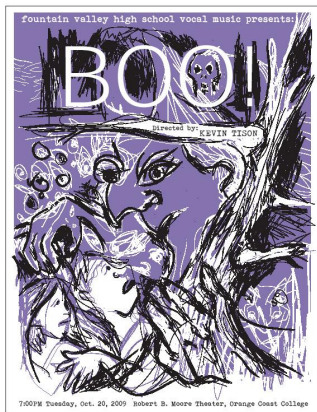




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October 20, 2009

@ 7:00 PM



Robert B. Moore  
Theater

Orange Coast  
College

## A Note from the Director

By Kevin Tison



Welcome to the 2009-10 school year and another exciting and successful year of vocal music at Fountain Valley High School! If you are one of our newest families to the program, I extend a special welcome to you. I hope that you will not hesitate to jump in with both feet and begin enjoying the wealth of opportunities and experiences that are planned for this year. Please consult the Parent-Student Handbook for all the pertinent information you need to get the year started. If you did not attend the parent meeting, contact me so that we can get a handbook in your hands as soon as possible. It is guaranteed to answer many of the questions you may have.

I have many exciting concerts planned for this year...including the addition of a 5<sup>th</sup> concert in April, featuring our advanced ensembles, the 72-voice Concert Choir and award-winning Troubadours (chamber choir). Each concert promises to be unique and thoroughly enjoyable. The first opportunity you have to hear all five of our choirs is right around the corner...**Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** Our performance will be held in the Robert B. Moore Theater on the campus of **Orange Coast College** in Costa Mesa! **Boo!** will put you on the edge of your seat...featuring music by Ravel, Verdi, Orban, Britten, Faure' and Mäntyjärvi. There are also some "lighter" favorites to be presented that night, including *Phantom of the Opera*, *Monster Mash* and a few other surprises! **Make plans now to attend!**

I am also pleased to say that we are continuing two of our most important initiatives in the Vocal Music Program...our **private voice-study program** and the **Fountain Valley Middle School Singers (FVMSS)**, a collaborative middle-school choir program representing Moiola, Masuda, Fulton and Talbert! A special thanks to the Fountain Valley School District and the Fountain Valley Educational Foundation for their continued support of the FVMSS! You will be hearing from the FVMSS at the holiday concert on December 14<sup>th</sup>. If you know of a student who should be singing in this group, please give them a nudge....it's a great group of (high-energy) kids! ☺

Throughout the year, you will be hearing more about concerts, an incredible line-up of trips, tours and field trips, fundraising opportunities, and so much more! Please stay tuned to your weekly **Vocalize** email newsletter (Mondays) and the quarterly **Crescendo** newsletter. A huge thank-you to Tiffany, Kristen, Marie, Channae and Kali for keeping our communication lines open!

Please see *Director Notes* on page 2

## Voice of the VMPPA

By Kevin and Deena Querry, Co-Presidents

Welcome to a brand new and exciting year in the Vocal Music Program of Fountain Valley High School. It doesn't seem possible that we are already one and a half months into the year and the debut fall concert, "**Boo!**", at the Robert B. Moore Theater on the Orange Coast College campus in Costa Mesa, is just around the corner - October 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm. All of the choir attire has been distributed, Concert Choir has returned from their fall retreat to Thousand Pines, formal choir pictures have been taken, and of course, Mr. Tison has our students learning music at a fevered pace. We are off and running, so buckle your seatbelts. This year will prove to be one of the greatest vocals years in the FVHS history.

Once again, this year's vocal music calendar is jammed packed with choral festivals, incredible concerts, retreats, exchanges, choir trips experiencing performances at the LA Opera and the Pantages Theater, and amazing tours to New York City and a special end of the year tour for Troubadours. From beginning to end, this year promises to bring some of the greatest musical instruction under the watchful eye, amazing giftedness, and teaching exuberance of our director, Mr. Kevin Tison. Mr. Tison is returning for his fifth year at FVHS, and as his past record indicates, our students will receive the highest quality musical instruction as well as the most mind-blowing opportunities anyone could ever imagine.

Finally, your VMPPA team has been hard at work attempting to create information and procedures that are more user-friendly for our parents and students. Many of you have already benefitted from these efforts at the Parent Meeting in September when you were issued a comprehensive Parent / Student Handbook. Additionally, the Parent Involvement policy has enabled the VMPPA to enlist an army of parent volunteers that will provide the necessary work force to perform the variety of tasks and jobs that allow for the smooth running of this program.

We would like to express our warm musical greetings to all of our old friends as well as new friends to the Vocal Music Program. Come join us as we partner together to make the FVHS Vocal Music Program continue to be one of the best music programs in Orange County as well as California. If you would like to receive more information regarding volunteering in the Vocal Music Parent Association, please drop us an email at [kquerry@livingwatersoc.com](mailto:kquerry@livingwatersoc.com) or [dquerry@livingwatersoc.com](mailto:dquerry@livingwatersoc.com).



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A special thanks also to Kevin and Deena Querry, our **Vocal Music Parent Association (VMPPA)** presidents, and a Board of incredibly talented and serving parents! They are the life-line of this program and do much behind the scenes to keep us moving forward in our educational and musical pursuits!! Contact Kevin or Deena to find out how you can become involved this year.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime if I can assist your student or family. Working together, we are sure to have an amazing and successful year for each of our students! I'm looking forward to every minute of it...

Mr. Tison 🎵

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new website at [www.fvhsvocalmusic.com](http://www.fvhsvocalmusic.com).

We will be continually adding more  
information and features to the site  
throughout the year, so be sure to  
bookmark it and visit often!

## VMPA Fundraising Update



### SCRIP NEWS!

By Sue Farnsworth

VMPA offers SCRIP as a simple way to add money to your student's account without selling anything. You simply purchase SCRIP (gift cards) for stores where you normally shop, and every time you make a purchase, you are putting money in your account.

Here's how it works. VMPA purchases gift cards at a discount, sells them to you at face value, and then puts 90% of the profit into your student account. For example, if you just buy your grocery and gas cards each month, you can easily add \$100 to your account. And, if you like going to the movies, it would be crazy not to buy our Regal Movie Tickets through Scrip! They cost \$7.50 and \$0.90 goes directly into your account for every ticket. How much are you spending now?

So, be sure to check out the order form. It is sent out every other week with the Vocalize email or can be picked up in the classroom. THIS IS AN EASY WAY TO EARN \$\$ FOR YOUR STUDENT!!

Questions? Contact Sue Farnsworth at 714-962-7097 or [skayeb@gmail.com](mailto:skayeb@gmail.com). 🐣

### Upcoming SCRIP dates!

Order Dates	Delivery Dates
October 16	October 23
October 30	November 6
November 13	November 20
December 4	December 11
<b>2010 Dates to come!</b>	

Mark your calendars with these important SCRIP dates!

Program Ad Sales  
And the winners are. . .



**1<sup>st</sup> Place ~ Joseph Ingram**  
\$100 toward student account  
& \$75 iTunes Gift Card

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place ~ Kaitlyn Bannister**  
\$60 toward student account  
& \$50 iTunes Gift Card

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place ~ Cassandra Weed**  
\$40 toward student account  
& \$25 iTunes Gift Card

This year, the 23 students who sold ads made enough money to both cover the cost of printing for the year and added about \$3,221.60 to their student accounts!

**Great Job!**

### Earn Even MORE!

By Tami Sonetti

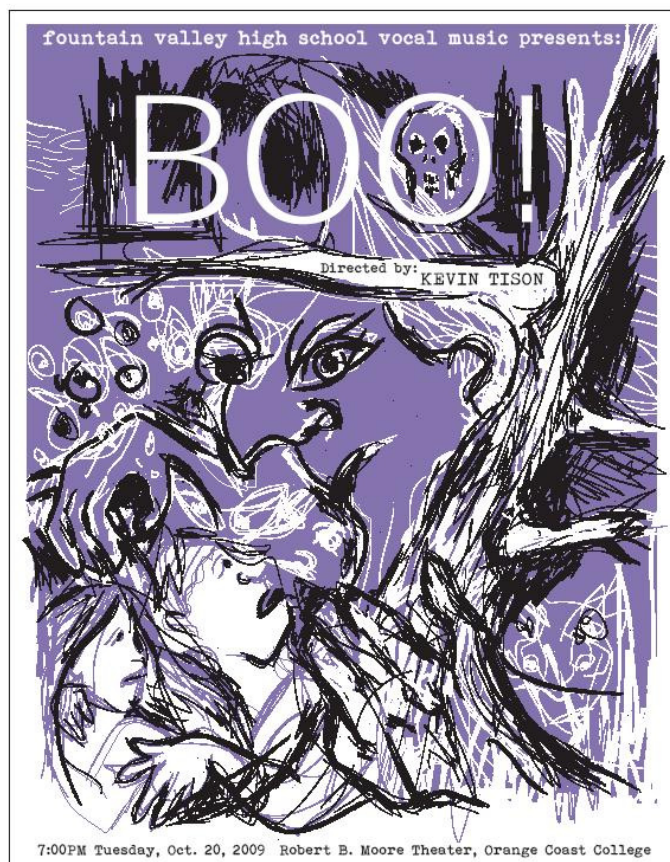
We have a busy schedule for the fall with lots of opportunities to earn cash for your student's account. The fund raising schedule is as follows:

- Entertainment Books were distributed Thursday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> and orders are due by October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Cookie Dough sales run October 5<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>. Cookie dough will be delivered to school on November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- See's Candies sales begin Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and conclude Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Delivery should be somewhere around December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Also, please join us to support on of our VMPA Dinner nights:

- Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, all day at Applebee's 18270 Brookhurst Street, FV.
- Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at Souplantation 11179 Talbert Avenue, FV. 🐣

## Concert NEWS!



## BOO!

Tuesday, October 20, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Robert B. Moore Theater, Orange Coast College  
2710 Fairview Road, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Bring all your family, friends, and neighbors to this special night of music!

### Concert Ticket Information

Season Tickets..... \$25.00 (all 4 concerts)  
At the door..... \$8.00  
Pre-Concert Sales ..... \$7.00  
Students 18 yrs and under..... \$5.00

Season Tickets on may be ordered through Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> via your student or through the mail. They may also be purchased during pre-season single ticket sales or at the door before the first concert only.

Pre-concert sales are held on campus (near room 307) during performance week. Dates and times will be announced by email and flyers brought home from students. *Sales for the fall concert will take place on 10/16, 10/19, & 10/20 from 12-1 PM.*

For ticket information or to request tickets by mail, contact  
\* Michelle Holbrook • [bholbrook@socal.rr.com](mailto:bholbrook@socal.rr.com) \*

## 2009 Calendar

	GROUP	EVENT	DATE & TIME	LOCATION
OCT	ALL	FALL CONCERT - <b>BOO!</b>	Tues., 10/20 @ 7:00 PM (Rehearsal @ 4:00 PM)	<u>Robert B. Moore Theater, OCC</u>
	ALL	Applebee's Dinner Night Fundraiser	Wed., 10/21 (Time TBD)	Applebee's 18279 Brookhurst St., FV
	ALL	Choir Board "Friday Fright" Halloween Party	10/30, (Time TBD)	TBD
NOV	ALL	Choir Board "Friday the 13 <sup>th</sup> " Movie Night	11/13, (6:00 - 10:30 PM)	Room 307
	TB	Holiday Music Lock-In	11/13 to 11/14 (11:00 PM - 7:30 AM)	Room 307
DEC	LC	LA Opera - BARBER OF SEVILLE	12/1 (Time TBD)	Los Angeles
	ALL	Choir Board Holiday Party	12/11, (Time TBD)	TBD
	ALL	HOLIDAY CONCERT - <b>DECK THE HALLS WITH A LOT OF JAZZ</b>	Mon., 12/14, 7:30 PM (Rehearsal @ 4:00 PM)	<u>Calvary Church, Santa Ana</u>



## Choir's Welcome Bonfire

*By Sean Scott*  
Troubadour

For years, the Fountain Valley Vocal Music Program has had an annual bonfire in early September to welcome all new and old choir members together to get to know each other! This tradition has become a great way to make new friends with other choirs like Trouveres and Baron Choir who are usually composed of freshman or students who have never been a part of the choir program at Fountain Valley High.

This year, the bonfire started off with our Choir Board arriving extra early to make sure that everything was set up and going well. At around 4:00 P.M., students started to arrive by the dozens. Within an hour, our attendance went from 10 students to more than 80 people.

As people arrived at the bonfire, little groups were starting to form on the sand. Seniors and juniors were telling the freshman and new choir members stories of different events and exciting things to look forward to. By the time the sun was setting, everyone was up off the sand and was beginning to form two giant chains for a game of



red rover, red rover. Randomly, students were being selected to run at the opposing chain to break them free. All the students were laughing out of excitement. This game used teamwork which was a great way to get to know everyone.

After the game was finished, everyone ran to the tables to fill their empty stomachs full of chips, soda, hot dogs, and s'mores! Within seconds, the fire was surrounded by students roasting hot dogs and marshmallows on the end of their sticks. Nobody was left hungry.

After everyone had been filled with food, they again started to form small groups of students.

Within minutes, there were groups singing different songs, groups of freshman mixed with seniors, groups of alumni with students, and groups of friends playing Ninja! By nightfall, everyone had found a group they felt most connected to, and everyone had made at least one new friend. Some Baron Choir and Trouveres members described the bonfire as great relief because they thought it was going to be hard to make new friends. Luckily, our juniors and seniors were kind enough to get to know each individual. It was a great night with a turnout ten times greater than last year!

Overall, the night ended with new friends, full stomachs, and a lot of laughter! ♪



## To The Mountains We Go!

By Channae Cheung & Kali Hoang  
Concert Choir Sopranos

On Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, Concert choir hopped onto a bus to escape to the Thousand Pines Conference Center for a two day retreat full of singing. The days were jam-packed with long rehearsals with the choir struggling to learn 4 pieces in time for the fall concert. The group had to tackle their difficult notes by breaking off into sectionals to perfect their parts. Altogether, there was a total of about 12 hours of rehearsal, a chore that couldn't be done in two weeks worth of school. The choir was able to get a significant amount of work done in the time they spent in the mountains.



The retreat was not only a time for rigorous rehearsals; it was also a time to bond through fun activities. There were many different areas available to the choir students, such as a malt shop, a craft store, and a basketball court. Although the malt shop was only open for a couple hours, students lined up patiently to purchase the salty, fried foods and milkshakes. The craft store allowed for students to buy and decorate their own bracelets, using mallets and tools to imprint different custom-made designs.

During the first night, due to safety hazards, the choir was not able to have their annual bonfire, which meant no marshmallow roasting, s'more making, or scary story telling. In order to keep the night going, Mr. Tison and the choir board provided another alternative: playing flashlight hide-and-go-seek in the forest at 11:30 p.m. I don't know about you, but running around in a forest in pitch black darkness sounds like a scene from "I Know What You Did Last Summer" waiting to happen. No worries, each student was required to stick with a partner for the entire duration of the game, which meant, yes, more bonding. For the rest of the night, students participated in skits by cabin, "The Name Game," and "The Chair Game." After wrestling

over chairs and cracking one too many jokes about Mr. Tison, the students retreated back to their cabins and rested up for the following day to come.

The second day had activities that required more physical strength, courage, and lots of team building. The girls and boys split off into two groups and took turns accepting new challenges: the rock wall, the rope course, the zip line, and the "leap of faith." Students climbed trees and soared across the soccer field, overcoming their fears with the extra rush of adrenaline. The "leap of



faith" was an obstacle that required students to climb twenty feet up a tree and jump off a ledge for a trapeze bar. Only a handful of students successfully clung onto the bar, while others fell a little short. The rope course helped students build trust with their fellow choir members, with obstacles such as balancing across a wire and swinging like Tarzan to a tree stump. The zip line course helped students overcome their acrophobia (fear of heights). Many daredevils attempted the rock wall with the overhang, and the even more daring students hung upside down on the zip line.

"The whole thing was just fun because I really got to know the new people a little better and even some people that were already in choir before that I didn't know very well. But if I had to pick one [favorite] part, the jam session we had upon our arrival was pretty fun," Vyvian Tran recounts. ♪



## Welcome New Choir Students!

By Channae Cheung and Kali Hoang  
Concert Choir Sopranos

For a student entering choir for the first time, there may be questions roaming around in his or her head such as who to talk to or what to expect in class. Choir can be a bit intimidating when you walk in and see that there are already friendships established between the students that have been in choir in the previous years or when Mr. Tison tells you to do “motorboats” and you see 50+ students with their fingers raised up going in a circular motion while their lips are spitting like motorboats. That is why we took the time to reach out to a couple of new choir students, Rachel Reynolds, Jin Hong, George Tran, and Caitlyn Ducat, to see how they are coping with choir thus far.

### How do you feel about choir so far?

Rachel Reynolds - “It’s really fun.”

Jin Hong - “It’s very expensive...but worth it.”

George Tran - “Sometimes it’s hard to keep up with everyone, but I’m liking it so far.”

Caitlyn Ducat - “In the beginning, it was kind of intimidating, but it’s super duper fun!”



Rachel

### What did you think of the CC retreat?

RR - “Everyone was so welcoming.”

GT - “It was awesome - a very good bonding experience and a chance to meet new people.”

CD - “Everyone was really helpful. We sang so much that we lost our voices.”



Jin

### What do you expect to gain out of this year in choir?

RR - “A better voice.”

JH - “Experience..vocal music.”

GT - “I wanted to try something new senior year and meet new people, to branch out of my bubble.”

CD - “I want a better control over my voice so when I sing [in the car] with my windows rolled down, people won’t look at me weirdly.”



George

### What is your most embarrassing moment in choir so far?

RR - “I was making up the French when I was called out to sing with a group.”

JH - “When I told everyone I ate dog.”

GT - “I got called out into a quartet, and I froze and forgot what to sing.”

CD - “In the star spangled banner, I thought I could hit that high A but instead, I croaked.”



Caitlyn



## Happy Birthday to You!

### August

Huy Nguyen 3

Julie Ruck 4

Jazmyn Martin 5

Nathan Burden 24

Hope Eckman 26

Nicole Marsey 28

Tiffany Le 30

### September

Channae Cheung 2

Aubrey Querry 2

Taylor Leal 3

George Tran 5

Summer Johns 7

Brian Damitz 8

Jason McKinnon 13

Alyx Gutierrez 14

Vincent Snow 17

Alex Garvin 18

Carol Webb 18

Katelyn Sonnetti 19

Vivian Pham 19

Autumn Durant 23

Bridget Huizenga 24

Kelly Morris 27

Hayli Shaw 28

Melody Strickler 29

### October

Ali Budd 1

Brittany Brown 2

Angeline Tran 9

Tiffany Vasquez 12

Megan Faller 20

Andrew Neelo 20

Maggie Fayez 20

Hannah Fuhrman 21

Katie Stewart 25

Anna Crowley 26

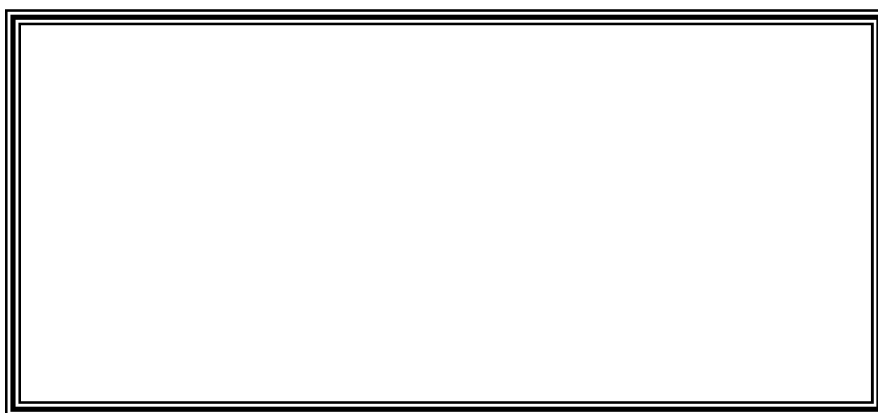
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