

12th Annual Rita Docter Fundraiser Concert

BROADWAY, MOVIE & POP SONGS

February 23, 2025 • 2:00pm and 4:00pm

Bloomington Center for the Arts—Schneider Theater



Special Guest Host—Greta Grosch
Featuring Con Brio, Cantabile, Concert
Choir, Treble and Cantanti Singers



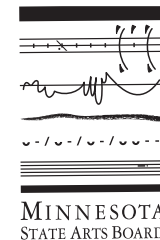


Angelica Cantanti Youth Choirs

For 44 years, Angelica Cantanti Youth Choirs has been providing high quality choral music education with artistic excellence in performance. Under the leadership of conductors Ann Williams, Michelle Gehrz, Elizabeth Egger, and Philip Brown, ACYC welcomes over 250 singers in grades K–12 from schools and communities across the Twin Cities. ACYC offers six youth choirs, an adult choir, Prelude for K–1 singers, Prep for grades 2–3, and a Glee music class designed for singers with special needs. Next month, ACYC singers will proudly perform at the National American Choral Director Association Conference in Dallas, TX. The Cantanti Singers, our mixed-voice high school choir, is the only ensemble from Minnesota invited to perform.

ACYC singers performed at the 2018 Super Bowl at US Bank Stadium and the organization was recently voted “Best Community Choir in MN” by WCCO-TV.

Videos and photos are not allowed during the performance. Please silence your phone when you enter the theater.



This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a Minnesota State Arts Board Community Arts Education Support grant, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

Welcome! Thank You for Joining Us for the 2025 Rita Docter Fundraiser Concert and Silent Auction!



I will admit that I was a bit picky when choosing a choir program for my daughter Adalyn, as I have a background in and love of choral music. I heard about Angelica Cantanti Youth Choirs (ACYC) through a friend on Facebook, and eagerly awaited the time when Adalyn would be in 2nd grade and able to be a part of the Con Spirito choir (currently known as Con Brio). Adalyn and I have been deeply involved with Angelica since that time in the fall of 2019.

I had the privilege of participating in weekly rehearsals as the Choir Coordinator, aka “Choir Mom,” when Adalyn was in Con Spirito and Cantabile. Under the creative and skilled direction of Mrs. Gehrz, I watched these young singers learn how to sit properly while singing, read diverse and challenging music, gain Solfege skills, and work on vowel shape and vocal tone, all while having FUN and creating community! I left each rehearsal feeling inspired and proud that we have such a wonderful choral organization here in the Twin Cities, and honored that Adalyn and I have the opportunity to play a small part in its continued success.

I am currently in my fifth year of serving on Angelica’s Board of Directors. I have appreciated learning about all of the things that go on “behind the scenes” in order to make Angelica run like a well-oiled machine. Angelica’s staff, directors, and volunteers are second to none, and go above and beyond to create an enriching and engaging experience for all of its singers.

Thank you for being here today. Thank you for donating items to the Silent Auction, and for your bids and monetary donations. Thank you for ensuring that all children and teenagers who want to lift up their voice in song are able to do so, no matter their financial situation.

We hope you enjoy the show!

Lana Western, ACYC Board Member and Parent



About Rita Docter

Rita dedicated nearly 30 years to Angelica Cantanti Youth Choirs as a director and Artistic Coordinator, leaving an enduring legacy before retiring in 2011. A graduate of St. Olaf College with a degree in music education, she taught in Bakersfield, CA, as well as Robbinsdale and Wayzata, MN. She was also a singer, performing with the Minnesota Bach Society and the Dale Warland Singers. For 25 years, Rita served as the director of children’s music at Community of the Cross Lutheran Church in Bloomington. She was a writer, contributing curriculum for the American Lutheran Church, articles for church magazines, and pieces for the American Suzuki Journal. She also created BRAVO, a music appreciation curriculum for children in grades K–6. Rita’s true passion was nurturing young singers. Her teaching methods set the standard for all who followed, emphasizing a love for children, strong musical skills, inspiring repertoire, beautiful vocal tone, and teamwork. She continuously sought ways to make Angelica more accessible to all children, ensuring that every child had the opportunity to sing.

In honor of her vision and dedication, we proudly present this annual fundraising concert in her name.

Host Greta Grosch

This is Greta’s 6th time hosting this event, and she is thrilled to be back on stage with the talented singers of Angelica. A professional writer, performer and director, Greta is the scriptwriter for the highly successful CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES musical franchise, and is excited to be back on stage with the original cast this summer to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the show! In addition, she has served as a script writer and creative director for a variety of corporate and individual clients including the MN VIKINGS and McDONALDS; appears regularly in radio and TV ads, and is the founder of THE LOONEY LUTHERANS. Member: Dramatists Guild, Playwright’s Center and Actors’ Equity. For more information visit gretagrosch.com.



Broadway, Movie and Pop Songs

Musicians—Christopher Larson, Bass and Jeff Bina, Drums

Treble Singers

My Favorite Things, from “The Sound of Music”
by Rodgers, Arr. Andaya, edited by Brown

Send in the Clowns, from “A Little Night of Music”
by Sondheim, Arr. Sheehan

Cantabile

A Million Dreams, from “The Greatest Showman”
by Pasek and Paul, Arr. Huff

Soloists: Greta Lutgen, Rosie Fischer

This Is Me, from “The Greatest Showman”
by Pasek and Paul, Arr. Huff

Soloists: Franki Gile, Tilda French

Con Brio

What a Wonderful World, from Louis Armstrong in 1967 and “Madagascar”
by Weiss and Thiele, Arr. Brymer

I’m a Believer, from the Monkees in 1966 and “Shrek”
by Neil Diamond, Arr. Brymer

Soloists: Emily White, Grace Gettings, Emme Dunning, Erlinjo Zamora
Alternates: Fiona Black, Mila Mitchell, Luna Hicks, Cecilia Broberg

Concert Choir

Popular, from “Wicked”
by Schwartz, Arr. Huff

Defying Gravity, from “Wicked”
by Schwartz, Arr. Emerson

Soloists: Eva Jurrens, William Catalano

Cantanti Singers

Where is Love, from “Oliver”
by Bart, Arr. Shank, Edited by Brown

Trashin’ the Camp, from “Tarzan”
by Collins, Music by Hogan

Finale

Lovely Day, from Bill Withers in 1977
by Withers and Scarborough. Arr. Gibson

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CON BRIO CHOIR (grades 3-6)

Ann Williams, Conductor & Moya McGinn Mathews, Accompanist
Grace Hammes & Elizabeth Hainlen, Rehearsal Assistants

Lily Becker	Grace Gettings	Linnea Leverentz	Maren Nolan-
Charlotte Benbow	Theo Goepferd	Julianna Lucic	Michaelson
Fiona Black	Brynn Hawrelok	Uma MacPhail	Simone
Julia Blessing	Liliana Helland	Zola McGovern	Redelsperger
Petra Bly Ede	Luna Hicks	Sylvia Medina	Violet Riley
Cecilia Broberg	June Kapsner	Palomo	Everleigh Strand
Susie Chung	Sophia	Sarah Meeker	Mira Wandling
Alex De Jarnett	Kasemkhani	Kristian Millares	Clara Welshinger
Emme Dunning	Yena Kim	Mila Mitchell	Emily White
Evelyn Erickson	Violet Kornis	Lorelai Moe	Erlinjo Zamora
Fiona Ferrari	Aurelia Leither		

CANTABILE CHOIR (grades 4-6)

Michelle Gehrz, Conductor & Jeffrey Patry, Accompanist
Jennifer Koenen, Choir Coordinator.
Monica Healy & Avery Cracauer, Rehearsal Assistants

Ruby Blomgren	Luna Fisher	Amelia Lahr	Nora Rudlang
Colin Bousu	Morgan Folk	Annaliese Lahr	Louie Salmen
Nico Caffari	Tilda French	Elise Loving	Finley Schmidt
Kaitlyn Catalano	Franki Gile	Greta Lutgen	Madeleine
Kate Cook	Colette Glaus	Hannah	Schroeder
Elizabeth Doty	Shiprah Grantham	Lymangood	Anya Solodin
Madeline Dybsky	Ella Harrington	Eliana Manrodt	Cate Standley
Paige Eiden	Charlotte Hersey	Ariana McGillberry	Adelynn Stock
Mae Eisenschenk	Julia Huss	Kendall McGuire	Ghinad Tchoffo
Beatrice	Naomi Jurrens	Vivienne Meland	Anne Temple-
Eisenschenk	Clara Keyes	Silvano Mercado	Hanson
Nichole Ellis	Asha Khariwala	Alayna Moenga	Ryan Warmka
Anja Engelbert	Jean Koenen	Hazel Morey	Graham Westlie
Rylee Fincham	Elinor Kornis	Emmi Ninow	Jamieleen
Rosie Fischer	Julia Kozisek	Isabel Roukoz	Zamora

CONCERT CHOIR (grades 6-8)

Elizabeth Egger, Conductor & Jeffrey Patry, Accompanist
 Noreen Carlson, Zoë Zarth & Laura Glorvigen, Rehearsal Assistants

Harriet Ayres	Julia Farah	Kainalu Lazarus	Josephine Spott
Chloe Barim	Caitlyn Gorton	Lucy Lutgen	Eryn Stave
Evelyn Blessing	Julia Gottschalk	Liam McNally	Zinnia Swanson
Katherine Bowman	Jadyn Harrison	Adeline Menning	Lucy Tabone
Emma Carpenter	Elliott Hazzard	Kiersten Millares	Kayla Vogland
William Catalano	Freddie Holm	Annemarie Mulrooney	Adalyn Western
Ashton Cogswell	Madeline Jensen	Hope Peterson	Josephine Wheeler
Lydia Duphorn	Magnus Johnson	Audrey Schmidt	Elizabeth Wilson
Reagan Erlandson	Amelia Johnson	Cara Schneider	Gloribel Zamora
Sophia Ernst-Herrera	Evelyn Jurrens	Cara Schneider	Gloribel Zamora
William Fanta	Beatrice Karlsson	Stella Siler	
	Talia Kramer	Gweneth Skinner	
	Grace Lastoka	Teaghan Smallwood	

TREBLE SINGERS (grades 9-12)

Philip Brown, Conductor & Jamie Schmidt, Collaborative Pianist

Eleanor Baier	Elizabeth Hersey	Anne Love	Anya Seppala
Diana Carlson	Margaret Hoffman	Izzy Lyons	Anna Skirry
Anne Carr	Hoffman	Isabella Mantilla	Kaylee Soles
Nora Carrier	Mamie Holm	Lydia Matson	Naia Spoonheim
Clare Cook	Arianna Huss	Maura McGuire	Ella Spott
Sadie Cordell	Julia Jackson	Anna Ninow	Noelle Stockton
Spirit Cordes	Kenley Jansen	Anna Parashos	Holleigh Stockton
Elizabeth Couling	Evangeline Johnson	Frances Patton	Omera Syed Asif
Marin Erlandson	Ana K Johnson	Philesha Pfeifer	Erica Weiler
Katherine Fanta	Seanna Kluzak	Claire Pridemore	Ingrid Wills
Jayla Ferguson	Cate Koehmstedt	Annabel Raney	
Jordin Floyd	Alyssa Kopischke	Mckenna Reding	
Esther George	Noelle Kubicek	Cilo Rieke	
Alexandra Gleb	Dianna Lenz	Olivia Rocha	
Madelyn Hawkinson	Meredith Leo	Julia Rodenz	

CANTANTI SINGERS (grades 9-12)

Philip Brown, Conductor & Jamie Schmidt, Collaborative Pianist

Elise Albrecht	Ellery Eapen	Brody Lawrence	Owen Salmi
Mason Baas	Chloe Fider	Nathaniel Boyd	Berit Schulz
Jonah Baker	Grace Galbus	Mayfield	Carter Strand
Christopher Bennett	Sophia Gardner	Conor McCrave	Ella Takalo
Clark Bergstrom	Niko Gruss	McCoy Miller	Ada Thompson
Jacob Berna	Gabby Haake	Payten Miller-Zarambo	Rostislav Tomasevich
Sam Bomar	Aubrey Halpern-Smith	Nora Moon	Jack Trygstad
Chloe Brown	Elizabeth Hegarty	Ella Moore	Wyatt Vogland
Andrew Burnes	Alex Huie	Annika Nelson	Gemma Wallace
Collin Burns	Charlotte Husten	Sawyer Olson	Aimee Weaver
Vian Caskey	Audrey Jakopin	Reeve Olson	Katie Weaver
Gabriel Challberg	Elianah Jespersen	Ingrid Olson	Evan Weiler
Leo Choi	AJ Johnson	Mason Pardoe	Anne Whalen
Sadie Cinnamon	Natali Jorgensen	Avery Patterson	Kieran Winegarden
Hazel Collins	Jericho Juenemann	Damyre Perry	Anna Woods
Eliott Cook	Ash Kansara	Levi Potchinsky	Maya Zhaivoronok
Jonas Dammen	Isabel Kristensen	Will Rafn	
Samuel DeToffol		Kelsey Rasinen	
Elling Dyrud		Preston Rose	

Silent Auction

Names for winning bids will be posted on the windows in the lobby immediately following the 4:00pm concert.

Please pick up your items before you leave today.

Cash, check, Venmo @AngelicaCantanti and credit cards are accepted.

Thank you for supporting our singers!

Acknowledgements

Jodi Schauer, families that donated and secured donated items for the Silent Auction, Tricia Lawrence, Sharon Prah, businesses that donated to the Silent Auction, Rita Docter, ACYC Board of Directors, Ella Mae Moore, Sarah Waller, Nancy Grundahl, Dal Liddle, Mark Riddle. Technical assistance Ed Hammes, Hammes Media, Bloomington. Program design and layout Cathy Challman.

Angelica Cantanti Board of Directors

This group meets once a month and provides broad oversight for our organization's affairs, sets long-range strategy, and plays a leadership role in fund development to ensure that we have sufficient resources to fulfill our mission.

Board Chair: Katy Koll

Members:

Martha Anderson	Theresa FitzPatrick	Brenda Raney
Geoff Couling	Rachel McGuire	Lana Western
Sue Couling		

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Upcoming Spring Performances

March 9, featuring the *Cantanti Singers*
Send-off concert for 2025 National ACDA, 7:30pm at
Church of Christ the King, Mpls.

March 19, featuring the *Cantanti Singers*
2025 National ACDA Conference performances, Dallas, Texas

April 6, featuring the adult *Angelica Encore Choir*
Gustav Mahler- Symphony No.2, with
Bloomington Symphony Orchestra at Orchestra Hall, Mpls.

May 3, featuring *Con Brio*
Missa Choralis Series Performance at The Basilica of Saint Mary

May 1 and May 3, featuring *ACYC small ensemble*
Puccini's Turandot with Minnesota Orchestra, at
Orchestra Hall, Mpls.

May 18, Spring Concerts at Orchestra Hall
1:30pm – featuring *Con Brio, Concert Choir, and Cantanti Singers*
4:15pm – featuring *Cantabile, Treble Singers, and Cantanti Singers*



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