

Artists' Reports

Production:

The artists are continuing to put finishing touches on our "My Journey Yours" program. After a successful first performance in Michigan, we are looking forward to sharing the program with our home audiences next month at a new venue, St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Minneapolis. In addition to polishing our "My Journey Yours" program, the artists will begin rehearsals for our next program, the beloved "Christmas with Cantus: Three Tales of Christmas". Given the heightened education outreach performances this year, we'll have a shorter rehearsal series for our holiday show, but I have full confidence that we'll be ready to go for our first performance in West Virginia - a full week before Thanksgiving!

Programming:

- The artists of Cantus have selected the repertoire we will be performing for our solo set during our collaboration with Chanticleer. We will be highlighting our newest commission by Melissa Dunphy, as well as performing some other amazing music that speaks to the exciting projects we have for this season.
- The artists discussed and selected four possible options for our collaborative concert during the 2022-2023 season. This is the first step so that we can start putting out feelers to see which collaborator would be interested, available, and financially viable.

Education:

September saw Cantus giving our lecture "Making Music in the Real World: What Comes After School?" at Hillsdale College for a group of undergraduate students, many who were non-music majors. Several students had great questions and followed up with us after the session, saying how much the talk resonated with where they were in life.

Last week, we performed concerts at our High School Residency partner schools, Minneapolis South, Stillwater Area High School, and Armstrong High School (Plymouth MN). The artists will return to each school in October during our concert run week to provide in-class instruction and generate excitement for My Journey Yours.

Today, we perform our first MPR Class Notes concert at Hope Academy in Minneapolis. We're expecting over 200 3rd-12th graders! Bookings for Class Notes have been robust, far outpacing our initial hopes. Cantus is a hot item!

Touring:

Cantus is back on the road!

We are cautiously optimistic and excited to be presenting our touring show "My Journey Yours" to audiences in Michigan, Texas, Iowa, Alabama, Tennessee, Ohio, and Virginia. Our first performance was on September 11 in Hillsdale, MI to an audience of around 700 people (~50% capacity). The show was very well received, and many folks chatted with us outside afterwards and told us how much they appreciated the content of the show and the variety of music and languages performed.

We will continue touring this show sporadically from now until the middle of November before taking our Christmas show on the road.