

Young Voices of Austin

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



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Directors' Message

**DIANA GREENFIELD &
ELDA GARCIA**

We are excited to begin our second year of Young Voices of Austin. We look forward to greeting familiar faces and many new faces in September.

This year, we will continue to work toward our commitment to not only create stronger musicians but stronger people, empowering the voices of Austin's youngest citizens so that they may become its future leaders.

Our three divisions encompass a racially and socioeconomically diverse population of young people.

We will again provide homework assistance and age appropriate tutoring, as well as meaningful team-building enrichment activities.

In addition, our choristers will have the opportunity to attend Music and Leadership retreats on select Saturdays throughout the year.

We are delighted to enter into partnership with the Stateside Theatre at the Paramount, where we will hold our Winter concert. Our new transportation partner is Next Level, Inc. which has agreed to help underwrite the cost of transporting some choristers to our program. Additional new partnerships include our new program venue, First Austin (901 Trinity), which will provide separate classroom and rehearsal space. In addition to our amazing restaurant partners who will work with us again this year, we also have some delicious new food contributions to look forward to.

We are eternally grateful to these amazing organizations and can't wait to share these invaluable resources with you.



First Austin
901 Trinity St, Austin, TX 78701

Upcoming Program

Mondays

Vox Prima 4-6:30 PM

Vox Dominus 5:30-8 PM

Tuesdays

Vox Medius 4:30-7 PM

Program Location:

First Austin

901 Trinity St. Austin, TX 78701

Our Impact 2017-2018

Choristers Enrolled: 52

Schools Represented: 37

Scholarship Rate: 84%

Community Partners: 27

Volunteer Hours: 304

Meals Served: 950

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bottles donated

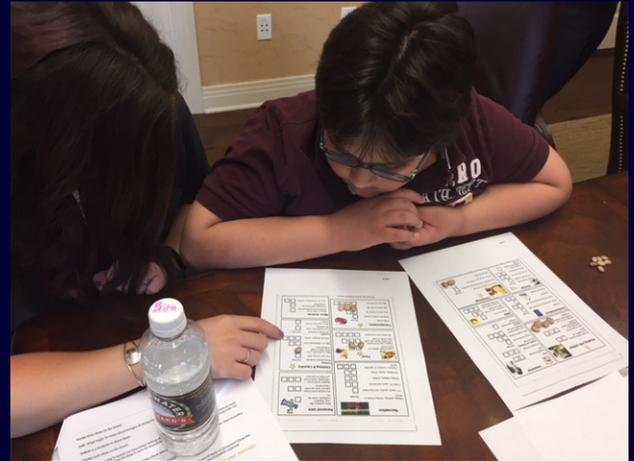


A special welcome to Jae Oh, our new Assistant Choral Conductor and Office Manager at Young Voices of Austin.



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Special Thanks to PriceWaterhouseCoopers



Thank you to PriceWaterhouseCoopers for hosting our first Financial Literacy Workshop in March 2018. PWC volunteers provided engaging curriculum and materials- but also breakfast tacos, pizza lunch and budgeting beans for the annual Financial Literacy workshop!

Each age-appropriate workshop consisted of lessons/games on budgeting, planning for college, choosing a career interest, computer science, and entrepreneurship. A highlight of the workshop was a Shark Tank activity for our high schoolers (Vox Dominus). Team members collaborated creatively and presented their ideas to a judging panel which was blown away. Products ranged from organic make-up to Google glasses to innovative pop-up camping tents.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with PWC in 2018-2019!

A Concert of Hope

On May 5, 2018, our choristers took the stage at the Austin ISD Performing Arts Center. Audience members were inspired to look within themselves and reflect on what hope means to each of them. Choristers spent months preparing and reflecting on the words and melodies of each of the pieces presented. One could see and feel the music embodied in each chorister. Opening with a song of welcome, the combined choruses of Vox Prima, Medius, and Dominus sang "Jambo" from the aisles and stage of the beautiful performance space. The program was a beautiful tapestry of songs. The soloists were raw and magical storytellers. Their positive message was received with resounding applause as they closed the concert with "Give us Hope," by Jim Papoulis.



Miles Kulhanek performing the opening solo in "Why We Sing" composed by Greg Gilpin

First Year Highlights



Board President, Steve Kuhn, visiting Prima Choristers



Vox Medius & Dominus Spring UT Tour Day with Laura Turner

Together We Rise Project



Community service project-assembling birthday boxes and decorating totes for children in foster care through Together We Rise



Allie O'Shieles and Miles Kulhanek (not pictured) were guest performers at the African Children's Choir Concert in May



Ariana Borrego is our first graduating senior. We are excited about her future as she begins her journey in Music Therapy at The University of Incarnate Word!



Our very first Welcome Event with our amazing GAP pros and volunteers!



Fall 2018



Annual Welcome Event

Saturday, September 8
1 pm-4 pm

Music Retreat

Saturday, October 20
10 am-4 pm

Moments of Wonder

Winter 2018 Concert
Sunday, December 9
4 pm

PriceWaterhouseCoopers Financial Literacy Workshop

Saturday, January 12, 2019
10 am-5 pm

Bash at the Bellevue Benefiting Young Voices of Austin

Thursday, March 28, 2019

A yellow poster with the text "SAVE THE DATE" in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. To the left of the text, it says "YOUNG VOICES OF AUSTIN 2ND ANNUAL WELCOME EVENT" in smaller black text, followed by "SEPTEMBER 8TH 2018 1-4PM" in large black text. At the bottom left, there are logos for "YOUNG VOICES OF AUSTIN" and "GREATER AUSTIN PICKLEBALL". Below the logos, it says "Austin Tennis and Pickleball Center 7800 Johnny Morris Road Austin, TX 78724".

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Host Us

Let's party! YVA is looking for community members or parents to host small house parties to help introduce us to your friends in the community.

You are our best network!

For more information on hosting a house party please email diana@youngvoicesofaustin.org.

Volunteer

Young Voices of Austin loves volunteers! Volunteers are needed at rehearsals, special events, and chorister activities.

If you would like to get involved with YVA, please email Elda Garcia, elda@youngvoicesofaustin.org.