

**Angelica Cantanti Youth Choirs** 

# Spring Concert

CANTANTI
YOUTH CHOIRS

Ordway Concert Hall, St. Paul May 7, 2017 1:30 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.



# **WELCOME!**

Welcome to the beautiful Ordway Concert Hall and thank you for supporting our singers and our choir program! We are excited to celebrate Angelica's 36th Season and also recognize 3 special people that have made an enormous impact on our choir organization and our singers. **Nancy Grundahl** is retiring from conducting our Concert Choir after 25 years, **Ann Schrooten** is saying farewell to Cantabile after 11 years as conductor as she takes on a new position at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, and **Sandra Enstrom** is retiring after accompanying our Concert Choir for 28 years. Together they represent 64 seasons of excellence in music making for hundreds of youth in our community. We will profoundly miss them!



Nancy Grundahl has been my dear friend and artistic colleague for many years. Besides directing the Angelica Concert Choir, Nancy has also conducted honor choirs throughout the upper Midwest and has been active as an adjudicator, clinician, soloist, and guest conductor around the USA. Her exploration of vocal techniques for beautiful singing is a focus of her teaching and conducting. Nancy is gracious and humble. She is accessible to everyone – children, youth, and adults of all ages. She treats everyone with respect and love. The depth of Nancy's knowledge of music of all kinds and from all time periods and cultures is

unique. She finds wonderful music for the Concert Choir, and the mass Angelica choirs to sing. If she can't find just the "right" music, she will arrange a composition or compose her own music, often also writing the words. The Angelica Music Library has a wealth of music arranged or composed by Nancy.

Nancy is ever curious, always thinking about how children learn and how to creatively teach them vocal concepts. She has designed many wonderful, fun, and educational exercises for all of our singers. But Nancy goes beyond the notes. She knows that music has the capacity to impact young singers in a variety of profound, life-enriching and life-changing ways. She knows that students who sing are diving deeply into higher order thinking skills. They are not just training their minds and bodies, but also their hearts. Singing helps them to discover their universal connection to the world. I have heard Nancy say, "The act of singing is one of the best things a person can do.....to calm, heal, uplift, inspire, motivate, and learn. In our busy schedules, singing can give us that time in the day when all worries and anxieties can be set aside, and the act of creating beauty can give us strength and purpose. It FEELS good to sing! We don't compete with one another, but work in communion with one another AND ourselves for a higher good."



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Ann Schrooten was raised in a musical family and learned early in life to love to sing and to harmonize by ear. She became fascinated by the human voice: its physical make-up, its potential to communicate ideas and its power to transform spirits. Ann is creative and passionate about children, music, and life! As a professional singer, she has led her Cantabile singers with expertise, teaching them to sing beautifully and well. Her open, warm personality, her creativity, and her sense of humor have led her singers to an appreciation and love for music-and for life—that will stay with them forever. Ann has told me that she believes singing

gives singers the opportunity to experience the power of music to communicate, heal, break through barriers, create community, and transport the soul!



Sandy Enstrom has been playing the piano and the organ, and accompanying choirs for most of her life. She joined the Angelica staff 28 years ago as an accompanist, supporting the Concert Choir with her fine piano and musical skills. She has joyfully stepped in to accompany other Angelica choirs when needed. Sandy is an exceptional accompanist, anticipating a conductor's every move, instantly "being there" to play pitches, to help singers with floundering parts, and to give musical and emotional support to directors and singers. When I think of Sandy, some qualities come right to mind: her dry sense of humor, her dependability,

her deep understanding of the mission and vision of Angelica Cantanti, and her belief in the power of making music. BRAVO and THANK YOU, Sandy!!!!

The artistic and administrative staff of Angelica Cantanti Youth Choirs have always consisted of people of talent, creativity, integrity, commitment, and vision. They understand the life changing power of music. They are models for the singers with whom they work – gracious, humble people who truly care about each singer. On their Angelica journey, Angelica singers learn to sing beautifully, and they learn skills to help them in life - discipline, hard work, commitment, communication, teamwork, respect. They learn that singing brings them beauty, understanding, joy, laughter, love, and peace. They learn that singing gives them intimate, intense encounters with people of all ages and cultures. I am grateful to have been a conductor in this organization for 25 years, and I know I speak for Nancy, Ann, and Sandy when I say that we are honored to have had the opportunity to build a musical relationship with your children and be a part of their Angelica journey.

Thank you parents and friends of Angelica for continuing to support this great organization that does so much to positively impact our young people and our community. Enjoy the concert!

- Rita Docter

Conductor and Artistic Coordinator of Angelica for over 25 years. She retired in 2011.

# **CON BRIO CHOIR**

Himmel und Erde  Heaven and Earth  All things shall perish from under the sky  Music alone shall live, never to die	German folk song, arr. Kristine Johanek
Sá ég spóa	Traditional Icelandic folk song, arr. Elizabeth Egger
·	Nick Page
Barn Dance	Richard E. McKee
CANTABILE CHOIR	
The Happy Wanderer Friedri	ch Möller & Antonia Ridge, arr. Walter Ehret & Victor Lamont
The Merry Month of May	
Lunar Lullaby	Words by Kathleen Nicely, Music by Jacob Narverud
Jabberwocky	Words by Lewis Carroll, Music by Carolyn Jennings
CONCERT CHOIR	
Love is	Traditional Shaker tune, arr. Nancy Grundahl
	Irish Dancers: Emma Sellner and Clare Koll
	que that involves singing the correct pitches, but on the ng is written as a fun example of how to count sing.
Nishike mkono Bwana	
Hold my hand, Lord, and lead me accordi Oh, Father, Yaweh, Lead me according to	
	Music) Gounod, Puccini, Mozart, Verdi, Delibes, Bizet, Rossini, arr. Nancy Grundahl
Italian musical terminology provides the te details of each aria.	ext for this operatic romp which describes the musical
TREBLE SINGERS	
Sto Mi E Milo	Traditional song from Macedonia, arr. Daniel Hughes

Hey, oh girl! And watch the girls go to the cold waters and streams with their decorated pitchers. Ngana ....... Stephen Leek (No applause between selections) "Ngana" is an indigenous Australian word meaning shark, "Lina" is a word for water, "Mangana" is a word for fish, and "Yah" is a welcome greeting. Ukuthula ...... Traditional Zulu Gospel, arr. Andre van der Merwe Soloist: Ingrid Koester In this sinful world. Through the blood of Jesus: We find peace! We are saved! We are filled with gratitude! We will conquer! We are consoled! We find peace! **CANTANTI SINGERS** Duet: Sasha Tomasevich, Austin Kellogg Evening The little bird grows silent. As the wind blows. The small flower falls asleep Caressed by the dew. Twilight blushes. As she kisses the night. The forest trees sleep In memory and silence. They are wistful For my song, Now a silent memory As it paddles far away. Where Your Bare Foot Walks ...... Words by Rumi, Music by David Childs

Soloists: Callie Koleske, Cal Nasset

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# ANGELICA CANTANTI YOUTH CHOIRS

### CON BRIO CHOIR (2nd-4th grade)

Elizabeth Egger, Conductor & Jane Horn, Accompanist Jessie Pfeifer and Kelley Quinlan-Kittleson, Choir Coordinators

Annalise Atkinson	Mick Kittleson	Elsa Oman	Anika Solberg
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Ann Schrooten, Conductor & Jeffrey Patry, Accompanist Sandy Winegarden, Choir Coordinator

Tali Baldzicki	Erin Johnson	Sarah Piper	Maria Sullivan
Maggie Banks	Melina Kannankutty	Thomas Pollack	Josephine Swanson
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Kari Hargreaves	Kseniya Medvedovski	Gabrielle Stockton	Samantha Wilson
Cade Hatlestad	Snezhanna	Amelia Stoebe	Kieran Winegarden
Maya Holzman	Medvedovski	Carolyn Stuber	Peyton Winegarden
Felicity Jensen	Adrian Musta	Kirsten Stuber	

### CONCERT CHOIR (6th-9th grade)

Nancy Grundahl, Conductor & Sandra Enstrom, Accompanist Martha Anderson and Joel Nasset, Choir Coordinators

Hannah Alderman	Isabella Collins	Nicholas Hatton	Olivia Rukstele
Noah Anderson	DJ Coughlan	Libby Heitzmann	Emma Sellner
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			Naomi Yue

### Treble Singers (9th-12th grade)

Philip Brown, Conductor and Kate Niemisto, Accompanist

David Erickson, Student Intern. Jolene Bailey, Lauri Flatley, and Andrea Munson, Choir Coordinators

Soprano 1	Soprano 2	Alto 1	Alto 2
Erin Bailey	Louisa Botten	Sarah Bryan	Ingrid Anderson
Luvia Burleigh	Caroline Flaten	Sammi Bryant	Lucy Avenson
Ruth Claycomb	Kamrie Frost	Calonna Carlisle	Zoe Brokering
Claire Eiswirth	Emily Gears	Isabella Hofer	Katriela Caspari
Kelly Flatley	Emily Greenlund	Amber Johnson	Jillayne Clarke
Cara Fragomeni	Sarah Hatton	Ella Jones	Ashley Cortez
Alayna Hoehn	Jocelyn Jaimez	Ali Kaju	Maria Coughlan
Abigail Larson	Annika Lackner	Gabriela Leovan	Amy Crawford
Madison List	Katie Marusich	Claire Mavis	Emma Eberhard
Sofia Melchert	Hannah Murray	Nora Mohamed	Grace Hammes
Isabel Munson	Molly Robblee	Inga Molle	Josie Hanneken
Miranda Munson	Gracia Seeley	Courtney Rogat	Ingrid Koester
Brianna Mutterer	Claire Shinners	Erika Rolling	Maura Mould
Julia Zaepfel	Taylor Stoddart	Samantha Senty	Anderson Schrader
Zoe Zarth	Amara Strande	Gabrielle Natalie Tan	Emily Wheeler
		Leah Terry	

### **CANTANTI SINGERS (9th-12th grade)**

Philip Brown, Conductor & Kate Niemisto, Accompanist

Jonathan Temte, Student Intern, Jolene Bailey and Mary Blazanir

Jonathan Temte, Student Intern. Jolene Bailey and Mary Blazanin, Choir Coordinators

Soprano 1	Alto 1	Tenor 1	Baritone
Erin Bailey	Caroline Flaten	Jameson Bernhagen	Simon Avenson
Claire Eiswirth	Elsie Hanken	Connor Eaton	John Hedberg
Eleanor Fiedler	Alexandra Hymanson	Cal Nasset	Gabe Kohlbeck
Morgen Joyce	Callie Koleske	Matthew Sell	Jordan Lehman
Kamryn Kalal	Elliana Meier	Endre Thorkelson	Jake Mangel
Kennedy McGarness	Nora Mohamed	Aleksandr Tomasevich	Connor Meany
Jackie Resh	Anya Schmidt	Benjamin Vogel	Tanner Olsen
Emily Woodhall	Devyn Terry		Philip Royer
Zoe Zarth	Grace Thoen	Tenor 2	Tre'von Tellor
		Alex Ahnes	David Temte
Soprano 2	Alto 2	Eli Aronson	
Liv Baldzicki	Claire Becker	Joshua Borkon	Bass
Lydia Borrell	Amy Blazanin	Matthew Clarke	Robert Coleman
Jocelyn Jaimez	Maria Coughlan	Guillermo Gonzalez	Theodore Flatley
Gabriela Leovan	Amy Crawford	Austin Kellogg	Porter Hanken
Meghan Payne	Ingrid Koester	Tommy McCoy	James LeVoir
Kate Ruth	Inga Molle	Nick Payne	Aaron Michel
Claire Shinners	Emmie Peroutka	Trevor Vitters	Romell Padua
Sara Thibault	Gabi Tessier		Benjamin Temte
Mimi Weightman-Bragg	Hanna Tuchenhagen		Ben TenBroek
-	-		Alan Wheeler

### SALUTING OUR SENIORS

Angelica Cantanti would like to thank our seniors for their contributions as musicians and leaders during their years of participation. Congratulations to these seniors who have balanced Angelica Cantanti with their studies and numerous other activities.

Eli Aronson (3 years) I will be studying for a Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance, and I will be singing on a vocal scholarship. My favorite Angelica memory was touring in Chicago my first year. It was an incredible experience to sing in a mass choir at Chicago Symphony Hall, and it was a wonderful time making music with my friends and Mr. Brown.

**Simon Avenson** (3 years) I will be going to college in the fall. My favorite Angelica memory was singing "Send Me on My Way" at Orchestra Hall 3 years ago.

Claire Becker (11 years) I will be going to UND in the Aviation program. When I was in Prep Choir my favorite thing was walking into rehearsal to find my small pile of magic memory pills. They really worked if I've remembered that for this long!

**Jameson Bernhagen** (2 years) I will be studying Technical Theater at Mankato.

**Joshua Borkon** (2 years) I will be attending the University of Wisconsin Madison. Snowdays this year was one of my favorite memories as I realized how much this choir means to me and how music has the ability to change our lives for the better.

Samantha Bryant (11 years) I will be going to college for Marine Biology in the fall and singing on a vocal scholarship. Being in choir means having a place I can go and help others learn to love their voices just like how I've learned to love mine.

Luvia Burleigh (1 year) I will be attending Luther College and I will be singing in the choir. My favorite Angelica memory was one of the very first rehearsals, when I was greeted by fellow choristers who wanted to know more about me and also share why they love singing. Being in this choir has been an outstanding experience because everyone is passionate about singing.

**Amy Crawford** (10 years) I will be studying Biology and Music at Gustavus Adolphus College, and I will be singing on a vocal scholarship. Singing in Angelica Cantanti has been an incredible experience that has changed my life for the better. It fostered a love of music and singing that I will be able to take with me for the rest of my life.

Claire Eiswirth (11 years) I will be studying and singing (on a vocal scholarship) at Augustana University. I have had the distinct joy of singing with Angelica since second grade. I am grateful for the lessons I have learned from Beth, Rita, Ann, Nancy, and Philip which have shaped me into the singer I am today. I also would like to stress how wonderful the accompanists in Angelica are because that is not said enough. A few of my favorite pieces from over the years include "Castle on a Cloud," "La Vocabulario de Musica," and "Homeward Bound."

**Eleanor Fiedler** (4 years) I will be attending Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa and majoring in music therapy, and singing on a vocal scholarship. Singing in Angelica has made me realize that home is not just where you live, but it is a place where you are loved and can truly be yourself. Angelica has become a special home for me.

Cara Fragomeni (1 year) I will be attending the Colorado School of Mines to study civil engineering, and I hope to be involved in choir and sing in an a cappella group. Singing in Angelica has allowed me to meet new people who also love to sing, and has also shown me a whole new world of musical opportunities that I didn't even know existed. I've never met a drum major before, and I didn't know that you can get a college scholarship for singing, or that you can get a PhD in conducting! I cherish the friends I've made this year.

John Hedberg (4 years) I will be entering the Honors College at Purdue University. Singing has always been a way to help me de-stress and recharge after a week at school. Angelica has allowed me to have fun singing with genuine, motivated, and caring people, and every week I look forward to the time we spend on together. Without the great directors, music, and friends I have in Angelica, getting through high school would have been really hard. Thanks to Mr. Brown, Kate, and Jonathan for your dedication and support, and for the encouragement you give every singer to push themselves to grow and to always give their best at everything they do.

**Alex Hymanson** (1 year) I will be going to University of Wisconsin Madison next year and studying biology to become a physician's assistant. My favorite Angelica memory is the trip that we took to Duluth earlier this year.

**Jocelyn Jaimez** (11 years) I will be attending Gustavus Adolphus College pursuing a Music Education degree, and singing on a vocal scholarship. My favorite Angelica memories all include Snowdays - whether it was tubing down the giant hill, eating late night snacks, or singing with all of my friends.

Saluting Our Seniors Continued...

Amber Johnson (1 year) I will be attending the University of Minnesota Twin Cities and hope to study abroad while working toward a degree in Music Education. This choir has had a big impact on me, allowing me to grow as a musician with some of the most amazingly talented, passionate, and fun students I've ever met. My only regret is that I didn't take this opportunity sooner.

Morgen Joyce (2 years) I will be attending Concordia University for music education, and singing on a vocal scholarship. I remember walking into choir on the first day and singing "Indodana" for the first time – and realizing this is where I belonged.

**Kamryn Kalal** (11 years) I will be attending the University of Minnesota, Duluth, majoring in Mathematics or Chemical Engineering and minoring in Spanish. I plan to sing in choir at UMD. Angelica has given me confidence in so many areas of my life, has helped me find my voice and has given me a passion for singing. It is hard to recall a time when I have not been in Angelica! Thank you to all of the directors for your instruction and for this great experience.

Ingrid Koester (7 years) Next year I am attending Princeton University to study global health and international relations. I plan on continuing my love of music by joining a competitive a cappella group and playing in the band. Most of my favorite Angelica memories have happened in regular rehearsals. I have had the pleasure of sitting by so many wonderful people, and I will cherish the weekly time spent together. Whether it was sharing a piece of candy between songs or laughing at ourselves for a missed entrance, I will always treasure the friendships I have made in this choir.

**Callie Koleske** (8 years) I will be attending University of Wisconsin Eau Claire to major in psychology and communications. Singing with Angelica has meant more than the singing. It's more than just the music. It's the amazing and talented people you get to sing with and create beautiful music with. I have made countless friendships that I would not have been able to have if it weren't for Angelica.

**Jordan Lehman** (2 years) I will start college next year at Indiana University. Singing in this choir is an escape from the pressure of school and an escape from the mountain of homework that is usually due the next day.

**James LeVoir** (1 year) I will be attending college at Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana. Singing with Angelica has never been boring! The students are all so motivated, friendly, and funny. Rehearsals always put a smile on my face!

**Katie Marusich** (2 years) I will be attending the University of Minnesota's College of Science and Engineering to pursue a degree in engineering and a minor in Spanish. Singing with Angelica has been a blessing in my life. Rehearsals and concerts have given me an opportunity to take a break from the pressures of school and spend time with new friends who also share a passion for music. Singing in a choir that puts so much care into each performance has also shaped how I view the role of music in my own life and in my future.

Thomas McCoy (6 years) I will be attending the University of Notre Dame next year in the college of Science. Before a performance at the Ordway in St. Paul, our choir was practicing in the plaza. As we were practicing, an older couple approached Mr. Brown. They were the parents of a man planning on proposing to his girlfriend in this very plaza. They asked if we could sing for their son. As it happened, we had just learned an a cappella version of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" by Israel Kamakawiwo'ole, which happened to be the favorite song of the couple. So, we sang our song just before the couple's son proposed to his girlfriend. In that one moment, a mere song helped change the lives of two people forever. I aided in a marriage proposal of two complete strangers, and I never would have had that chance without this choir.

Kennedy McGarness (2 years) I will be studying vocal music education at Concordia College in Moorhead, singing on a vocal scholarship, with a minor in Spanish. Singing in this choir has been my escape for the past two years. Because I am a person who cannot say no to getting involved in activities, I am usually stressed throughout the week and, on Sundays, I am able to get away from the rest of my crazy world and sing with wonderful people and build wonderful connections with others who love music just as much as I do.

**Connor Meany** (11 years) I plan to go to Stanford to study mathematics. My favorite Angelica memory is going on the Snow Days retreat when I was younger. It was a chance to stay overnight with friends for a couple days and spend a lot of time singing and making music. Many of the people I went to Snow Days with have become some of my best friends.

**Nora Mohamed** (11 years) I will be attending Gustavus College in the fall. I plan to major in Education and continue my love of music by participating in both choir and band. Singing in this choir has been an incredible experience. Singing with people you love and sharing a passion for music together is a feeling unlike any other. I have met many of my closest friends through this organization and have wonderful memories and music that I will never forget.

Maura Dawn Mould (10 years) I will be attending Normandale for 2 years and then transferring to Winona to major in nursing. I would like to be an intensive care unit pediatric nurse. Angelica has given me an escape from the stress of school and life. It's been like a second family to me.

**Hannah Murray** (2 years) Next year I'll be doing so many pushups my arms might fall off at Basic training for the army. I plan to study at the University of Minnesota after that and participate in the ROTC program. My goal in a couple of years is to go to medical school. This choir has been a lifeboat for me; it has seen me through some tough times, but thanks to those Sunday rehearsals, I'm now here graduating.

**Meghan Payne** (3 years) I'm looking forward to taking a gap year, travelling and working. My favorite Angelica memory was the Duluth trip. The bonding we did there was so significant to me.

**Jackie Resh** (1 year) I will attend the University of St. Thomas in the fall. I am incredibly grateful for the year I have spent with Angelica. Music has always been an important part of my life but I don't think I realized how much it meant to me until this year. Singing has brought me closer to incredible friends and I find the sense of connectedness through song is an indescribable feeling. Music has the power to move and heal and bring people together and I am so thankful that Angelica has shown this to me in a deeper way over the past year.

**Kate Ruth** (1 year) I will be studying business at the University of Utah this fall. Being in this choir has given me an amazing opportunity to connect and sing with amazing and talented people from all around the state and it has given me the chance to grow as a singer and as a person in general. The Duluth trip and snow days were really fun bonding opportunities to help me meet everyone in the choir!

Benjamin Temte (8 years) I will be taking a gap year and enrolling in a 6 month program with Youth With a Mission (YWAM). I plan to continue my education in the area of law enforcement. I have so many great memories of singing in this choir. From concerts to bus rides, I have enjoyed it all! My favorite memory is of one night at Snowdays when a bunch of us hung out to sing, talk, and play some games. It was nice and relaxed and the friends and memories I made can't be replaced. These last four years especially have brought me closer to friends both old and new. Angelica means a lot to me and I am so thankful to my conductors, accompanists, friends, and family for making all of this possible.

**David Temte** (8 years) I will attend Normandale Community College in the fall to complete my AA degree. In the spring I will transfer to study Broadcasting/Journalism. Being a part of this organization has meant a great deal to me. It saw the transition, and definitely urged along the transition, of a boy who was made to go to rehearsal to a boy who counted down the days until the next rehearsal. Singing amongst close friends and new friends, one learns to appreciate how special an organization such as this is. Throughout the years it helped me to value the story behind the music, the story behind the composer, and above all, the story that you can tell of yourself through the music. Angelica gave me the opportunity to sing with my peers and to experience the sensation of a whole group coming together to perform as one and with such beauty. Angelica will always hold a place in my heart.

**Gabi Tessier** (2 years) I plan to be a nursing major, and start my nursing career in the United States Air Force. I also hope to get a musical theater minor, and perform in my free time. I will keep singing in college and beyond. This choir is honestly the best way for me to start my school week and end it right. At every rehearsal I can't stop smiling to be around people whom I respect and who love music as much as I do.

Sara Thibault (3 years) I will be attending Wartburg College with a major in Music Therapy, Piano Pedagogy (with a piano scholarship), and a minor in Leadership. I hope to become a music therapist out of college and teach piano on the side. Singing in this choir has been such a blessing and has shown me what unity is because everyone gathers together once each week to do what we all love to do, sing.

**Grace Thoen** (1 year) I will be attending the University of Minnesota Twin Cities - Carlson School of Management. Being in Angelica has allowed me to sing more difficult music and meet some really great people who have the same passion for choir.

**Trevor Vitters** (1 year) I will be studying Commercial Aviation at the University of North Dakota. My favorite Angelica memory is when we all sang at the retreat center and we had our arms around each other.

**Mimi Weightman**-Bragg (3 years) I will be studying psychology and Spanish at the University of St. Thomas. Angelica has been like a second home to me. I have grown so much musically and as a person since I joined. I will forever be grateful to this amazing organization for shaping me into who I am today.

**Alan Wheeler** (1 year) Choir filled a part of me that I didn't know was missing. This has been a wonderful experience for me and I cannot wait to continue singing in the future.

**Emily Woodhall** (2 years) I will be pursuing a music education degree from Concordia University in Saint Paul, on a vocal music scholarship. Angelica was a place where I could be myself and enjoy making amazing music with other people who are as dedicated as I am. In the short two years I have been involved with Angelica, I have been able to make beautiful music with great people and develop friendships that will last a lifetime.

### FINAL AWARDS CONCERTS

### **Concert Choir**

Sunday, May 21 at 2:00pm — Free Community of the Cross Church, 10701 Bloomington Ferry Rd., Bloomington

### Treble Singers & Cantanti Singers

Sunday, May 21 at 7:00pm — Free Shepherd of the Valley Church, 12650 Johnny Cake Ridge Rd, Apple Valley

### Con Brio & Cantabile Choirs

Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30pm — Free Schneider Theater, Bloomington Center for the Arts, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Rd.

### SUMMER SINGING OPPORTUNITIES

Visit the Angelica website to sign up and learn more.

### **Elementary Boys & Girls**

Any singer in Grades 2 – 5 July 24 - 28, 2017 - 9am - 12pm \$75 Bloomington Center for the Arts

### Middle School Boys & Girls

Any singer in Grades 6 – 8 July 17 – 21, 2017 - 6pm – 9pm \$75 Bloomington Center for the Arts

### **High School Summer Choir**

Any singer in Grades 9 – 12 – no audition required Thursday's 6:30pm - 8:30pm \$50 June 15, 22, 29 July 6, 13, 20, 27 & Aug. 3 Bloomington Center for the Arts

### **Auditions**

If you are interested in auditioning for Angelica Cantanti Youth Choirs, please visit our website for audition information: www.angelicacantanti.org

### **Alumni Invitation**

Angelica Cantanti alumni singers are welcome to join our Encore adult choir that will begin rehearsing in the fall. Please visit the Angelica website for more information: www.angelicacantanti.org

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All choirs sing National Anthem at Twins Game – Friday, September 1, 2017
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