending the ACDA Next Direction Student Leadership Conference, which brings together talented and engaged high school students from across the country who are interested in pursuing a career in choral music.

We are deeply grateful to members of ACDA-MN and other supporters of choral music whose faithful giving has allowed us to invest in the choral life of Minnesota through the FMC Endowment Fund. Scholarship descriptions and the 2018 recipients are listed on pages 4 and 5.

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2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
for the year January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018

FMC Endowment Fund Balance as of December 31, 2017: $885,895
FMC Endowment Fund Balance as of December 31, 2018: $876,609

INCOME

CONTRIBUTED
Individual Donations $24,045.60
Foundation and Corporate Donations $3,150.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTED $27,195.60

EARNED
Investment Income $18,022.78
Net Investment Gain/Loss (-) $67,491.10
Professional Management Fees (-) $6,420.77
Balance (-) $55,889.09
TOTAL INCOME (-) $28,693.49

EXPENSE
Administrative Operating Costs $14,979.00
Endowment Fund Scholarships
Summer Dialogue $1,920
Student Conducting Workshop $1,316
National Conference $4,192
Graduate Study $9,600
Alice T. Larsen Memorial Scholarship $1,500
Honor Choir $3,320
Next Direction $500
Total Scholarships $22,350.00

TOTAL EXPENSE $37,329.00

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We greatly appreciate your generosity and support. Thank you!
ACDA-MN's FMC Endowment Fund Committee awards scholarships annually to ACDA-MN members to attend ACDA division and national conferences, the Summer Dialogue professional development conference, and graduate school. Every three years and ACDA-MN member is awarded a scholarship to attend the World Symposium on Choral Music.

In addition, we provide need-based financial support for students of ACDA-MN members who are selected for the ACDA-MN state honor choir program and to attend the ACDA Next Direction Student Leadership Conference each year.

Since 1997, 422 Minnesota choral directors and collegiate members have been the recipients of $241,245 in scholarship awards. We are pleased that the following scholarships have been awarded to ACDA-MN members:

- Summer Dialogue: 165
- Summer Dialogue Student Conducting Workshop: 56
- Graduate Study: 62
- ACDA Division and National Conference: 75
- World Symposium on Choral Music: 5
- Honor Choir Registration Scholarships: 55
- Next Direction Student Leadership Conference: 2
- Total: 422

ACDA-MN STATE HONOR CHOIR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP
Created in 2016, ACDA-MN’s F. Melius Christiansen Endowment Fund provides need-based financial support for students of ACDA-MN members who are selected for the ACDA-MN state honor choir program each year to help pay honor choir registration fees. Scholarships were awarded to 32 students in 2018.

SUMMER DIALOGUE SCHOLARSHIPS
Scholarships to attend this four-day ACDA of Minnesota annual professional development conference are available to conductors with up to two years of experience and conductors with any length of experience who have never attended a previous Summer Dialogue. The 2018 Summer Dialogue recipients were:

- Bradley Beale - Foley Public Schools
- Ben Beaupre - Medford Public Schools
- Brian Brokofsky - Prior Lake-Savage Middle School
- Alicia Dunning - Prior Lake-Savage Middle School
- Scott Perau - Red Wing High School
- Amelia Tesdahl - Faribault Middle School

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SUMMER DIALOGUE STUDENT CONDUCTOR WORKSHOP SCHOLARSHIP
Scholarships were awarded to nine Minnesota collegiate students to participate in a two-day conducting workshop during ACDA-MN’s Summer Dialogue conference. The 2018 student conductors were:

- Nathan Berthelsen - St. Olaf College
- Zane Biles - University of Minnesota-Duluth
- Meghan Larson - Concordia University-St. Paul
- Kyle Lamb - University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
- Lindsay Marketon - Bemidji State University
- Noah Ostlund - Concordia University-St. Paul
- Thaddeus Staton - University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
- Emily Walker - Concordia College-Moorhead
- Dan Weinhagen - Bethel University

Summer Dialogue Scholarship Recipients
Left to Right: Scott Perau, Alicia Dunning, Ben Beaupre, Brian Brokofsky, Amelia Tesdahl, Brad Beale

Summer Dialogue Student Conductor Workshop Participants
Left to Right, front: Meghan Larson, Emily Walker, Lindsay Marketon, Thaddeus Statton, Dr. David Mennicke

Left to Right, back: Dr. Michael McGaghie, Dr. Anton Armstrong (clinician), Nathan Berthelsen, Noah Ostlund, Zane Biles, Daniel Weinhagen, Kyle Lamb, Dr. Bradley Miller
ACDA CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS
Scholarships to attend ACDA division or national conferences are awarded annually to graduate student and undergraduate juniors/seniors, who are student members of ACDA-MN and enrolled in a choral music program, or to choral directors who are engaged in their first six years of professional experience. Scholarship recipients who attended the ACDA Central/North Central Regional Conference in Chicago, IL, in 2018 were:

Maria Baumann - College of St. Benedict (student)
Brian Brokofsky - University of Minnesota-Twin Cities (student)
Emma Jirele - University of Minnesota-Twin Cities (student)
Matt Kiminski - Saint John’s University (student)
Jeremiah Krueger - St. Cloud State University (student)
Kyle Lamb - St. Cloud State University (student)
Gunnar Molstad - University of Minnesota-Morris (student)

GRADUATE STUDY SCHOLARSHIPS
Scholarships to pursue part-time or full-time graduate study in choral music are available to conductors who have completed a minimum of two years of choral conducting experience and are current members of ACDA-MN. The 2018 graduate study scholarship recipients were:

Ahmed Anzaldua, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Zachariah Carlson, Michigan State University
Richard Carrick, University of Washington

WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP
The International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM) sponsors a World Symposium on Choral Music every three years. The next scholarship in this category will be awarded during the 2019-20 academic year for the Symposium held from July 11-18, 2020, in Auckland, New Zealand. Current ACDA-MN members who have been active in the organization for a minimum of five years are eligible.

ALICE T. LARSEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 2016 for the 85th anniversary of Alice T. Larsen’s birth, a scholarship was established in her memory by former students at St. Olaf College through ACDA-MN’s F. Melius Christiansen (FMC) Endowment Fund. The Alice T. Larsen Memorial Scholarship is awarded to an ACDA-MN woman conductor who is pursuing a graduate degree in choral conducting or music education. The 2018 recipient was:

Bailey Geist, Northern State University-Aberdeen, SD

Contributions to the ATL Memorial Scholarship may be given on-line at: acda-mn.com or via the mail at: FMC Endowment Fund (Attention ATL Scholarship) at 13288 Downey Trail, Apple Valley MN 55124.

NEXT DIRECTION STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP (NEW)
First supported in 2018 with a scholarship, the ACDA Next Direction Student Leadership Conference brings together talented and engaged high school students from all across the country who are interested in pursuing a career in choral music. Interested students are encouraged by their home high school directors to apply for the scholarship award. Our first recipients for this national leadership conference scholarship award were:

Jake Olson - Stillwater Area High School-Katelyn Larson, Director
Ethan Williams - East Ridge High School-Elizabeth Gullick, Director
THE F. MELIUS CHRISTIANSEN ENDOWMENT FUND HONOR ROLL

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