



# High Notes

A PUBLICATION OF THE IOWA YOUTH CHORUS

## Italia 2012!

Chorale and Chamber Singers are bound for Italy this summer! They depart June 14 for an 8-day concert tour. Performances include singing for



mass at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and St. Francis Basilica in Assisi, as well as concerts in Rome, Florence and Venice. They'll immerse themselves in Italian culture by visiting

the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel, the Coliseum and Forum, Michelangelo's *David*, the Duomo, and St. Mark's Square. This is a unique opportunity for the choirs to sing music by great composers in sacred and historical venues, as well as serve as "exports" of American music and culture. 35 singers and 16 adults will be sharing the adventure. Here's hoping that all the fundraising and sacrifices will result in the trip of a lifetime!



## Chicken Soup for the IYC Soul

Here's a heartwarming, inspirational, and true story *a la* Jack Canfield's *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series:

*Just before the holidays an anonymous individual came into the Iowa Youth Chorus office and asked to pay off the remaining balance of a chorister's Italy tour expenses. We had to tell the donor that this chorister was not enrolled in the tour, and that the chorister did not feel it was even remotely possible that they would be able to raise or afford the \$3800 required to go, even with the help of a partial tour scholarship from our parent booster group. The donor replied, "Well, then I'd like to pay all of it." Once it was determined that there would be adequate time to arrange a passport and that the chorister's parents would approve the travel, we gladly accepted a generous down payment for the trip. That evening at rehearsal, the conductor surprised the chorister with a special holiday gift certificate reading: "This certificate entitles the recipient to one all-expense-paid trip to Italy." Tears of joy fell all around! What a precious gift this donor has given to this young person, and we're confident the gift will be appreciated for decades to come.*

SPRING 2012

PERFORMANCE  
CALENDAR



APRIL 15

Chorale and Chamber Singers perform for the *Music in the East Village* concert series sponsored by Capitol Hill Lutheran Church, 511 Des Moines Street, 3:00 p.m. Free will donation will be taken.

APRIL 21

*Spring Sing!* Our annual spring concert showcasing all of our choirs. Valley Church, 4343 Fuller Road, West Des Moines. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students 3-18. 3:00 p.m.

JUNE 10

Italy tour choir sings at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1025 28<sup>th</sup> Street, West Des Moines, for the 10:30 a.m. service. They will perform the sacred repertoire they have prepared for the Italy tour.

## Toddlers Move and Learn



Movement is a child's favorite response to music! The twenty-two toddlers (ages 15 months to 3 years) in Beginnings' new *Family Music for Toddlers* classes, are on a mission to move!

Beginnings classes allow children to explore every aspect of movement and balance in a safe environment. Whether freely and joyously dancing to recorded music or tapping, clapping, rocking and bouncing, movement provides many opportunities to experience the beat of music and helps develop rhythm skills.

Practicing new skills such as walking, marching, and stomping is fun for toddlers, and it is also *essential* to the learning process. Research shows that movement awakens and activates children's mental capacities, integrating and anchoring new information and experience into their neural networks.



## Calling All DMCC/IYC Alumni:

We're celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> season this year and decided it's high time to hold our 1<sup>st</sup> annual Des Moines Children's Chorus and Iowa Youth Chorus alumni picnic. DMCC and IYC have impacted thousands of lives over the past 30 years and we want to get the "family" together for fellowship and fun. The picnic will be Sunday, June 10 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Biddle Shelter of Raccoon River Park in West Des Moines. Watch for details on Facebook group and fan pages, Twitter, or e-mail or contact the IYC office.



## Birdies for Charity

This spring IYC will once again participate in the Birdies for Charity Program sponsored by the Principal Charity Classic golf tournament in June. Last year we raised over \$4000 through this program. You can donate by making a pledge based on the number of "birdies" made by the PGA Champions Tour players during the tournament. If you prefer, you can also make a flat dollar donation. The best part is that all donations will receive a 25% match from the Sammons Financial Group! This is a great way to support Iowa Youth Chorus and get a 25% match on your donation. It is simple for you to make a pledge online to the Chorus through the Birdies for Charity website at <http://www.principalcharityclassic.com/birdies-for-charity.php>. Click on "Make a Pledge," and enter the Iowa Youth Chorus as your recipient. We're grateful to the Principal Financial Group for sponsoring this program. What a fun way to give something back!



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We have entered the world of social networking. You can now follow us on Twitter and friend us on Facebook. You can learn about all the new and exciting things we have coming up at Iowa Youth Chorus. Keep an eye on the IYC website. It will be undergoing some changes!

