

# CANTABILE

## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

### ALUMNAE CONCERT



*Friday, November 25, 2005*

*Christ Church Newman Center*

### A LOOK BACK...

Cantabile began in 1996. Since that time 185 girls have benefited from the program! It is good that we take time to celebrate and remember the process that has brought us to this day.

We are grateful to the SCSU Music Department for embracing Cantabile as a part of its Preparatory Program and for its continued nurture and support. Thanks also to Dr. Tom Allen and Dr. Marcelyn Smale for their vision in creating the choir, to grantors and parents for sustaining the vision and to William Casto for his generous philanthropy over many years.

Cantabile evolved through several grade configurations in the early years before settling in at grades 6 – 9. Because of popular demand, a second choir, Choristers, was added in 2000 for girls in grades 4 – 6. Jane Oxtan and Ann Oleksowicz have been with the organization since its beginning as founding conductor and accompanist. Doreen Hutchings served as assistant conductor for the first five years. In 2000 Mary Jo Bot joined the staff and has continued to serve as Director of the Preparatory Program, conductor of Choristers and assistant conductor of Cantabile.

February festivals have proven to be highlights. Over the years Cantabile has hosted Mankato Children's Choir, Bel Canto (Mpls), Angelica Cantati (Mpls), Lake Agassiz Girls' Choir (Fargo), Vivace Voices (Northwestern College), Minnetonka Girls' Choir, Northfield Youth Choir, Metro-Choralaires (Mpls) and Premier Voices (Elk River). This year Mankato Children's Choir will return and St. John's Boys' Choir will also join us. Visiting clinicians have been Cora Scholz (Northfield Youth Choirs), Barbara Sletto (Des Moines Children's Choir), Judy Sagen (Eastview High), Elizabeth Shepley (Northfield Youth Choirs), and Mary Kay Geston (Northwestern College). This year we are pleased to welcome Lee Nelson, SCSU's new choral director. Other annual traditions are the SCSU Holly Days Concert, the Great River Choral Holiday concert, Hymnfest at St. John's and Her Story-Her Song, a University collaborative venture during which Cantabile will premier a work commissioned for our tenth anniversary by Dr. Barbara Bloomer, SCSU Professor emeriti.

The choir has toured to Amor, Fergus Falls, Thief River Falls, St. Peter, St. Paul, Fargo, Monticello, Little Falls, Staples, Kimball, Eden Valley, Hutchinson, Alexandria, as well as many local schools and nursing homes. This year the choir will tour to the Duluth area. The choir has also been invited to perform with Don Diri Don, a Polish choir, the Minnesota Center Chorale, and the Campus Singers of the College of St. Benedict. The choir also performs regularly for many important community events and has enjoyed several outstanding residencies. We have even sung at a wedding! And through it all, members have never been asked to sell anything!!

Over the years, many girls have shared stories of gratitude for the experiences they have had in Cantabile. The mission of the choir has been and will continue to be "to provide a rich and varied choral experience for talented young women that will challenge and edify the choir, entertain its

### CHORISTERS

Mary Jo Bot, conductor; Anna Kotschevar, piano

**Mairi's Wedding**

arr. Jay Broeker

Cady Sehnert, violin

**Al Shlosha D'varim**

Allan e. Naplan

The world is sustained by three things,  
by truth, by justice, and by peace.

**Turkey's United!**

Elizabeth Gilpatrick

### CANTABILE AND ALUMNAE

Jane Oxtan, conductor; Ann Oleksowicz, piano

*Alumnae are invited to sing any or all pieces with the choir.  
Simply come to the front and share a folder with a current member*

**The Lord's My Shepherd**

arr Malcolm Archer

**Ave Maria**

G. Caccina

**Psalm 100**

Ruth Watson Henderson

**Solstice**

Randall Thompson

**Ose Shalom**

Debbie Friedman

May the one who makes peace in the high places  
make peace for Israel and for all, and say Amen.

**When I Am Silent**

Joan C. Varner

**Down By the Riverside**

Brant Adams

### CANTABILE, CHORISTERS & ALUMNAE

Jane Oxtan, conductor; Ann Oleksowicz, piano

**Sing for Joy**

Marcelyn Smale

**Night of Silence**

Daniel Kantor

**Blessing**

Katie Moran Bart

*Please join us in the lower terrace level of the church to visit over cider and scrapbooks  
following the concert*