



# Allegro Notes

## Allegro welcomes more talent to its staff

With the addition this fall of Prima Voce West, a satellite choir that will rehearse on Tuesdays in Savage, Allegro has an opportunity to expand its artistic staff.

It is with great excitement that Allegro announces Lisa Rossman as the director of Prima Voce West. Lisa brings with her a wealth of experience in the field of choral music education and performance. Having previously led a successful program in the Chicago area, Lisa recently taught vocal music in Mumbai (Bombay), India. Since her arrival in Minnesota, Lisa has served as the director of the children's choir at the St. Paul Conservatory of Music.

Not only is Ms. Rossman an experienced choir director, she is also an accomplished vocal soloist. Her comprehensive skill set will serve Allegro well as it expands its program into Scott County.

Allegro also welcomes Nicole Marschall to the organization. Nicole will wear both artistic and administrative hats with Allegro. She will be the new Prima Voce accompanist, as well as a helpful worker behind the scenes. Nicole is active as a performer and teacher of voice and musical theater/opera. More info on Ms. Marschall may be found at [www.nicolemarschall.com](http://www.nicolemarschall.com).

Welcome, Lisa and Nicole!

## Metropolitan Regional Arts Council awards Allegro valuable grants

In April, Allegro received a grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council to expand its program to Scott County. The result is Prima Voce West, a satellite choir to the existing Prima Voce choir in Rosemount. Prima Voce West will rehearse in Savage at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. PVW's conductor, Lisa Rossman, will work closely with Kari Douma, director of Prima Voce East, as the two sections will combine as one larger choir for performances.

These funds come, in part, from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund as appropriated by the MN State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of MN on Nov. 4, 2008.

In June, Allegro was notified it received a second grant from MRAC. These funds are awarded to Allegro so that the organization can continue to solidify its general operational and artistic activities.

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, August 15**  
Tuition payment due

**Saturday, August 28, 4:00**  
Kick-Off Retreat at Camp Sacajawea in Apple Valley. Vivace done at 6:00. Other choirs done at 7:30.

**Tuesday, September 7**  
Prima Voce West begins regular rehearsals in Savage

**Thursday, September 9**  
Vivace, Bel Canto and Prima Voce East begin regular rehearsals in Rosemount

**Sunday, December 5, 7:00**  
Holiday Concert at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Apple Valley



## Does your employer donate?

Several generous Allegro supporters have engaged their places of employment in donating to Allegro. Do you know if your employer has a match program? Might your employer be able to donate funds or services to Allegro? Please email Greg at [artisticdirector@allegroca.org](mailto:artisticdirector@allegroca.org) if you have any ideas.



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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 Board of Directors expands to meet needs of a growing organization

In June, the Allegro Board of Directors bid farewell to one of its members and welcomed five new members to the Board. Board vice-president Jessica Etten's term has ended and Allegro thanks her for her service these past 4 years as Allegro grew from a dream into a reality that has touched the lives of hundreds of children.

Several new board members began their terms earlier this month: Patti Polum, Steve Boehlke, Kelly Olson, Meg Krekeler and Kathryn Selchow. Collectively, they bring a variety of experience in the arts and in the community. They represent past Allegro students, community choir directors and leaders in the arts. Their diverse talents will serve Allegro well as it grows to meet the needs of an expanding and vibrant organization.

### **Parents of Allegro singers are invited to apply for membership on the Board as Parent Representatives.**

Each choir is asked to provide one representative to attend Board meetings. This means that we are seeking a parent from Bel Canto, Prima Voce (East or West) and Vivace to join our Board meetings for the 2010-2011 season. Interested parents should email Board president, Karin Munksgaard, at [karin.munksgaard@thomsonreuters.com](mailto:karin.munksgaard@thomsonreuters.com). Should more than one parent of a choir express interest, a vote will be taken from within the parents of that choir.



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](mailto:gdouma@allegroca.org)



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