



Allegro Notes

Allegro expanding westward for the 2010-2011 season

Allegro is excited to announce that it is adding a satellite rehearsal for its Prima Voce choir. Beginning in the fall of 2010, students in Prima Voce (grades 4-6) will be able to choose between one of two rehearsal sites: the current Rosemount location and a new location at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Savage.

The Savage site, which will be called Prima Voce West, will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:15pm. The two Prima Voce sections will learn the same repertoire and will combine as one larger Prima Voce choir for all Allegro concerts. Allegro is currently accepting applications from potential directors of Prima Voce West.

Current Allegro families are asked to think about friends and family they may have in the communities of Burnsville, Savage, Prior Lake, Shakopee, and Bloomington. If you know of a young singer who might be interested in attending our Savage site next year, please refer him or her to our website, www.allegroca.org.

Current students who are returning for next season will have the option of choosing between the two locations. More info will come in late April.

The healing power of music: Allegro students sing to serve

At the core of Allegro's mission is the fundamental belief in music's power to positively transform our world and local community. This year Allegro students are involved in two projects that use their music to benefit others.

The first is a collaboration with Strings of Hope, a Twin Cities program that offers inner city students high-quality Suzuki string instrument instruction. Allegro's bake sales at both concerts will go to benefit this program. There are also plans underway to have some string instrument performance from the program on Allegro's April concert.

The second charitable project occurred on Feb. 5 for Voices of Hope, a singathon at Eastview High School that benefits the Angel Foundation, a non-profit that supports families dealing with the effects of cancer. Prima Voce and Bel Canto students performed for the event, contributing toward the overall sum of nearly \$20,000 that was raised during the event.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 30

Rehearsal date & location change - Eastview H.S. No rehearsal April 1. Standard rehearsal times.

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Tickets on sale for April 25 concert

Thursday, April 8

Bring-a-Friend Night

Thursday, April 22, 7:00 p.m.

All students rehearse at South Suburban Evangelical Free Church (12600 Johnny Cake Ridge Rd, Apple Valley)

Sunday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.

"What a Wonderful World" Concert
Dress rehearsal that day at 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 6, 6:00 p.m.

End of the Year Picnic



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 if you have any ideas.



*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.*

Concert preview: "What a Wonderful World"

At 7:00pm on Sunday evening, April 25, Allegro will present its spring concert, "What a Wonderful World" at South Suburban Evangelical Free Church in Apple Valley (12600 Johnny Cake Ridge Road).

All three Allegro ensembles will perform: Bel Canto (grades 6-8), Prima Voce (grades 4-6) and Vivace (grades 2-3). There will also be a special guest appearance from the Strings of Hope orchestra program. Strings of Hope is the primary beneficiary of Allegro's charitable giving program this season. Strings of Hope provides high quality string instrument training to economically disadvantaged inner city students in the Twin Cities.

The concert will feature music that celebrates the world in which we live. Bel Canto will perform music which speaks of **elements** of nature: rain, fire, water and sky. Prima Voce and Vivace will sing about the **critters** on earth: bandicoots, giraffes, sloths, whales, pandas, cats, ducks, geese, pigs, horses and cows.

Tickets will go on sale March 30. CDs of the concert will also be available. Order forms will be distributed on March 30 and will also be available on the Allegro website. Professional CDs of this concert, or any Allegro concert, may also be ordered by emailing office@allegroca.org.



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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