



Allegro Notes

Making a difference one song at a time

At the core of the Allegro Choral Academy's philosophy is a belief that music has the power to positively transform peoples' lives. In addition to the enrichment of the Allegro student, Allegro views its concerts as opportunities to give back to a community in need. Singers in Allegro learn, firsthand, how their music transcends mere entertainment.

For the 2010-2011 season Allegro has chosen school and church vocal music programs as the recipients of its charity program. Music programs or schools which have at least one student currently participating in Allegro are invited to fill out a grant application indicating what funds would be used for.

The amount of money Allegro will be able to grant depends on how much money is raised for this project during the December and May concerts. Based on previous years of outreach efforts, Allegro anticipates being able to offer two to four grants totaling over \$1,000.

Allegro's mission statement says that it "supports and supplements the vibrant and successful music programs in the area's schools and communities of faith." At a time when many program budgets are facing dramatic cuts, Allegro hopes its efforts can help students continue to receive important music education throughout their various experiences.

"Grant Us Peace" concert presented on Dec. 5 in Apple Valley

Allegro's holiday concert, "Grant Us Peace," will be presented at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Apple Valley at 7:00pm on Sunday, Dec. 5.

Nearly 120 singers from four ensembles will perform individually, as well as in a mass choir. The concert features music centered around the message of peace. Contemporary compositions are juxtaposed with classic holiday tunes to create an eclectic and meaningful evening of music.

Several of the pieces on the program feature a "song within a song." The concert opens with a tune that includes 5 well-known melodies weaving in and out of each other. Other pieces incorporate melodies by famous classical composers, such as J.S. Bach and Beethoven.

The concert is sure to be a delight for all present. Make sure you get your tickets now at www.allegroca.org.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 18
Ticket & CD orders due

Thursday, November 18
Prima Voce West & East combined rehearsal at Eastview HS, 7:00pm

Thursday, December 2
All choirs rehearse at Shepherd of the Valley Church at 7:00pm

Sunday, December 5
Dress rehearsal for all choirs from 3:00-5:00

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

January 2-21
Auditions for prospective students

Saturday, January 22
2nd Semester Kick-Off rehearsal for PV & BC at Eastview at 9:00am



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: teaching its students more than merely beautiful singing

Allegro is primarily focused on offering its students a performance-based experience. However, embedded in the Allegro experience is a conscious curriculum that seeks to educate the entire musician and not just the voice. Below is a brief outline of what each choir level explores throughout its musical season. A more detailed curriculum may be viewed on the Allegro website at www.allegroca.org/curriculum.

Vivace (grades 2-3)

- ◇ vocal technique – breath support, posture, head voice
- ◇ steady beat & age appropriate rhythmic literacy
- ◇ pitch matching
- ◇ melodic contour
- ◇ familiarity with a musical score
- ◇ choral technique – blend, vowel shapes, watching conductor
- ◇ singing, alone & with others, a varied repertoire of music
- ◇ musical form – verse/chorus, repeat sign, ostinato
- ◇ performance etiquette

Prima Voce (grades 4-6)

- ◇ music literacy & solfege
- ◇ vocal independence within in harmony
- ◇ musicianship
- ◇ development of healthy, beautiful singing tone

Bel Canto (grades 6-8)

- ◇ basic music terms, symbols & music history
- ◇ ear training & part-singing
- ◇ musical expressivity
- ◇ developing diction skills in multiple languages
- ◇ ensemble listening skills

**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.*

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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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