

Sangerfest 2024 Notes

With a summer's worth of reflection, and rest, a few comments on Sangerfest 2024 are due. From all accounts, Sangerfest was much enjoyed by our NSAA choruses, singers and guests. Throughout, happiness was found in fellowship, the great preparation by our choruses, leadership of our directors, a memorable Grand Concert, super food and entertainment, and the great venues of Vesterheim Commons, Decorah Lutheran and Luther College. From the welcoming Koselig to the Saturday Afterglow, warm smiles, hugs and handshakes were the norm.

Though NSAA participation has dwindled in recent years, we were blessed that 100 singers, 68 companions and 25 guests attended our events. Luther Staff estimated a Grand Concert audience of five to six hundred. Five NSAA Choruses were represented and a few singers from previous NSAA Choruses also attended. Sangerfest 2024 certainly demonstrated that a successful event can be accomplished with fewer but dedicated singers, a two-day format, and a reasonable Registration Fee. Our objectives were met.

We are most grateful that all production costs of the Grand Concert were funded by donation. Our commitment to these gracious donors was that their dollars would be used exclusively for the Grand Concert, AND, that admission would be free. Fifteen donors accomplished this goal.

Thanks are due to ALL who helped to make Sangerfest 2024 a success, especially our singers and Directors. And, in case you are wondering, it appears the fun will continue in 2026, in Minneapolis. See you then!

For the Steering Committee - Your Sangerfest 2024 Chair, Art Roseland.