



# Winter Concert

Ordway Concert Hall, St. Paul, Minnesota | December 7, 2025

4:30pm—Featuring Con Brio, Cantabile and Concert Choir

7:30pm—Featuring Concert Choir, Treble Singers, Cantanti Singers

Conductors Ann Williams, Michelle Gehrz, Elizabeth Egger and Dr. Joseph Kemper

Accompanists Moya McGinn Mathews, Jeffrey Patry and Jamie Schmidt

45th Anniversary Season



Dear Angelica families, friends and alumni,

Welcome to our 45th Anniversary Winter Concerts!

As we celebrate our 2025–26 season, we honor a remarkable legacy — 45 years as a leader of musical excellence in the Twin Cities. For more than four decades, Angelica Cantanti Youth Choirs has nurtured and inspired thousands of young people through programs that include early childhood music, community outreach, and outstanding performing ensembles.

Today's concerts feature 300 singers in grades 3–12 from 123 different schools and communities from all over the Twin Cities. We are very excited to welcome Dr. Joseph Kemper, our new High School Director, as he leads his first Angelica concert this evening. We also celebrate our Concert Choir, who will represent ACYC on the regional stage this February at the Midwest ACDA - American Choral Director Association Conference in Milwaukee, WI.

We invite you to sit back, relax, and enjoy the beauty of the Ordway Concert Hall — and take in the charm of Rice Park just outside — as we usher in the holiday season together. Thank you for being here to support these outstanding young singers and the music that connects us all.

With gratitude,  
*Audrey Riddle*  
Executive Director



*Please silence all cell phones. Recording devices and cameras are prohibited. No flash photography.*

## ANGELICA CANTANTI CONDUCTORS

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**ANN WILLIAMS** is the Conductor of the **Con Brio Choir** and also leads Angelica's Vivace choir (grades 3-6). She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Music and Elementary Education from The College of St. Benedict, then earned her MA in Music Education at the University of St. Thomas. Ann is inspired by youth and loves teaching. For the past forty-one years, Ann has served as a classroom educator, music educator and choir director. Her directing experience includes the auditioned District 279 Children's Chorus, the St. Alphonsus Children's Choir, and was a founding director of the Twin Cities Youth Chorale (TCYC), an auditioned children's chorus in the northwest suburbs of Minneapolis. Over the years Ann's choirs have had the distinction of performing at both

state and national conventions for the National Association for Music Education (NAfME and MMEA) as well as the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA-MN) fall conference. Ann was also selected as an elementary honors choir co-director for ACDA-MN. Ann was a member of the Education Board for the Dale Warland Singers (DWS), and assisted with curriculum writing for both the DWS, and the Osseo Area Schools. She holds memberships in both ACDA and the National Association for Music Education (NAfME). As a vocalist, Ann currently serves as a cantor at the Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis. Ann recently received the College of Saint Benedict's 2024 Distinguished Alumna Award for her work in music education and children's choral music.



**DR. JOSEPH KEMPER** is the conductor of the **Treble Singers** and the **Cantanti Singers** and is an Assistant Professor of Music at St. Olaf College, where he conducts the Chapel Choir and Viking Chorus. He is dedicated to music-making that cultivates understanding and inspires lifelong musicians who use their gifts for societal impact. From 2023-2025, he served as Assistant Professor of Music at Concordia College, where he was nominated for the 2025 Flaat Distinguished Teaching Award. Earlier roles include Visiting Assistant Professor of Music at Whitman College from 2021-2023, and Assistant Director of Choral Activities at Winter Park High School from 2011-2016, where his advanced treble ensemble was selected to perform

at the 2014 Florida ACDA Conference. Joe has presented at conferences, led workshops, and directed honor choirs nationwide, including the 2024 Florida ACDA High School Honor Choir. At Concordia, he created "Singing, Incarceration, and Restorative Justice," a course serving incarcerated residents at the Clay County Jail; the course was named the 2025 Dave Grant Program of the Year. As a champion of new and diverse music, he has led premieres of works by Mari Isabel Valverde, Evelyn Simpson Curenton, Arianne Abela, and Ronja Mokráňová. Joe holds degrees from the University of Michigan (D.M.A. '21), Yale University (M.M. '18), where he received the inaugural Robert Shaw Prize, and St. Olaf College (B.M., '11), where he was awarded departmental distinction.



**MICHELLE GEHRZ** is the conductor of **Cantabile Choir** and also leads Angelica's Prelude Choir Class (K-1) and Prep Choir Class (grades 1-3). Michelle is a passionate and joyful choral conductor, music educator, accompanist, church musician, and organist in the Twin Cities. She holds degrees in music education, sacred music, and organ performance from St. Olaf College, University of Notre Dame, and University of St. Thomas (ABT) and has her Orff Certification from UST. Michelle is the Artistic Director of Bella Lumina – an adult treble choir based in Hopkins, and also directs the Music Association of Minnetonka Senior Chorale (55+). She is a collaborative pianist for ACDA-MN Honor Choirs, MMEA All-State Choirs, Minnetonka High School, and Mound Westonka High

School. She has served as the R&R Chair for Children's/Youth Choirs for ACDA-MN. Michelle was the conductor of the ACDA-MN 4-5-6 Girls State Honor Choir in May 2023. Her school music teaching career has spanned all grade levels K-12 and has included teaching at Mounds Park Academy (St. Paul), St. Croix Preparatory Academy (Stillwater), and in the Wayzata School District. She has served as Organist/Choir Director at many churches including the Cathedral of St. Paul, Lake of the Isles Lutheran, Mount Calvary Lutheran (Excelsior), Hennepin Avenue UMC, and St. Anthony Park UCC. Michelle recently received the 2024 Choral Director of the Year award from ACDA-MN. Michelle's greatest calling and wish for her time on this earth is simply to bring people together in singing. "I hope to be a catalyst for others to spread light, to find hope, and to feel immense joy through song!"



**ELIZABETH EGGER** is a conductor and singer whose career is grounded in her mission to educate, create, and explore to help young singers develop their authentic voice. Beth is the conductor of the **ACYC Concert Choir** and as the choir director at Scott Highlands Middle School in Apple Valley, MN. With 20 years of experience, Beth has held teaching and conducting roles in various schools and churches across Minnesota and Wisconsin. Under Beth's artistic leadership, her ensembles achieved notable recognition performing at MMEA and ACDA of MN events. Notably, Beth conducted ACYC singers during the 2018 Super Bowl LII performance with Leslie Odom, Jr. She also prepared the children's chorus for Minnesota Orchestra's performances

of Mahler's Symphony of a Thousand, A New Year's Concert with Thomas Søndergård, and Puccini's Turandot. In 2026, Beth is looking forward to conducting the ACYC Concert Choir in her hometown of Milwaukee, WI at the Midwestern ACDA Regional Conference. Beth is also a singer at heart, and has sung with several professional ensembles throughout the midwest. She earned her MA in Music Education at the University of St. Thomas and BM summa cum laude in Vocal Performance and Music Education at the University of Minnesota. Follow her vibrant journey on Instagram: @choirsips.

## PROGRAM

### PRELUDE MUSIC

Bloomington Symphony Orchestra String Quartet:  
Chris Chilgren, Daniel Erickson, John Holm, Jenni Volby

Percussion: Jeff Bina

Harp: Elisa Schiller

Bass Guitar: Christopher Larson



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### CON BRIO (4:30pm concert)

As the year closes, these winter months invite reflection and renewal as well as a celebration of gifts that music brings: peace in our hearts, beauty in our world, love for one another, and the joyful spirit that lifts us all. *“Gloria! Gloria!”* serves as a rousing and energetic plea for a peaceful planet. *“Winter Moon”* is a contemplative piece describing the beauty of a magically crisp and frosty winter night. *“Carry the Light”* focuses on the love and support we share. We will wrap up our set with the spirited *“Boogie Woogie Holiday”*. During this festive season, the Con Brio Choir wishes you moments of peace, glimpses of beauty, reminders of love, and a renewed sense of joy and wonder.

**Gloria! Gloria!** ..... Roger Emerson  
**Winter Moon** ..... Jordan Ricks  
**Carry the Light** ..... Andy Beck  
Soloist: Daniel Guo, alternate: Jaxson Melchoir  
**Boogie Woogie Holiday** ..... Greg Gilpin

### CANTABILE (4:30pm concert)

Our song set is inspired by the idea of home, sparked by discovering the song *“Lead Me Home”*. We explore what home means—whether it’s a place, a feeling, or a community—and recognize its diverse significance. The opening song, *“Vuela”* (“fly” in Spanish), celebrates the sense of adventure when leaving home. Our keystone piece, *“Lead Me Home”*, centers on the theme of belonging, with the singers performing intricate harmonies. *“The Journey”* combines *Simple Gifts* and Dvorak’s *New World Symphony* to highlight returning home. *“Fly Away Home”* invites listeners to imagine new possibilities, while *“Home for the Holidays”* encourages everyone to join in singing about the joy of being home.

**Vuela** ..... Carlos Cordero  
**Lead Me Home** ..... Matt Carlson  
**The Journey** ..... Arr. by Joseph M. Martin  
**Fly Away Home** ..... Pinkzebra  
**(There’s No Place Like) Home for the Holidays** ..... Al Stillman, Robert Allen, arr. Greg Gilpin

*Audience, please join the choir on the refrain on the conductor’s cue:*

*“Oh, there’s no place like home for the holidays,  
'cause no matter how far away you roam,  
when you pine for the sunshine of a friendly gaze,  
for the holidays you can't beat home, sweet home.”*

### CONCERT CHOIR (4:30pm and 7:30pm concerts)

Tonight’s program highlights the many ways music brings us together. We open with the uplifting contemporary a cappella piece *“Into (It’s You)”* followed immediately by the sparkling Baroque energy of Handel’s *“Your Voices Tune.”* We shift to the lively, commissioned work *“Cha Cha Elemental,”* which blends cha-cha rhythms with playful Spanish lyrics about the four elements: Earth, Air, Fire, and Water. Jacob Narverud’s new voicing of *“Found/Tonight,”* combines powerful messages from Hamilton and Dear Evan Hansen to remind us of unity, hope, and being seen. We conclude with the lighthearted winter favorite *“Fruitcake,”* celebrating the beloved dessert. As you listen, see how many of the ingredients you can catch!

**Intro (It's You)** ..... Krishan Oberoi  
Please hold applause

**Your Voices Tune** ..... George Frideric Handel, arr. Matthew Michaels

**Cha Cha Elemental** ..... Cristian Grases  
Local premiere commissioned by the 2025 ACDA Soprano-Alto Developing Choirs Commission Consortium of the American Choral Directors Association

**Found/Tonight** ..... Lin-Manuel Miranda, Justin Paul, and Benj Pasek, arr. Jacob Narverud  
Arrangement commissioned by the Angelica Cantanti Youth Choirs

**Fruitcake** ..... Philip Hagemann and Penny Leka

### TREBLE SINGERS (7:30pm concert)

**Come Round the Evergreen** ..... Shara Nova, arr. J. Clay Gonzalez

**Lamma Bada Yatathanna, As She Swayed** ..... Lisan Al-Din Ibn Al-Khatib, Mohamed Abdel Rahim Al Masloub, arr. Shireen Abu-Khader

**God will give orders/Sweet child** ..... Sarah Quartet  
Small Group: Julia Farah, Julia Gottschalk, Lynnie Krautbauer, Kai Nyugen, Greta Sample, Kaylee Soles, Celie Walters,

**Travelin' Home** ..... Andrea Ramsey  
Soloist: Anna Skirry

**Singkap Siaga** ..... Tracy Wong  
Soloist: Julia Farah

### CANTANTI SINGERS (7:30 concert)

**Tuttarana** ..... Reena Esmail

**Alchemy** ..... Reginal Wright  
Local premiere commissioned by Graphite Publishing for the 2025-26 Commissioning Consortium

**Champa Battambang** ..... Sinn Sisamouth, arr. by Darita Seth  
Soloists: Niko Gruss, Jonas Dammen

**The Blue Bird** ..... Charles Villiers Stanford and Mary E. Coleridge

**Walk Out on the Water** ..... Royal Canoe, arr. Geung Krocker-Lee  
Soloists: Grace Galbus, Gwen Meenk, Preston Rose, and Ada Thompson

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** ..... Evelyn Blessing, grade 8 and Philesha Pfeifer, grade 12

## ANGELICA CANTANTI YOUTH CHOIRS

### CON BRIO CHOIR (grades 3-5)

Ann Williams, Conductor & Moya McGinn Mathews, Accompanist  
 Grace Hammes & Elizabeth Hainlen, Rehearsal Assistants  
 Jennifer Koenen & April Simek, Parent Rehearsal Helpers. Ella Moore, Student Intern

Miles Benitez	Saul Griebel	Parker Landy	Joon Shrestha
Julia Blessing	Tori Grimler	Suzy Loomis	Emerson Simek
Susie Chung	Lucille Groth	Uma MacPhail	Emilia Simek
Alexandria De Jarnett	Daniel Guo	Jaxon Melchior	Evalynn Soles
Nettie Deiss	Gabriella Ham	Violet Neumann	Everleigh Strand
Louise DesMarais	Isabella Ham	Hannah Nguyen	Emily Vogland
Lesley Doan	Brynn Hawrelak	Brian Rabago	Charlotte Weibel
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Lucie Dyrdal	William Hersey	Ananya Rangarajan	Clara Welshinger
Tedra Gbelia	Jayne Hwang	Simone Redelsperger	Brooklyn White
Estelle Gorski	Cora Jones	Hattie Salzman	Adeline Widmer
Lauren Gremillion	Julia Koenen	Drew Seifers	Erlinjo Zamora

### CANTABILE CHOIR (grades 5-7)

Michelle Gehrz, Conductor & Jeffrey Patry, Accompanist.  
 Emily Bird & Caroline Gruebele, Rehearsal Assistants. Kim Standley, Parent Rehearsal Helper

Siri Allar	Rylee Fincham	Violet Kornis	Isabel Roukoz
Lily Becker	Luna Fisher	Audrey Leder	John Louis Salmen
Kabeer Bedi	Colette Glaus	Peyton Lind	Cate Standley
Meera Bedi	Theo Goepferd	Greta Lutgen	Kiki Suzuki
Charlotte Benbow	Elenor Gustafson	Eliana Manrodt	Ghinad Tchoffo
Fiona Black	Evelyn Gustafson	Kendall McGuire	Everly Tweten
Petra Bly Ede	Liliana Helland	Sylvia Medina Palomo	Mira Wandling
Colin Bousu	Charlotte Hersey	Silvano Mercado	Kate Weber Carr
Cecilia Broberg	Luna Hicks	Mila Mitchell	Presley Weideman
Elizabeth Doty	Eliseo Iverson Hall	Alayna Moenga	Graham Westlie
Faustina Doty	June Kapsner	Emmi Ninow	Emily White
Emilia Dunning	Sophia Kasemkhani	Sydney Nye	Rosie Widen
Beatrice Eisenschenk	Elisabeth Kim	Violet Riley	Jamieleen Zamora

### CONCERT CHOIR (grades 6-8)

Elizabeth Egger, Conductor & Jeffrey Patry, Accompanist. Mackenzie Donais & Katie McCrea,  
 Rehearsal Assistants. Jennifer Koenen, Parent Rehearsal Helper

Harriet Ayres	Kaitlyn Catalano	Fiona Ferrari	Madeline Jensen
Oliver Badali-Winters	William Catalano	Rosie Fischer	Evelyn Jurrens
Chloe Barim	Catherine Cook	Morgan Folk	Naomi Jurrens
Evelyn Blessing	Shiprah Dutta	Tilda French	Beatrice Karlsson
Katherine Bowman	Madeline Dybsky	Franki Gile	Clara Keyes
Nicolina Busanich	Mae Eisenschenk	Ella Harrington	Asha Khariwala
Nico Caffari	Nichole Ellis	Jadyn Harrison	Jean Koenen
Emma Carpenter	Sophia Ernst-Herrera	Julia Huss	Elinor Kornis

## CONCERT CHOIR (continued)

Julia Kozisek	Adeline Menning	Gweneth Skinner
Amelia Lahr	Hope Peterson	Anna Soles
Annaliese Lahr	Nora Rudlang	Anya Solodin
Nadia Levine	Finley Schmidt	Josephine Spott
Julianna Lucic	Julianna Schmitt	Eryn Stave
Liam McNally	Cara Schneider	Zinnia Swanson
Grace Meier	Madeleine Schroeder	Anne Temple-Hanson

Kayla Vogland  
 Ryan Warmka  
 Marlowe Watts  
 Adalyn Western  
 Gloribel Zamora

### TREBLE SINGERS (grades 9-12)

Joseph Kemper, Conductor & Jamie Schmidt, Collaborative Pianist. Grace Nemec, Intern

Eleanor Baier	Julia Gottschalk	Lucy Lutgen	Julia Rodenz
Diana Carlson	Madelyn Hawkinson	Gabrielle Mackey	Margaret Sample
Anne Carr	Elliott Hazzard	Isabella Mantilla	Audrey Schmidt
Nora Carrier	Mamie Holm	May Matel	Stella Siler
Jasmine Citac	Kenley Jansen	Lydia Matson	Anna Skirry
Elizabeth Couling	Ana Johnson	Elise McVay	Kaylee Soles
Lyla Drayna	Amelia Johnson	Addison Neitz	Ella Spott
Lydia Duphorn	Cate Koehmstedt	Kai Nguyen	Stella Straka
Marin Erlandson	Alyssabeth Kopischke	Clara Olson	Celie Walters
Katherine Fanta	Talia Kramer	Frances Patton	Erica Weiler
Julia Farah	Lynnie Krautbauer	Livia Pereira	Joey Wheeler
Jordin Floyd	Grace Lastoka	Philesha Pfeifer	
Alexandra Gleb	Kessley Logan	Mckenna Reding	
Caitlyn Gorton	Anne Love	Kolsrud	

### CANTANTI SINGERS (grades 9-12)

Joseph Kemper, Conductor & Jamie Schmidt, Collaborative Pianist. Obsa Kedir, Intern

Christopher Bennett	Arianna Huss	McCoy Miller	Addison Terwey
Sam Bomar *	Audrey Jakopin *	Payten Miller-Zarambo	Ada Thompson *
Gabriel Challberg	Elianah Jespersen	Ella Moore	Jack Trygstad
Daniel Chura	AJ Johnson	Sawyer Olson *	Michael Turnbloom
Sadie Cinnamon	Evangeline Johnson	Ingrid Olson	Benjamin Tye
Emilie Cook	Cayden Johnson	Avery Patterson	Owen Uglem
Jonas Dammen *	Magnus Johnson	Levi Potchinsky	Cullen Van Ranst
Maverick Drew	Leo Johnston	Claire Pridemore	Wyatt Vogland
Elling Dyrud	Ash Kansara	Annabel Raney	Braylon Vollbrecht
William Fanta	Liam Kepford	Olivia Rocha	Fiona Wallace
Chloe Fider	Noelle Kubicek	Preston Rose	Gemma Wallace *
Grace Galbus *	Sam Langemo	Berit Schulz	Katie Weaver
Mackenzie Geiger	Brody Lawrence	Aidan Schulze	Evan Weiler
Niko Gruss	Kainalu Lazarus	Anya Seppala	Anne Whalen
Sebastian Hermann-Campana	Dianna Lenz	Cormac Sexton	Ingrid Wills
Elizabeth Hersey	Zander Livingston	Kiran Simha	Anna Woods
Henry Hiltner	Izzy Lyons	Naia Spoonheim	Maya Zhaivoronok
Kate Hizon	Nathaniel Boyd	Zach Stay *	
Alex Huie	Mayfield	Carter Strand	
	Gwenyth Meenk	Omera Syed Asif	

\* Cantanti Singers  
 sectional leaders

## BUY A MILE DEDICATION

We are thrilled to announce that the Angelica Cantanti Concert Choir (gr. 6 - 8) have been selected to perform at the prestigious Regional Midwest ACDA (American Choral Directors Association) Conference next February in Milwaukee, WI. The ensemble will represent ACYC and our community by performing for directors, conductors, composers and music educators from all around the ten state region that includes WI, IA, IL, IN, OH, MI, NE, ND & SD. We are the ONLY Minnesota choir that will performing at the event!

THANK YOU to the following friends of Angelica for your kind dedication and donation toward "Buying A Mile" and helping to send our singers to Milwaukee, WI. You can still donate and buy a mile for \$20. Dedications will be included on our website. Visit [www.angelicacantanti.org](http://www.angelicacantanti.org) Thank you!

The Scearcy's - In honor of **Rosie Fischer** (2)  
Grandma & Grandma Mandli - With love to **Jean Koenen** (10)  
Donna Haider - In honor of **Evie Blessing** (1)  
Ian and Lana Western - In honor of **Adalyn Western** (1)  
Grandma & Grandpa Fischer - In honor of **Rosie Fischer** (2)  
Jeff & Susie - In honor of **Tilda French** (5)  
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Mom and Dad - With love to **Josie Spott** (2)  
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Grandma - In honor of **Liam McNally** (10)  
Bryan, Kate and Julia Blessing - In honor of **Evelyn Blessing** (1)  
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Terry Wolfson - In honor of **Rosie Fischer** (2)  
Jocelyn Jaimez Siefering - In memory of **Ben and David Temte** (1)  
Grandma Chris Rasmussen - In honor of **Evie Blessing** (3)  
Mom - With love to **Sophia Ernst-Herrera** (1)  
Jeff & Randi Erlandson - In celebration of the awesome singers from Prior Lake High School:  
**Marin E., Berit S., Kate H., Daniel C., Sam L., Ben T., Sawyer O., Brody L., Katie W., Grace G., Ingrid O., Addie T., and Cate K.** (13)  
Jessi & Justin Soles - Dedicated to **Anna Soles** (1)  
Mom and Dad - With love to **Lynn Krautbauer** (1)  
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Beth and Phil Egger - With thanks to **Audrey Riddle** (1)  
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Mom, Dad and Ray - With love to **Gwen Skinner** (1)  
Grandma and Grandpa Ipsen, With Love to **Adalyn Western** (1)  
Rev. Richard F. Collman & Katherine K. Collman - In honor of **Fiona Ferrari** (5)  
Mamma and Pappa, With Love to **Beatrice Karlsson** - keep singing with your heart! (1)

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Angelica Cantanti relies on donations for nearly 40% of its annual budget to provide our singers and our community with music education programs and performances. We are grateful for the generous and sustained support of our donors. Angelica Cantanti is a member of the Bloomington Fine Arts Council, and we thank Allan and Debbie Schneider for their support.

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**ANGELICA CANTANTI YOUTH CHOIRS** — The Angelica Cantanti Youth Choirs (ACYC), founded in 1980, is an award-winning children's community choral program and among one of the oldest in the Twin Cities. Recognized for its outstanding music education and renowned for excellence in performance, ACYC has become an established pillar of our arts community. The Artistic Staff includes Directors Ann Williams, Michelle Gehrz, Elizabeth Egger, Dr. Joseph Kemper and Nancy Grundahl. The ACYC organization offers ten ensembles, serving youth from grades K-12, with an adaptive class for singers with special needs and an alumni adult chorus. ACYC singers performed at the 2018 Super Bowl at US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis and were named "Best Community Choir in MN" by WCCO-TV. Learn more at [www.angelicacantanti.org](http://www.angelicacantanti.org).

#### **Openings starting in January 2026 - sign up today!**

**Vivace**, our non-audition choir for grades 3 - 5 that meets on Mondays, 6:15pm–7:15pm with director Ann Williams. All are welcome!

**GLEE Adaptive Music and Singing class** for singers in grades 4–12 with special needs that meets on Saturdays, 10:00am–11:00am from January–May.

Visit our website to register [www.angelicacantanti.org](http://www.angelicacantanti.org) or 952-563-8572

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Sunday, Feb. 22, 2026 – Rita Docter Fundraiser Concert at Schneider Theater, Bloomington

Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2026 – Send off concert for Concert Choir to Milwaukee, WI

Sunday, May 3, 2026 – 45th Anniversary Spring Concert at Orchestra Hall, Minneapolis

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 – National Anthem at Twins Game, Target Field

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# Pixar Hits & Disney Favorites

Rita Docter Fundraising Concert  
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Join us for an afternoon celebrating and supporting the Angelica organization  
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The five youth choirs will present this special concert event established in  
honor of long time director Rita Docter's 25 years of  
dedicated leadership to the Angelica organization.

**Sunday, February 22, 2026 at 2:00pm and 4:00pm.**  
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