



Allegro Notes

A call from our Board of Directors: Will you answer?

If you have not already received a letter from Allegro board president, Karin Munksgaard, you will shortly. All past donors and families of Allegro singers are being mailed a letter explaining a unique summer fund drive.

The Allegro staff and board of directors have identified the need to create a more substantial staff position -- General Manager. The goal is to raise \$5,000 from supporters by Sept. 6. This money will allow the board to make further financial commitments to hire a half-time, salaried General Manager.

Allegro has functioned remarkably well these past 5 years. The board is committed to remaining a lean and efficient organization with comparatively low tuition. However, recent exciting growth opportunities mean that it is now time to take an important step forward to ensure Allegro continues fulfilling its mission.

Please consider "answering the call" and donating to Allegro. Or, if you are already a donor, consider making an additional gift. Now is the time to act, as the board has pledged to match the first \$2,725 raised in this fund drive (up until Sept. 6).

Do you know if your employer has a corporate match program? Have you considered designating Allegro in your United Way pledge? Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

Allegro's impact grows

In the fall of 2006 Allegro announced its first choral offerings for children in the south metro area: two choirs that met in Rosemount. This September, Allegro is offering 8 choirs that meet in three communities: Rosemount, Burnsville and Lakeville. (Last year's rehearsal site for Allegro West, Savage, has been moved to Burnsville).

The growth of opportunities mirrors the demand Allegro has witnessed in the area. From year one, singers have driven from Farmington, Lakeville, Burnsville and other communities. As the size of each choir grew, so did the perceived need to hold rehearsals in multiple locations.

The recent cuts to music education in area schools have further reinforced the need for an Allegro presence in the south metro. As always, Allegro will continue to support, in whatever way it can, the important work our schools do in arts education. Allegro cannot replace our schools; it can, however, bolster the overall musical experience our children deserve.

Please tell friends and family about our new choirs in Lakeville and Burnsville.

Upcoming Events

August 18 & 20

Auditions by appointment for Bel Canto (new and current students, grades 6-8)

Tuesday, September 6

Tuition due (for payment plan, email Nicole, nmarschall@allegroca.org)

September 10 (Saturday)

Allegro Kick-Off Retreat at Eastview High School, Apple Valley, 4:00-7:30pm (Vivace done at 6:30)

Regular rehearsals begin, 6:30pm

- Lakeville (Mon) – Sept. 19
- Burnsville (Tues) – Sept. 13
- Rosemount (Thur) – Sept. 15

[Click here to donate online](#)

"Like" Allegro on Facebook!

Allegro Choral Academy is finally in the 21st century. If you are on Facebook, please "like" the Allegro Choral Academy page. It will be a great way to stay abreast of announcements, exciting news and fun pictures and information. Standard email announcements will continue to be made.



*Allegro Choral Academy's mission is to provide a comprehensive vocal music experience to young people through the achievement of **musical excellence** in an environment that nurtures creativity, teamwork and the love of singing.*

Next season is approaching: Here's what you should know!

Allegro's 2011-2012 season is shaping up to be another wonderful year of music-making and enjoyment. It's also just around the corner! Here are some questions to answer:

- ◇ Have you registered yet? If not, do so now to lock in current tuition rates. Registration info is online at www.allegroca.org.
- ◇ Is your singer entering 6th grade? If so, does he or she want to audition for Bel Canto? If so, email Greg at artisticdirector@allegroca.org.
- ◇ Is your singer entering 7th grade and was in Prima Voce last season? If so, he or she needs to audition for Greg. Email the above address.
- ◇ Do you know someone who might wish to join Allegro? If so, have them mention your name when they register and you will receive \$20 off your tuition (limit one discount per singer).
- ◇ Have you mailed in your tuition yet? It is due by Sept. 6, after which a \$35 late fee will be assessed.
- ◇ Do you support choral music education? You're in the right place!

**REFER A SINGER
TO ALLEGRO
AND SAVE \$**



New this year:

If you refer someone to Allegro and he or she registers, you will receive a \$20 discount off of YOUR tuition. (Limit one discount per singer.)

This offer expires on September 6, 2011.

Who do you know who loves music?



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