



13th Annual Rita Docter
Fundraiser Concert

Pixar Hits and Disney Favorites

February 22, 2026 – 2:00pm and 4:00pm
Bloomington Center for the Arts
Schneider Theater

45th Anniversary Season
Special Guest Host – Greta Grosch
Featuring Con Brio, Cantabile,
Concert Choir, Treble Singers
and Cantanti Singers





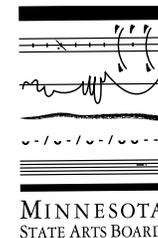
Angelica Cantanti Youth Choirs

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 Minneapolis and St. Paul area. Led by directors Ann Williams, Michelle Gehrz, Elizabeth Egger, and Dr. Joseph Kemper. ACYC serves more than 300 singers in grades K-12 from schools and communities across the Twin Cities.

ACYC's programs include six youth choirs, an adult choir, Prelude for K-1 singers, Prep for grades 2-3, and Glee, a music and singing class designed for singers with special needs. Later this week, ACYC singers will proudly represent our state at the Midwestern American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Regional Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Our Concert 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.



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Thank You for Joining Us for the 2026 Rita Docter Fundraiser Concert and Silent Auction!



Welcome! Thank you for making a difference for kids!

Fall 2017 found our family eagerly watching the Vikings dominate their season and wondering - will they be the first team to play in a hometown Super Bowl? We were also listening to our third grader, Annabel, sing along to piano practice and realizing how much she loved to sing. Then I saw a local

children's choir was going to be singing at the Super Bowl. I looked up Angelica Cantanti Youth Choirs and saw they were hosting a concert at Orchestra Hall. Annabel and her dad got dressed up one Saturday night, had dinner downtown, and walked over to the concert.

She came home that night absolutely assured that she wanted to be one of those singers. My husband, drawing on his own choir experiences, took me aside and said, "This is the real deal." We then watched the choir perform at the (Viking-less) Super Bowl and were all blown away.

And that was it – Annabel's choir journey began! Angelica Cantanti has been her constant since 4th grade, and was especially grounding during the pandemic. It's given her confidence and poise beyond her years. She's found a supportive community of fellow singers and directors that value and welcome ALL children. I have no doubt she'll keep singing throughout her life. Her time in ACYC has shaped her in ways no other single activity could.

As an Angelica board member, I see how hard the staff work to maintain this environment. Decisions are rooted in the dual goals of making excellent music and providing that opportunity to any child who wants to participate. Your ticket purchase and silent auction bid is making this life-changing experience possible for the kids on stage today. And tomorrow.

Angelica Cantanti is celebrating its 45th season this year. Thousands of children have been impacted just like Annabel. Some have gone on to pursue music professionally. All of them cultivated a love for music that enriches their lives. Thank you for joining us today and for helping Angelica Cantanti Youth Choirs make such a meaningful impact!

*Brenda Raney is a proud ACYC board member and parent
Annabel Raney is a high school junior who has sung with ACYC since 2018.*



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 sang in the Minnesota Bach Society, the Dale Warland Singers and Angelica's Encore

Adult Choir. 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 7th 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 an original cast member and the scriptwriter for the CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES musicals, and is excited to be back on stage with the original cast this summer in the remount of CBL#2. She is currently working on a sitcom version of the highly successful franchise. Greta also served as a script writer and creative director for a variety of clients including the MN VIKINGS and McDONALDS; appears regularly in radio and TV ads; is the founder of THE LOONEY LUTHERANS, and is currently directing ALL SHOOK UP at the Plymouth Playhouse. Member: Dramatists Guild, Playwright's Center and Actors' Equity. For more information visit gretagrosch.com.



Pixar Hits and Disney Favorites

Musicians

Michael Riddle – Guitar, Christopher Larson – Bass,
Cosette Isakson – Percussion, Benjamin Alle – Trumpet

Treble Singers

Le Festin from “Ratatouille” by Giacchino, arr. Billingsley
Soloists: Ana Marcia, Diana Carlson

Un Poco Loco, from “Coco” by Franco, Molina, arr. Brymer

Cantabile

Colors of the Wind from “Pocahontas” by Menken, Schwartz, arr. Huff
Soloist: Luna Hicks

Con Brio

Remember Me, from “Coco”by Anderson-Lopez and Lopez

Hawaiian Roller Coast Ride from “Lilo & Stitch”by Silvestri,
Ho’Omalu, arr. Huff

Concert Choir

Try Everything, from “Zootopia” by Furler, Hermansen, Eriksen, arr. Riha
Vocal Percussion: Ryan Warmka, Adalyn Western

Steal the Show, from “Elemental” by Leff, Newman, Matosic, arr. Snyder
Soloists: 2:00pm – Maddy Schroeder, Liam McNally
4:00pm – Evie Blessing, Finley Schmidt

Cantanti Singers

When She Loved Me, from “Toy Story 2” by Newman, arr. Lawson

Nobody Like U, from “Turning Red” by Eilish, O’Connell, arr. Sharon
Soloist: Braylon Vollbrecht
Beatboxer: Maverick Drew

Cantabile

You’ve Got a Friend in Me from “Toy Story”by Newman, Arr. Huff

Finale

Audience reprise *You’ve Got a Friend in Me* from “Toy Story”
Sing a long

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, Choir Coordinators &
Ella Moore, Student Intern

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

CANTABILE CHOIR (grades 5-7)

Michelle Gehrz, Conductor & Jeffrey Patry, Accompanist
Emily Bird & Caroline Gruebele, Rehearsal Assistants
Kim Standley, Choir Coordinator

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

CONCERT CHOIR (grades 6-8)

Elizabeth Egger, Conductor & Jeffrey Patry, Collaborative Pianist
 Mackenzie Donais, Rehearsal Assistant
 Jennifer Koenen, Choir Coordinator

Harriet Ayres	Nichole Ellis	Asha Khariwala	Madeleine
Oliver Badali- Winters	Sophia Ernst- Herrera	Jean Koenen	Schroeder
Chloe Barim	Fiona Ferrari	Elinor Kornis	Gweneth Skinner
Evelyn Blessing	Rosie Fischer	Julia Kozisek	Anna Soles
Katherine Bowman	Morgan Folk	Amelia Lahr	Anya Solodin
Nicolina Busanich	Morgan Folk	Annaliese Lahr	Josephine Spott
Nico Caffari	Tilda French	Nadia Levine	Eryn Stave
Emma Carpenter	Franki Gile	Julianna Lucic	Zinnia Swanson
Kaitlyn Catalano	Ella Harrington	Liam McNally	Anne Temple- Hanson
William Catalano	Jadyn Harrison	Grace Meier	Kayla Vogland
Catherine Cook	Julia Huss	Adeline Menning	Ryan Warmka
Shiphrah Dutta	Madeline Jensen	Hope Peterson	Marlowe Watts
Madeline Dybsky	Evelyn Jurrens	Nora Rudlang	Adalyn Western
Mae Eisenschenk	Naomi Jurrens	Finley Schmidt	Gloribel Zamora
	Beatrice Karlsson	Julianna Schmitt	
	Clara Keyes	Cara Schneider	

TREBLE SINGERS (grades 9-12)

Joseph Kemper, Conductor & Jamie Schmidt, Collaborative Pianist
 Grace Nemeec, Intern

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

CANTANTI SINGERS (grades 9-12)

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

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

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, businesses that donated to the Silent Auction, City of Bloomington, Allen Weeks, Rita Docter, ACYC Board of Directors, 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	Sue Couling	Jodi Schulz
Jolene Bailey	Emily Wyse Moore	Lana Western
Geoff Couling	Brenda Raney	

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Future Performances

Tuesday, February 24, featuring *Concert Choir*
Send-off concert for 2026 Midwest Regional ACDA, 7:00pm
at Schneider Theater, Bloomington

Friday, February 27, featuring *Concert Choir*
2026 Midwest Regional ACDA Conference performance, 9:30am,
Pabst Theater, Milwaukee, WI

Sunday, May 3, 45th Anniversary Spring Concert at Orchestra Hall
featuring *Con Brio, Cantabile, Concert Choir, Treble Singers,*
Cantanti Singers, Encore Choir and ACYC ALUMNI Choir

Saturday, May 9, Friendship Concert, featuring *Concert Choir,*
Northfield Youth Choirs and *Legacy Chorale of Greater, MN.*
Peace Church, Eagan, 11:30am

Tuesday, August 18, National Anthem Performance
at Twins Game, Target Field

Sunday, December 6, Winter Concert featuring *Con Brio,*
Cantabile, Concert Choir, Treble Singers & Cantanti Singers
at Ordway Concert Hall, St. Paul, MN



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