

## GOOD COMPANY

Good Company is a seven-member vocal group based out of Midland, Michigan. They began singing together in 1999. Their repertoire covers classical to jazz with an emphasis on contemporary vocal harmonies and blends. Good Company is under the direction of Jim Hohmeyer. They have performed with Steve Zegree's Jazz Quartet from Western Michigan University and opened for the well-known Michigan Comedy Ensemble "Three Men and a Tenor", Kirby Shaw's vocal group "Just 4 Kicks", the fabulous "Four Freshmen" and for Doc Severinsen and his big band on the MCFTA stage. In 2004, they were one of three vocal jazz groups invited to perform in Los Angeles for the ACDA National Conference.

**Jennifer Breneman (Alto)** has long been active with Music Society where she directs the Youth Honors Singers and is the assistant director of the Camerata Singers. She has also been seen onstage playing Mrs. Potts in *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* and Mother in *Amahl and the Night Visitors*. Other productions include *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *City of Angels*, *The Sound of Music*, *Anything Goes*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Evita*, and many others. Jennifer has also been a soloist with the Saginaw Bay Orchestra, Rochester Symphony, Saginaw Bay Chorale, and the Music Society Chorale performing works such as *Mozart's Requiem*, *Bach's St. Matthew Passion*, *Handel's Messiah* and *Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass*. She currently teaches choir at Northeast Middle School in Midland and is the mother of two budding singers, Emily and Amanda and wife to her very supportive husband Gary.

**Jim Hohmeyer (Bass)** is the Artistic Director for the Music Society and the conductor-emeritus of the Rochester Symphony Orchestra, and the conductor of the Music Society: Chorale, Camerata, Good Company and Music Theatre. He completed the requirements for a Doctor of Music Arts in orchestral conducting at Michigan State University. His multi-faceted background includes a 30-year career in the Detroit area as an educator, jazz pianist, and conductor for theatrical shows as well as a conductor/pianist/arranger for the Michigan Opera Theater touring programs.

**Dave Keenan (tenor)** has performed in several musicals for the Music Society including *Brigadoon*, *Die Fledermaus*, *City of Angels*, *Pirates of Penzance*, and *Side By Side*. He plays bass guitar and keyboards in a rock 'n' roll band. He occasionally plays the trumpet and dabbles in music arranging in his spare time. Dave is a CPA, has an MBA from Central Michigan University and spends his days as Direct of Fiscal Services for the City of Midland. Dave is married to Lora, who sings first soprano in Good Company.

**Lora Keenan (1st Soprano)** received her Bachelors and Masters degrees in Choral Music Education from Central Michigan University. She has appeared in *Side By Side*, *The Music Man*, *Jekyll and Hyde*, *City of Angels*, *The King and I* and *Quilters* on the MCFTA stage. Lora is the Choir Director at Bay City Western Middle School and High School in Auburn. She and her husband Dave have 2 grown children, Derek and Taylor.

**Jan Sutherland (2nd soprano)** is usually seen in Midland playing the piano at the Midland Center for the Arts, accompanying vocalists and choirs, or teaching piano lessons to munchkins. She works part-time as a music director, organist and pianist at several churches in the Tri-City area. Jan has joined her husband Brian (tenor) on stage as the newest member of Good Company. Her music training includes summers at The Interlochen Arts Camp, a B.M. in Music Therapy from Michigan State University, and graduate work with Dr. Steven Egler in organ performance. While usually in the pit orchestra, Jan appeared on stage many years ago as cast member in Saginaw's Pit and Balcony production of *Music Man*, an experience that frightened her enough to keep her off-stage for several years, but intrigued her enough to prepare her for new experience with this fantastic group. Jan and Brian claim ownership to Alexander and Amelia with the hopes that they will one day grow up to actually make money at music and take care of their parents.

**Brian Sutherland (tenor)** is a graduate of Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Applied Arts degree in Music. He is a 14-year member of the Midland Symphony Orchestra and also plays in the Music Society pit orchestra. Brian played in *City of Angels* as a member of the Angel City 4. He is a composer/arranger and is a Piano Technician and Trumpet Instructor. He is married to Jan Sutherland who also sings in Good Company and is an accompanist for the Music Society Chorale and Musical Theater. They have 2 children, Alexander and Amelia.

**David Young (Baritone)** has performed in numerous shows at the Midland Center for the Arts, most recently as Emil in *South Pacific*. He has also performed in *Jekyll and Hyde*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *Tosca*, *Die Fledermaus*, and *Into the Woods*. David is the pastor at Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church in Midland. His wife Nancy is the associate pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church. They have three children, Adam, Micah, and Molly, all three of whom are pursuing music and theater careers.