

Artist Reports | August 2021

Education Board Report:

We continue to receive bookings for our MPR Class Notes performances, and High School Residency will begin in September with school concerts at Stillwater HS, Armstrong HS, and Minneapolis South. We begin this year's touring schedule with a masterclass in Hillsdale Michigan on September 11.

Production:

The artists are back from their 2-week break and are hard at work preparing for concerts this month and next. We've begun rehearsals for our fall touring show and the summer fundraiser on 08/19. We're also looking ahead to our MN State Fair performance in early September. The ensemble continues to amaze with their ability to juggle their various artistic and administrative duties while keeping their music-making at a high standard. On 09/11, we have our first performance of "My Journey Yours", and I've no doubt that we will have a beautifully polished show for our Michigan audience!

PROGRAMMING

- The artists of Cantus selected our Fall/Touring show for season 2023-2024! Upon the great feedback we received for our online offering of "Brave," we decided to remount the show and expand it to a full-length concert. We're very excited to be able to share our stories, our music, and the stories of others through this program.
- The artists are aware that this is a program that could seem out of the scope for some of the most conservative venues out there. For that reason, we decided to rollover our 2022-2023 Fall/Touring show "Song of the Universal" as an alternative offering for those venues that don't show interest on "Brave."
- We also discussed possible repertoire to sing with Chanticleer for our upcoming collaboration in January. In addition, we selected some strong candidates to commission a piece specifically for this collaboration, and upon reviewing it with Chanticleer's AD, we will reach out to the selected composer.
- We also started selecting the repertoire that we will be performing for "Bring-The-Sing" at the State Fair with MPR.

Touring:

We start the season with a quick performance and master class in Hillsdale, Michigan on September 11. This is a make-up gig from the 2019-20 season, and our first flight as an ensemble since February of 2020