



## VOCI Announcements: August 18 Rehearsal

### Upcoming Events

- \* Sept. 15, 2009: Songs for the Cause
- \* December 5, 2009: Christmas in Candy Cane Land
- \* December 5, 2009: Bells of Christmas by Bel' VOCI
- \* December 6, 2009: Canton Children's Choir Christmas Concert
- \* December 11, 12, and 13, 2009: A Renaissance Christmas
- \* March 21, 2010: The Works of John Rutter
- \* May 1, 2010: Spring Ring by Bel'VOCI
- \* May 14, 15 and 16 2010: Encore...A Tribute to 70 years of Opera to Broadway
- \* May 16, 2010: Canton Children's Choir Spring Concert
- \* May 19, 2010: VOCI Women's Committee Scholarship Luncheon

By Loren Veigel, Artistic Director

Welcome back, everyone! I hope you've enjoyed your summer hiatus. I've loved the cooler weather, and spent two absolutely splendid weeks with friends traveling in San Francisco and northern California. In addition, my gang who have traveled together for over 20 years spend five days at Peak and Peek in New York golfing and "wine-ing."

Another highlight was the opportunity to manage the tour of an Episcopal choir from Nashville who were in residence at the National Cathedral for a week of Evensongs. Sure hope the National Cathedral is in VOCI's future!!

Through it all, I've missed my VOCI friends and working musically with you. But lots has been accomplished and many hours of planning and organizing will reap results as we move forward. Welcome back, and let's sing toward the exciting musical plans of this season! Best wishes,

Loren

### REMINDERS

In order to make our new policies work to the benefit of all, every singer's cooperation will be needed.



Welcome back! I know we will have a "Wicked" good time this year!

Make sure you:

**Sign in** your attendance each week. Section leaders will be checking ALL unrecorded absences.

**Call in** any absence, with reason reported, to the VOCI office ONLY – at 330-455-1000.

**Submit** WRITTEN applications for leave early, prior to the beginning of preparation for the concert season in which you'll be away. This will help in our planning a great deal. We appreciate your help!

**Take** FULL responsibility for your VOCI folder – return music promptly, and use it carefully.

### NEW STAFF NEEDED

As mentioned in the early August news, Loren will be appointing Section Leaders and Mentors from within our ranks. If you are interested in either job, please review the information in your handbook and let Loren know by email.

Mentors have been invited to serve for our new members, and Loren will be appointing Section Leaders very soon.

### VOCAL SCREENINGS

Loren would like to finish screening all voices of VOCI this month! Please schedule a ten-minute screening appointment with him if you have not sung for him yet. After the screenings are finished, anticipate an assigned seating chart. Let Loren know if you have concerns about seating now!

### SO SOON??

Remember, only THREE rehearsals before the baseball game performance, and only FOUR rehearsals before Songs for a Cause!

Your attendance is very important. See Announcements, p. 2

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Please know your parts on all music in our folders competently before the second rehearsal. Please refer to your practice CD's!

REHEARSALS BEGIN THIS SEASON AT 7:00 p.m. SHARP! In your seats, ready to warm-up.

**DUES ARE DUE**

Right now! Remaining at \$10.00 this year, membership dues must be paid prior to September 15<sup>th</sup> concert. Dues must be paid to receive new music! We appreciate your help!

**BY THE WAY**

These electronic announcements are going to be a great step for VOICI. Their slick look is thanks to Mindy, our new office assistant. One adjustment is important: remember, board members and committee chairs can submit information to the announcement sheet weekly and any member may ask to submit an announcement (permission from Max or Loren is needed).

**HOWEVER**, all announcement material must be submitted to the VOICI office by Friday noon each week. In this way,

all singers will have announcements prior to rehearsal each week. This will not preclude our need to talk business in rehearsal, but it will certainly shorten the time and provide members information in writing to which they can refer. Committee Chairs, PLEASE USE the electronic announcements to limit your time speaking to the chorus during rehearsal!

**WATCH FOR ...**

Special features in all future newsletters, helping you to get to know your VOICI friends.

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