

Young Voices of Austin

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



Fall Highlights



World Peace Day

This year YVA had two Peace Day partner schools. Half of our cranes went to St. Mary's School in California and the others went half way around the world to Indonesia.

These are YVA Prima Choristers and 4-5 year old students from St. Mary's with the peace cranes. Greetings from Indonesia and California and back to Austin, Texas!

Sending PEACE



from the Junior Kindergarten students at St. Mary's School in California, U.S.A. ♡



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Do Something Great.

Back in October, Steven Hernandez paid a visit to YVA! We learned that he is a passionate and accomplished speaker who is helping students deal with bullying, life choices, and mental health by sharing his life experiences and inspiring students across our city. Steven runs an organization called Do Something Great, that encourages students to gain confidence in themselves in order to help them find their purpose. Steven was able to come and speak to Vox Medius this fall to share wisdom! Thank you, Steven!

Chorister Spotlight: Cang Hing Tan, Vox Prima

Greetings! Young Voices of Austin is made up of people from many different walks of life! To highlight our emphasis on diversity, this week I had the pleasure of interviewing Cang Hing Tan from our Vox Prima group. Cang Hing has been part of Young Voices of Austin for three years now and she cannot wait to share her experiences with you!
-Jae Oh



Cang Hing's YVA Experience

- How has YVA helped you become a leader of your community? One thing that YVA has helped me is to have more confidence in myself.
- What would you say to someone who is interested in joining YVA? This actually happened to me where a friend from my school wanted to join YVA! I told her that in YVA, you get to perform every year and you get to do cool stuff with Diana.
- What advice would you give to the younger Choristers? Always be nice to others!
- What do you want to see more of in YVA? I would love to see more dance and more opportunity to sing!
- What was your favorite song to sing at YVA? "A Million Dreams" from The Greatest Showman movie. It was my favorite because we got to sing with Dominus.
- In five words or less, what's the best thing about YVA? A fun activity with Music.
- Would you mind sharing with us one of your favorite YVA memories? This year, after Financial Literacy, we got to go play ping pong! It was really fun.
- From any of our group (Prima, Medius, and Dominus) is there someone that you are thankful for? Rachel Salin Moe. She is always so kind to everyone.

Cang Hing's Self

- What do you want to be when you grow up? What's your career goal? A doctor!
- What is your spirit animal? Bunny!
- What have you learned here that you'll take with you forever? I learned to be confident in myself.
- What is your dream vacation? A beach with my family and friends.
- Who are you most thankful for? My friends. They help me with things that I don't know.
- What is your best quality? I think it has to be my voice!
- What was your favorite book to read as a child? Any chapter books were my favorite!





Enrichment Time

Enrichment time at YVA is a time for community building and fun. Chorister's activities range from peace crane making, to ofrenda creations, to decorating birthday boxes for children in foster care through the Together We Rise program.

Our choristers have a weekly hour to create and sustain relationships with students from across Austin and enjoy the friendships from year to year.



Music Retreat and Choir

The fall Music Retreat came and went. Each chorister arrived with anticipation about what the day would entail. What they found was a day of choreography and singing with family. Choristers spent the day solidifying the repertoire for their Winter Concert. It was the first time that all divisions were able to be together since May. It was wonderful to spend some time getting to know our newest members as well as rekindling old friendships. The choristers' time with Carolina (choreographer) was met with enthusiasm as they worked hard to step outside their comfort zone and move about our painter's tape stage in the choir room.

We were also delighted to welcome Young People's Chorus of New York City's very own Francisco Nuñez and Sophia Papoulis at the end of September. Their time with our choristers was magical and we are grateful for their friendship! We continue to work towards our winter concert while forming beautiful musical experiences where we trust each other to prepare something amazing for our audience of family and friends.





2019-2020

Love Train
Winter 2019 Concert
Saturday, December 7,
2019
7 PM

Austin Trail of Lights
Saturday, December 14,
2019
8 PM

**Vox Electus Carols @
Paramount's White
Christmas Event**
Wednesday, December 18,
2019
6 PM

**PricewaterhouseCoopers
Financial Literacy Workshop**
Saturday, January 11, 2020
9:45 AM-3 PM

Chorister Outing to SPIN
Saturday, January 11, 2020
3:00 PM-5 PM

Music and Moonlight
Benefiting
Young Voices of Austin
Thursday, February 27, 2020
6 PM

Music Retreat
Saturday, February 29,
2020
9:45 am-4 pm

Vox Dominus Trip
Saturday, March 7, 2020
TBD

Spring Concert
Sunday, May 3, 2020
Time TBD

**LOVE
TRAIN**
YOUNG VOICES OF AUSTIN
WINTER CONCERT

**Saturday
December 7th
7:00 pm**

**AUSTIN CENTRAL LIBRARY
710 W. CESAR CHAVEZ ST.**

Save the date

YOUNG VOICES OF AUSTIN
AT TRAIL OF LIGHTS
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019 - ZILKER PARK
8PM LOBBY STAGE
Tickets available at: austintrailoflights.org

YOUNG VOICES OF AUSTIN
Music and Moonlight

February 27th
MERCURY HALL
615 CARDINAL LANE | AUSTIN, TX
6:00 PM