

*From the Development Desk*

First and foremost: WE ARE SO THRILLED WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE ANNIVERSARY CONCERT AND GALA! You can see from the budget numbers that we surpassed our financial goal, but more importantly Team Cantus created two large-scale events on a single day that led to making people feel more emotionally connected to the Cantus family and highlighted the excellence of the current ensemble. In addition to a full and excited Ordway, around 350 households streamed online, and countless others tuned-in through the YourClassical MPR broadcast.

Thank you to all on the board who helped support this massive effort from attendance, donation, bringing friends and associates along, singing (Paul W.) and all the infinite ways that you help create our Cantus family. It was a surprisingly emotional event and I had teary hugs and thank yous from many of our attendees including some major donors. I know this has been a long time coming, especially for those who have been planning it for three plus years. Its definitely worth a moment to pause and pat yourselves on the back. *Pause... Pat... NOW — ONWARD!*

Thank you for those of you who have made your LYBUNT calls, and especially those who have reported back with great news and conversations. I am logging that information in our system and its so helpful to know who folks have spoken with as we go forward with creating and stewarding these relationships. I will be running and analysis of this end-of-the-year push and will be reporting back in August about its efficacy and how we might tailor this differently in future.

We are working on solidifying the final details for several events for next season:

1. A September event that will pick up the threads of “Together Again” from last season that we hosted at Lake Como. We are still organizing the details and venue. This event will help us introduce our new singer to the Cantus family and get folks excited about the 2022-23 season.
2. Valentine’s Day with Cantus- format mostly unchanged from FY22.
3. The long-awaited return of Cantus Idol! We have signed a contract with the Metropolitan Ballroom and Clubroom out in Golden Valley. It has recently been renovated and will be a swanky, accessible, and cost-effective place to host this super fun event! And best of all- *free parking!*



There are still some tickets available if there are members of the Board that would like to join us at Summit for the Karaoke All-Stars event on August 9<sup>th</sup>. You can get them here:

<https://cantussings.secure.force.com/ticket/#!/instances/a0F8a00001Op7n6EAB>

As ever, please let me know if I can be of service and thank you for your kind words, encouragement, advice (Theresa G especially), and development leads!

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