



## Biography

In the fall of 2003, **INPULSE** launched one of the most celebrated debuts in a *cappella* history, breaking away from traditional conventions to define the term “**Vocal Band.**” Having trained at world-renowned St. Olaf and Concordia Colleges in Minnesota, the group’s high standards for vocal technique, execution, and musical integrity have won them numerous awards. Within six months as a professional ensemble, InPulse was named Grand Champion of the 2004 Rocky Mountain Harmony Sweepstakes in Denver, CO, where they also won awards for Best Soloist (Matt McDonald) and Best Original Song (“Obsession” by Marcus Hanson). The band took Runner-up at the **2004 International Harmony Sweepstakes Finals** in San Rafael, CA, again winning **Best Original Song**. InPulse continues to amass praise with every performance having been selected for Mainstage Showcases at the **2007 National Association of Campus Activities (NACA)** and **Association for Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA) National Conferences** - in Nashville, TN and Atlanta, GA, respectively. **INPULSE** was awarded Runner-Up for “**2007 Band of the Year**” by **Campus Activities Magazine**, making them one of the hottest, most sought-after acts on the college market today.

**INPULSE** has sold over 40,000 copies of their recordings including debut album “Alone and Above” and holiday album, “Shed a Little Light.” Both albums received nominations for **Album of the Year** by the Contemporary A Cappella Society of America. The band released its third album, “InPulse: Live,” in December of 2006. **INPULSE** showcases its talent across the nation, maintaining a rigorous touring schedule of concert halls, colleges & universities, fairs & festivals, community, and private events. In addition, **INPULSE** runs its own highly-acclaimed **Educational Outreach Program** which brings them to schools across the country as advocates for vocal music and lifelong arts involvement. As educators, **INPULSE** has served as Guest Artist/Clinicians at the 2007 East Coast A Cappella Summit in Washington DC, the 2007 Ohio-ACDA Conference, in Columbus, OH and as faculty at the International Music Camp.

**INPULSE** creates a powerful sound that features stunning solos, exceptional harmonic blend, and driving rhythms. Their performances showcase the beauty and versatility of the human voice, drawing from virtually every genre of music – from **Pop** to **Rock**, **Country** to **Hip-Hop**, and **Jazz** to **R&B**. **INPULSE** plays an active part in the evolution of a *cappella* music through dynamic, original compositions and inventive arrangements of songs distinctive to the **INPULSE** sound. The group’s artistic approach leaves little confusion as to their mission: **To take the “vocal band” sound into mainstream popular music and bring genuine musical artistry to today’s pop culture.**

# Awards and Showcases

## 2009

### **NACA Showcase**

Northern Plains Regional Conference – Rochester, MN

Opened for Huey Lewis and the News – Mason, OH

## 2008

### **NACA Showcase**

Mid-America Regional Conference – Peoria, IL

Opened for Credence Clearwater Revisited and Grand Funk Railroad – Mason, OH

### **Arts Midwest**

Independent Showcase – Kansas City, MO

## 2007

### **Campus Activities Magazine – “Band of the Year” Runner-Up**

### **National Association of Campus Activities (NACA) Mainstage Showcase**

National Convention – Nashville, TN

Northern Plains Regional Conference – Saint Paul, MN

### **Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA) Mainstage Showcase**

National Convention – Atlanta, GA

### **Ohio – American Choral Directors Association**

Guest Artist/Clinician – Columbus, OH

### **Association of Performing Arts Presenters (APAP)**

Independent Showcase – New York, NY

### **Arts Midwest**

Independent Showcase - Columbus, OH

### **NACA Showcase**

Northern Plains Regional Conference – St. Paul, MN

### **NACA Showcase**

Central Regional Conference – Little Rock, AR

## 2006

### **NACA Showcase**

Mid-America Regional Conference – Peoria, IL

### **APCA Showcase**

Northeast Regional Conference- Verona, NY

### **APAP**

Independent Showcase – New York, NY

### **Performing Arts Exchange (PAE)**

Independent Showcase – Baltimore, MD

Mainstage Showcase (Alternate Selection)

### **Arts Midwest**

Independent Showcase – Little Rock, AR

## 2005

### **NACA Showcase**

Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference – Lancaster, PA

### **Contemporary A Cappella Recording Awards**

“Shed a Little Light” – Nominated for “Best Holiday Album”

### **Arts Midwest**

Independent Showcase- Indianapolis, IN

## 2004

### **International Harmony Sweepstakes Competition**

Rocky Mountain Harmony Sweepstakes Regional Champions – Denver, CO

Best Original Song – “Obsession” by Marcus Hanson

Best Soloist – Matt McDonald

International Finals Competition – 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up

Best Original Song – “Obsession” by Marcus Hanson

### **NACA Showcase**

Mid-Atlantic Spring Festival – West Long Branch, NJ

### **Contemporary A Cappella Recording Awards**

“Alone and Above” – Nominated for Best Album

“Obsession” – Nominated for Best Original Song

“Lights” – Nominated for Best Pop/Rock Cover