

From the Development Desk....

I want to offer a huge thank you to all of you that have welcomed me back through the *Covers* run and chatting with you on the phone. It's such an exciting time to be here at Cantus and its full steam ahead here in the Development office. A heartfelt thank you goes to Sandra for hosting a really touching evening at Interlachen Country Club with those patrons who donated their 2020 gala tickets back to the ensemble in a time of such great uncertainty. Cantus offered some musical selections (over the hilarious din of a fourth grade birthday party next door), and there were many grateful and appreciative tears shed for Cantus' musical offerings (including the bartender and yours truly).

The gala committee has been hard at work at getting ready for this weekend. There will be a new component called "Mr. Cantus," which we hope will capture some of *Idol*'s magic where folks can donate online and in person to elect a "Mr. Cantus." With around 30 current and former singers coming together on stage, the evening is sure to be a powerful one. Thank you in advance to you, our board for helping to keep that energy up during the fund-a-need and the auction. You can find a listing of our auction items below as a gala preview and thank you for helping out with the Chautauqua travel package.

Sweets with Cantus- Beth Dooley and Nan Bailey

Treat yourself! Enjoy afternoon tea or after-dinner dessert prepared by Star Tribune food writer and James Beard Award-Winner, Beth Dooley and accompanied by wines or champagne donated by Alexis Bailly Vineyard! All served by the singers of Cantus who will perform a small musical offering! This package includes afternoon tea and champagne or dessert and champagne for 12 people to be hosted in your home—or at the location of your choosing. Date to be scheduled after September 1, 2022.

-Special Thanks to Beth Dooley and Nan Bailly at Alexis Bailly Vineyard

On-Tour with Cantus- Chautauqua Get Away

Pack your bags and join Cantus on tour at the Chautauqua Institution! This package includes tickets for two to hear Cantus perform at Chautauqua Chamber Music series at the Chautauqua Institution as well as a special travel stipend in the amount of \$1200. Performance on Monday, August 15th from 4-5:30 in Chautauqua, New York.

-Special thanks to the Chautauqua Institution and the Cantus Board of Directors.

Cantus Salon At Home or To-Go

Enjoy an at-home performance by the internationally renowned artists of Cantus! Cantus will perform an up to an hour concert in your home or venue of your choice. Scheduling will be determined after purchase. Performance may not be used for another fundraising event. Event must be scheduled after August 15, 2022.

-Special thanks to the artists of Cantus

Summit Karaoke All Stars- Auction Chicken

You and 49 other Cantus Idol guests have the chance to party with Cantus singers past and present at Summit Brewing Company Ratskeller for Cantus Idol All-Star event. Cantus alums return for a night of singing you won't soon forget. Enjoy Summit beer and bar snacks while Cantus singers and alum take the stage one-by one to perform classical karaoke hits. This special event will take place Tuesday, August 9th at 6-8 PM. Tickets will be sold to the top 50 bidders!

-Special thanks to Mark Stutrud and Summit Brewing

-Special guests to include: Matt Tintes, Adam Reinwald, Adam Fieldson, Shahzore Shah, Tim Takach, & Zac Colby