

Young Voices of Austin

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



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Spring Highlights

We are in utter amazement of how quickly the end of our second year has arrived. Our YVA program will conclude with our spring concert as we carry many beautiful and unforgettable moments from this past year!

We happily welcome LaTanya Chatfield to YVA. She is a dance instructor in the Austin area that is adding her creativity to our daily rehearsals as she works to choreograph many of the selections of the "Children Will Listen" concert. Our choristers have truly outdone themselves as they work to step outside their comfort zone to enhance their performance for our Austin community.

We are so grateful to everyone who attended our very first Bash at the Bellevue. Our silent auction baskets have all been collected and we once again send out our many thanks to all of the Austin area businesses who donated and made this part of our Bash a huge success.

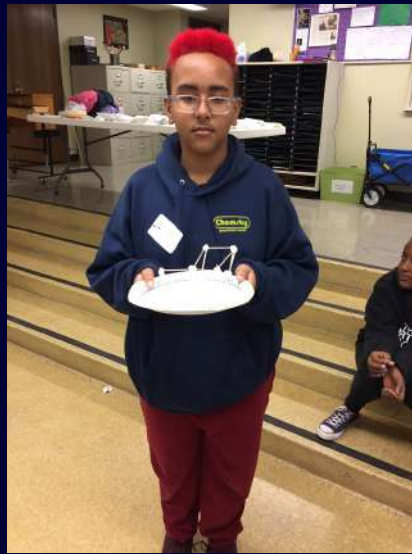
As we wrap up our year we want to acknowledge our volunteers who join us every week to help with tutoring and enrichment activities. Lajja, Rishi, Jihyun and Andrew have been with us for two years and are an invaluable part of our family!

Spring Music Retreat

On Saturday, March 2, 2019, our YVA choristers continued to build friendships and a sense of family at our Spring Music Retreat. Each chorister arrived with anticipation about what the day would entail. Our second music retreat went off without a hitch and it was greatly in part to our Dominus and Medius choristers who step up and help in any way they can to make sure that Vox Prima feels included and as a very important part of our choir family.

Choristers worked on music literacy in reading rhythm notation, composing, writing on the music staff and singing independently to find their ideal singing neighbor.

Percussion skills were showcased during a group-wide drum circle. They also participated in two sessions of choir where the choristers sang their spring concert repertoire as one large ensemble for the very first time. We look forward to continuing this Music Retreat tradition in the coming year and hope that our choristers walk away musically fulfilled, for they are a part of our amazing YVA family.



Bash at the Bellevue 2019



Our very first fundraising event was a success thanks to the many people involved. Chateau Bellevue set the magical scene for our YVA choristers and their guests on a beautiful spring day- March 28,2019.

Parents and community supporters who attended were eager to see the many silent auction baskets and the goodies they had in store.

We are so thankful for our amazing YVA Executive Director, Diana Greenfield. Her heartfelt welcome and introduction kicked this off on the right foot and her leadership made our Bash event truly memorable and a complete success. The YVA Choristers had the special honor of being introduced by YVA board member and supporter Turk Pipkin.



We are grateful to Robert Greenfield, husband of our Executive Director and long time supporter, for taking the lead on the Paddles Up portion of our event. We were overwhelmed with the generous donors in audience and felt truly fortunate to be surrounded by our community.



Special thanks to the ASK Foundation and Richard's Rainwater for so generously sponsoring our cocktail hour. We were delighted and so grateful to have our friends at Popbar brighten the event even more with their delicious popsicles. Thank you to Tyeschea West for her brilliant work in documenting our very first Bash with her amazing photos. We had over 60 donors who made our silent auction a great success. And to each of you we say, thanks a million!



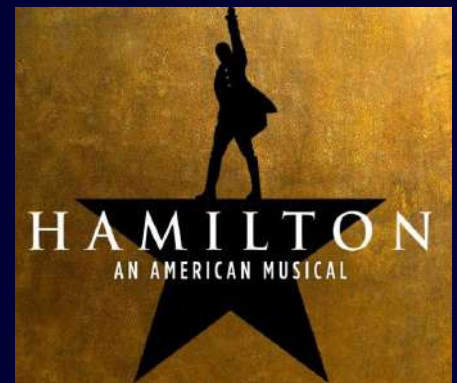
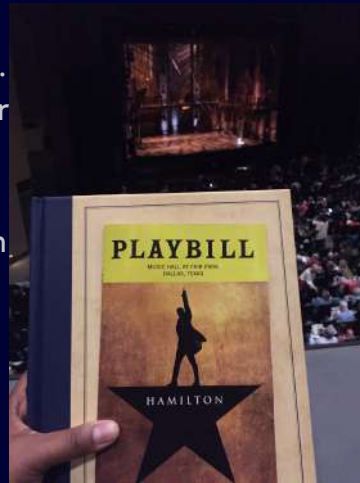
Dominus Road Trip to Hamilton

Saturday, April 6, 2019 will hopefully be an everlasting memory for our Vox Dominus choristers. Starting with a very early morning of 8 am and returning to Austin at 9:30 pm was only a small sacrifice for the opportunity of a lifetime. There was time for a quick lunch stop at the famous Dallas chicken restaurant, Rudy's which the choristers enjoyed while en route to Hamilton.



Arriving at the Music Hall at Fair Park was only the beginning of this amazing adventure. For most Dominus choristers, this was their very first Broadway musical experience. Their faces of anticipation as they waited for the hall to open were priceless.

A special thank you to Andies Shepherd from Next Level Valet Inc. for safely getting us to and from Austin during our first set of April showers in Texas and to Uchiba and Next Level Valet Inc. for hosting a very special dinner for our choristers.





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7:00 pm

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