



Allegro Notes

Allegro announces its charity partner for the 2009-2010 season

At the heart of Allegro's mission is the principle that its students will better learn of music's power to positively impact a community and those in need of assistance. In this spirit, Allegro has paired with a charity for each of its six concerts during the past three years.

For the 2009-2010 season, Allegro will donate some of its proceeds from both of its concerts to one charity: Strings of Hope, an organization that provides high quality Suzuki string instrument training to low income children in the Twin Cities metro area. More information can be found at www.hopeschool.org/stringsofhope.shtml.

In the midst of challenging economic times, Allegro wishes to assert its presence as a 21st century organization, one committed to the greater good. Now, more than ever, our community depends on the good will of others to maintain the programs that are so beneficial to our young people. Also dedicated to taking care of its own, Allegro has a scholarship program for its students. If you are interested in donating to support scholarships, please email office@allegroca.org.

"Christmas Around the World" concert to be held in Lakeville on Saturday, Dec. 5

The Allegro Choral Academy is presenting a Christmas concert at 7:00pm on December 5 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lakeville (20165 Heath Avenue). Veteran Allegro families will remember St. John's as the "almost host" of our December 2007 concert (snow cancellation).

The concert features all Allegro singers: Vivace (grades 2-3), Prima Voce (grades 4-6) and Bel Canto (grades 6-8).

The program is comprised of Christmas music from nine countries: Spain, Poland, Nigeria, Austria, France, Germany, England, Norway and the United States. Students will perform in six languages.

Ticket information is now available on our website: www.allegroca.org.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Dec. 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Rehearsal at St. John's Lutheran Church, Lakeville. Vivace students done at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 5, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Dress rehearsal at St. John's (Casual attire is acceptable)

Saturday, Dec. 5, 7:00 p.m.
Allegro concert, "Christmas Around the World." Call-time is 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 23, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Eastview High School
2nd Semester Kick-off Rehearsal for Bel Canto and Prima Voce only.

Thursday, January 28
Regular Thursday rehearsals resume



Allegro is "going green"

In an attempt to save resources and prevent waste, Allegro is using email and its website as its primary means of communication. Documents and rehearsal files are also available at the "Singer Info" page at www.allegroca.org. Please let us know if your email changes.



April Rios

Allegro welcomes April Rios to its educational staff

Allegro is pleased to announce April Rios has joined the Allegro staff as co-director of Vivace, the early singing class for students in grades 2-3. She joins Andrew Ellingsen, who has been teaching the class since 2008.

April comes to Allegro with experience that matches the philosophy of Allegro and Vivace. She has taught elementary music in Minnesota since 2005. Actively involved in music education in the state, April serves as Treasurer for the Kodaly Chapter of MN and is a member of the Orff Chapter of MN and Minnesota Music Educators Association, as well. She received her undergraduate degree in Vocal and Classroom Music at Bemidji State University and is currently completing her graduate degree at the University of St. Thomas (Master of Arts in Music Education with a dual concentration in the Kodaly and Orff-Schulwerk methodologies).

If you know of a 2nd or 3rd grader who might be interested in Vivace, please let us know!

For more information about Kodaly and Orff methodologies, check out http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kod%C3%A1ly_Method and <http://musiced.about.com/od/lessonplans/tp/orffmethod.htm>

*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.*



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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