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GIRLS' CHOIR PROGRAM

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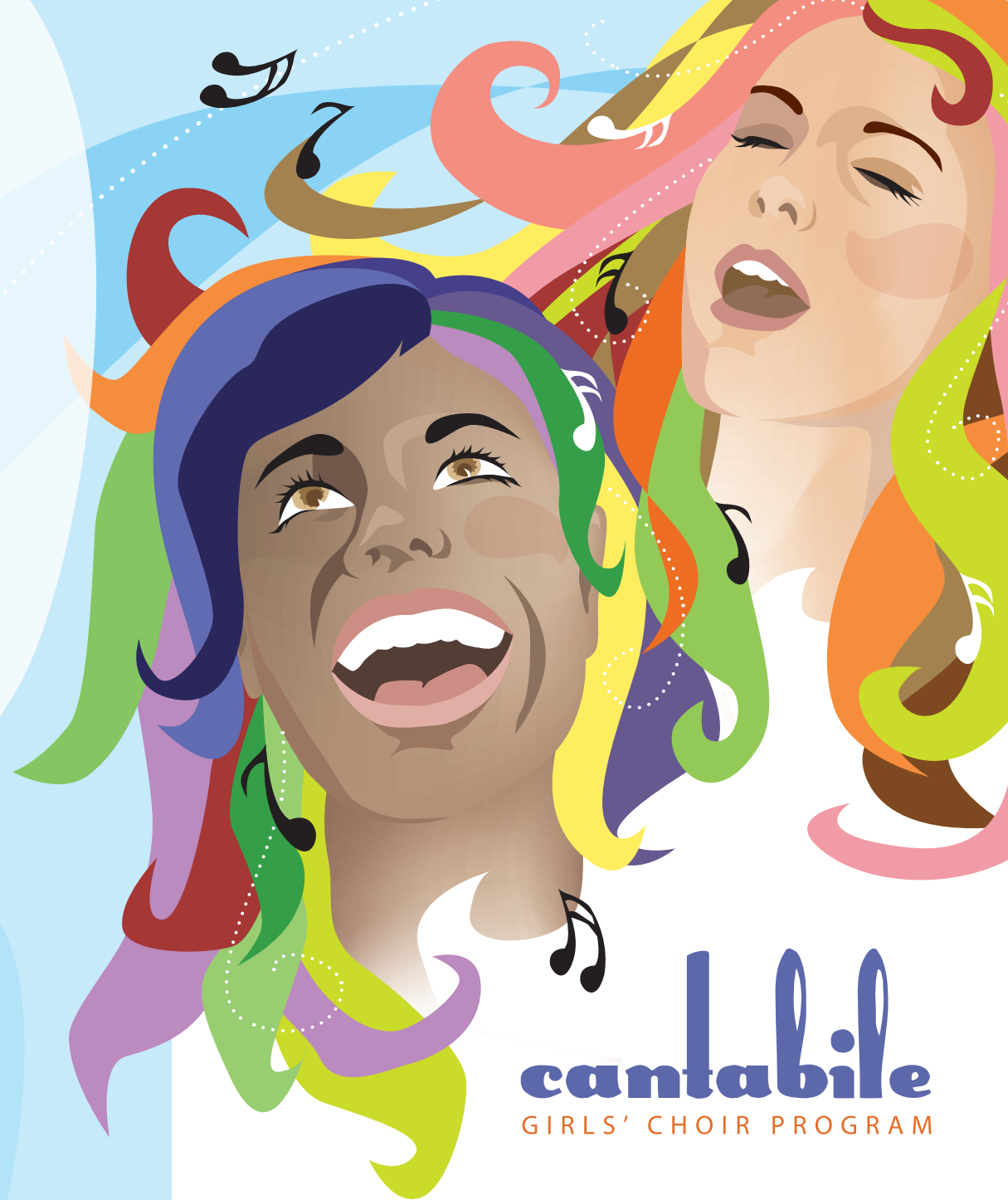
The mission of the choir program is to provide a rich and varied choral experience for talented young women that will challenge, edify, and entertain the choir and its audiences, and provide opportunities to grow not only musically, but socially and academically as well, through the study and performance of quality choral literature.

Goals

- Participants will grow musically through vocal development and study of music theory.
- Participants will pass through vocal change with confidence and understanding.
- Participants will grow socially through peer interaction, touring and concerts.
- Faculty will grow through peer interaction, professional association, and study.
- St. Cloud State music majors will have on-site access to a laboratory choral setting.
- St. Cloud State and the Music Department will enjoy enhanced community exposure.

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An auditioned girls' choir program sponsored by the Preparatory Program
of the St. Cloud State Music Department.

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The Cantabile Girls Choir Program, which is sponsored by the St. Cloud State Music Department Preparatory Program, offers two choral opportunities for young girls in Central Minnesota. The Choristers choir is for girls in grades 4-6 and Cantabile is for girls in grades 6-9.



kän-tä-bē-lā worthy to be sung, in an easy, flowing manner



Meeting times and location

The Cantabile Choristers Choir, grades 4-6, rehearses one hour per week September through May. The Cantabile Choir, grades 6-9, rehearses two hours per week September through May.

The choirs have access to St. Cloud State facilities. Rehearsals are held in the Choir Room at the St. Cloud State Performing Arts Center.

Schedule

An orientation for members is held in late August with rehearsals beginning on Mondays in September. The choir participates in community events, collaborates with other area choirs and performs independently throughout the school year. Cantabile has enjoyed performances at such events as the Women's Showcase, Hymnfest, St. Cloud State Holly Days, Minnesota Center Chorale and Great River Chorale concerts. The choir annually collaborates in a major Her Story-Her Song concert with the St. Cloud State Women's Choir and music faculty. Cantabile sponsors an annual choral festival in February that draws outstanding youth choirs and clinicians from throughout the Upper Midwest. The choir closes each season with a tour in May.

Repertoire

The choir performs music ranging from unison to four-part songs from all historical periods. Outstanding literature covers many languages, cultures and styles and is designed to challenge and inspire choir members and audiences alike.

Cost

Students pay a very reasonable tuition fee, wardrobe fee, and registration fee. Grants and donations supplement these fees to assure that the choir experience is accessible to all students.

Parental involvement

Parents are invited to support the program in many ways. Parents take turns chaperoning rehearsals, concerts and tours, and coordinate specific year long projects. Parents are always welcome at rehearsals.

Commitment

In order for the choir to perform at the highest level possible, each member is asked to make a serious commitment to the program. With rehearsals only once each week, absences are expected to be kept to a minimum.

Auditions

Auditions for Cantabile are held each year in late May or early June.

During each ten minute audition, the singer will be asked to echo-clap and sing short phrases. Each person will also be asked to sing a series of vocalises to determine range, and will be asked to sing a song of choice without accompaniment. This can be as simple as "Mary Had a Little Lamb," "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star," or a favorite hymn. Please check our website for additional information on audition dates.

Questions?

Call the Cantabile Office at 320.308.3836 or visit our website at www.stcloudstate.edu/music/cantabile.asp

Cantabile has a highly qualified staff

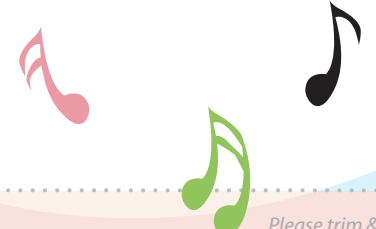
JANE OXTON is the founding director of Cantabile and a graduate of St. Cloud State University with a degree in vocal music education. She has been involved with children's choral music in the St. Cloud area since 1968 directing choirs at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and at Jefferson Elementary. In addition to her work with Cantabile, she is currently employed by the Perpich Center for Arts Education and assists with educational outreach for the Paramount Visual Arts Center. As a director, her goal is to help children make a lifelong connection to the joy of making music.

MARY JO BOT is the director of the SCSU Music Department's Preparatory Program of which Cantabile is a part and serves as the associate director of Cantabile. She is a graduate of St. Cloud State University with a BS degree in Vocal Music Education and an MS in Conducting and Literature. Currently, she conducts the SCSU Women's Choir and has also conducted choirs at St. John's University, served on the staff of the St. John's Boys' Choir, and worked for many years in church music ministry. She is proud to be associated with Cantabile, which provides girls with many exciting opportunities to learn, grow, and mature as individuals and as musicians.

BETSY EICKHOFF, director of Cantabile Choristers, is a graduate of the College of St. Benedict with degrees in choral and instrumental education and vocal performance. After teaching at St. John's Preparatory School and CSB/SJU, she began graduate work in music education with an emphasis in conducting at the University of Minnesota. Betsy worked with the St. John's Boys' Choir for ten years directing the Junior Varsity Choir. A busy mother of four, Betsy loves to spend time with her family, cooking, reading and staying fit.

SUSAN HILL serves as the accompanist for Cantabile. She has a degree in Music Education and has enjoyed accompanying in St. Cloud for many choral ensembles including Apollo and Tech High School Choirs, St. Cloud State ensembles, Great River Chorale, Central Minnesota Youth Chorale and now Cantabile. She loves choral music and is having lots of fun working with the Cantabile staff and with the girls. She is a licensed psychologist employed by Catholic Charities and also has a private practice.

St. Cloud State music majors frequently provide support for instruction, instrumental accompaniment, and help for concerts, which provides the college students with valuable experience and Cantabile students with great role models.



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- I would like more information about the choir.
 - I would like to schedule an audition time for my child.
- Child's name: _____
- Current school: _____
- Grade: _____
- I would like to contribute to Cantabile. Enclosed is a check made payable to the SCSU Foundation/Cantabile for \$_____.
 - I would like Cantabile to perform for an event.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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Cantabile Choirs, SCSU Music Dept., 720 Fourth Ave. S., St. Cloud, MN 56301-4498.