



Allegro Notes

Refer a new student to Allegro now

Allegro is currently accepting appointments for auditions for its second semester. Current Allegro families are asked to consider inviting a friend or neighbor who might be interesting in joining.

Interested families should email Greg Douma directly at artisticdirector@allegroca.org. Several auditions have already been scheduled for the second week in January. However, auditions may occur at virtually any time between now and January 21.

Vivace (grades 2-3) is currently full. Interested families should email Kellie LeClair at office@allegroca.org to get on a waiting list. Students in grades 4-8 may audition for Bel Canto (grades 6-8) or Prima Voce (grades 4-6). Students accepted into Prima Voce may choose between one of two sites: PV East meets in Rosemount on Thursday evenings and PV West rehearses on Tuesdays in Savage. Lisa Rossman, PV West director, has scheduled an evening of auditions in Savage on Jan. 11. Email her at lrossman@allegroca.org if you or a friend wishes to audition then.

Prospective Allegro families are also asked to check out the website: www.allegroca.org. Audition procedure information may be found under the "Join Allegro" section.

Please forward this Newsletter on to any friends or family in the area.

Allegro students excel in the arts outside of Allegro

As has been the case in previous seasons, more and more Allegro students are finding themselves in prestigious performing arts experiences around the Twin Cities. Below are some examples of Allegro students "doing good."

Prima Voce's Taylor McGahn is playing the title role in *Junie B. Jones* at the Stages Theater Company. Jack Moody also starred in a Stages show, *If You Give a Moose a Muffin*. Tarra Snyder and Emma Anderson shared the title role in Giant Step's production of *Pinnocchio*. Amanda Jackson is performing in *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* at The Play's the Thing Productions. Jack Johnston performed in Maplewood Community Theater's musical production of *Once Upon a Mattress*. Lea Moore performed in Stone Soup Feeds the World with the SteppingStone Theater.

Allegro also has students participating in state honor choirs, sponsored by the American Choral Directors Assoc. They are Ethan Elumba, Oliver Brown, Andrea Hegna and Michaela Sutterfield.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Jan. 22

Kick-Off rehearsal for Prima Voce West & East and Bel Canto at Eastview HS, 9:00-11:00am

Tuesday, January 25

Weekly Prima Voce West rehearsals resume in Savage, 7:00pm

Thursday, January 27

Weekly Vivace, Prima Voce East and Bel Canto rehearsals resume in Rosemount, 6:30pm (V) & 7:00pm

Saturday, February 26

Choral Festival in St. Paul (Prima Voce only). More info to follow.

Sunday, Feb. 27

Choral Festival in Maple Grove (Bel Canto only). More info to follow.



In search of corporate partnerships

This year Allegro has added two fundraising opportunities to its program – the Grandparent's Fund (raising money for need-based scholarships) and the Allegro Music Support Grant program (granting funds to support area music programs). If you have a connection with a business that may be interested in sponsoring one of these initiatives, please email office@allegroca.org.

Spring Concert Preview

**5 Years:
Voices
Making a
Difference**

*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.*

Allegro's spring concert will be held at 7:00pm on Saturday, May 7, at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Apple Valley. The concert is titled, "Celebrate Community!"

"Celebrate Community!" will be an evening of music dedicated to the spirit of the past 5 years that has brought Allegro to where it is today, a vibrant organization with well over 100 young boys and girls working together to develop their voices, knowledge of music and awareness of music's power to positively transform a community.

Musical selections will range from masterpieces by composers such as Franz Schubert to contemporary pieces by local composers.

The highlight of the concert will be the world premiere of Ralph Johnson's original work, commissioned by Allegro in celebration of its 5th Anniversary season. The text for Johnson's piece was written by Allegro students in a workshop conducted by Minnesota poet, David Bengston. The piece will be performed as a mass choir by all Allegro students, grades 2-8, and will have flute accompaniment. The text for the piece – compiled using the words of Allegro singers – will be posted on the Allegro website soon: www.allegroca.org.

Ticket information will be available in early April.

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We are always looking for new voices to join Allegro. If you know someone who might be interested in hearing more about Allegro, have them contact Greg Douma at 952-846-8585 or email gdouma@allegroca.org



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