



North view of Hilker Campus Mall

# College completes

The center of Morningside's campus will bustle with activity this summer as Sioux City area residents enjoy music and theatre events in a new outdoor performance center, stroll by a two-tier fountain and admire the view from an elegant pergola.

All of this is part of the new Hilker Campus Mall completed this spring in the heart of the college's campus and dedicated on May 8 with a reception, dinner and concert performance that featured singer and actress Linda Purl.

A gift from **Dr. Robert R. J. Hilker 1938** and his wife, Mary, both of Vero Beach, Fla., made construction of the Hilker Campus Mall possible. Hilker, who was raised and received his early education in Paullina, Iowa, served as a member of the Morningside College Board of Directors from 1971 to 1980. A retired physician, he is a recipient of Morningside's Distinguished Alumni Award, Order of Morningside and an honorary doctorate. In 2007, the college's board of directors awarded him the honor of director emeritus.

"The Hilker Campus Mall is the latest in a series of significant upgrades and additions to our campus that were made possible by tremendous support from our board of directors, alumni, friends, faculty and staff," said President John Reynders. "We have a beautiful, student-friendly campus that provides an environment conducive to living and learning."

The new pedestrian mall and green space starts at the back of Lewis Hall, extends south past the Hickman-Johnson-Furrow Learning Center and terminates at a parking lot off of Garretson Avenue near Eppley Auditorium. Work started in 2007 on the \$4.2 million mall project, which includes three new outdoor gathering spaces: the Buhler Outdoor Performance Center, the Lieder Family Fountain and the Kline Family Pergola.

Anchoring the south end of the mall is the Buhler Outdoor Performance Center. **Lucy (Yoshioka) Buhler 1956** of Edmonds, Wash., a music education graduate and a member of the college's board of directors, helped fund construction of the open air, amphitheatre-style performance center through a gift from the Walter A. Buhler Educational Trust. The outdoor performance center serves as home for the Betty Ling Tsang Summer Fine Arts Series. The premiere season for the series began this month. Four music and theatre productions have been scheduled for this summer.

The Lieder Family Fountain and Kline Family Pergola also enhance the Hilker Campus Mall, providing additional campus locations for outdoor classes, studying and small group gatherings. The Rev. Lyle and Betty Lieder of Rochester, Minn., made the naming gift for the Lieder Family Fountain. Rev. Lieder served as a vice president at Morningside College and as pastor of several Methodist churches during his 41-year career. All five of the Lieders' children are Morningside graduates: **Mark 1971, Rebecca 1972, Deborah 1973, David 1975 and Rachel 1976**. Their daughter Deborah Kiesey is a member of the college's board of directors.

**Frances Kline 1995** of Naples, Fla., a former member of the college's board of directors, provided the naming gift for construction of the Kline Family Pergola. She did so in honor of her late husband, Marvin Kline. They both received honorary doctorates from Morningside in 1996 for their efforts to improve the quality of life in the Sioux City area. A ceremony on June 14 dedicated the pergola and honored the Kline family for their support of Morningside College.



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By Rick Wollman



Klime Family Pergola



Lieder Family Fountain



South view of Hilker Campus Mall



Buhler Outdoor Performance Center

## SUMMER FINE ARTS SERIES IS UNDER WAY

The Betty Ling Tsang Summer Fine Arts Series is bringing free, quality music and theatre performances to the Buhler Outdoor Performance Center, and it will continue to do so for years to come. Named for the late **Betty Ling Tsang 1940**, who earned a degree in music from Morningside, the series is designed to share her love of music with students and residents of Sioux City and surrounding communities.

**Randy Peters 1985**, artistic director for the Betty Ling Tsang Summer Fine Arts Series, scheduled four productions for the series' inaugural season.

**Broadway Spectacular with Randy Peters & Friends**, June 13 at 7 p.m. Accompanied by a traditional pit orchestra, Randy Peters & Friends highlighted Broadway musicals ranging from "Kiss Me Kate" and "Fiddler on the Roof" to "Rent" and "The Civil War."

**Side Show with bill russell**, July 19 at 7 p.m. Tony-nominated playwright and lyricist **bill russell 1971** directs his critically acclaimed 1997 Broadway musical "Side Show." russell received an honorary doctorate from Morningside in 2003.

**The Emperor's New Clothes**, Aug. 8 at 2 and 7 p.m. and Aug. 9 at 2 p.m. The classic tale of a vain emperor and his new set of clothes is tailored for the whole family with the music of Stan Gill and Cindy Bright.

**Symphony in Sneeze: A Family Concert of Symphonic Music Play**, Aug. 23 at 7 p.m. This program for children and families will feature all new works created especially for the symphony orchestra by Jim Gill, a musician, author and child development specialist.