

Fountain Valley High School – Vocal Music 2014-2015

Director's Welcome

Students & Parents – whether you are new or returning, welcome to a great new year of Vocal Music at Fountain Valley High School!

The FVHS Vocal Music tradition is firmly grounded in the pursuit of excellence, and I am so pleased that you have chosen to be a part of an organization that is dedicated to the musical and educational endeavors of our fine students!

*The Vocal Music Program has enjoyed a highly respected reputation throughout our community, state and nation for over four decades. **We work hard, we sing hard, and we play hard!** Our program maintains an alumni roster of some of the finest and most successful students to ever walk across the graduation stage of Fountain Valley High School. Many of our graduates continue working in the music industry on a wide variety of levels. Following in those strong traditions, we welcome you to our family and look forward to the process of learning and development you will experience at FVHS.*

*In addition, our program relies heavily on the tireless energies, time, and support of our parent booster organization, the **VMPA** (Vocal Music Parent Association). I hope that you will “jump in” whole-heartedly and become involved in the many facets of one of the country’s most dynamic high school vocal programs and it’s phenomenal team of parents! Parents – serving with VMPA will prove to be a rewarding experience for you, as you help advance the growth of your own student and many others involved in the program.*

The information contained in the Parent Orientation Handbook (found on the website) will familiarize and assist you and your student in the basic procedures and various avenues of involvement in the program. Please read through it thoroughly, and get ready for an incredible year of great music, tours, festivals, and many other wonderful opportunities and events!

*Lastly, if I can ever be of support to your student, please do not hesitate to contact me. As I begin my tenth year at Fountain Valley High School, I remain committed to providing a successful and rewarding experience for your family! We have our **LARGEST** enrollment ever....and I’m expecting this to be our greatest year yet!*

Again, welcome to our Vocal Music family!

Sincerely,

Kevin Tison, Director

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Master Calendar...at a glance!

Dates & Locations Are Subject To Change

SEPTEMBER

9	ALL - Parent / Student Orientation Meeting (Cafeteria)	6:00 p.m.
12	ALL - Beach BBQ/Bonfire (Newland & PCH)	4:00 - 9:30 p.m.
26	TB - Homecoming Game - performance (@ HBHS)	6:45 p.m.

OCTOBER

14	ALL - Formal Photos (@ FVHS)	??????
24	CB - Halloween Party (TBD)	5 - 9 p.m. ??????
30	TB - Concert / Glo Show / Food Trucks	??????

NOVEMBER

7	TB - Biola Invitational Festival - a.m.	
13-15	CC - Fall Retreat (Thousand Pines Conference Center)	
15-16	TB - Fall Retreat Extension	
20	ALL - Throw Back Thursday SSS (music pre-2000) - Rm 307	

DECEMBER

14	ALL - Sounds - DRESS REHEARSAL	3:00 - 6:15 p.m.
14	Alumni - Reception & Rehearsal - location TBD	
15	ALL - Sounds of the Season: Past & Present	6:45 p.m.
18	CB - Christmas Party (Green's) - TBD	

JANUARY

14	ALL - Wicked field trip (departing at 3:00 p.m.)	
23-25	TB - Winter Retreat (Catalina Island)	

FEBRUARY

12	CC - Love is in the Air! SSS	
13	CC - Valentine Gram delivery on campus	
20	CB - February's Footloose Friday - roller skating	??????
21	TB - USC Spring Festival - opening performance for college festival	

MARCH

6	CC - MasterWork rehearsal at OCC - TBD	
7	CC - MasterWork Concert with OCC (@ OCC)	
13	TB - CSUF Spring Festival (afternoon)	
13	CB - March Movie Madness (Rm 307) p.m.	
20	<i>the Voice of Fountain Valley!</i> SSS fundraising event	
24	FVS - Spring Concert / Picnic	??????
27-28	BC/TV - Hollywood Heritage Festival (Newsies show at Pantages - 27 / Universal Studios - 28)	

APRIL

1	ALL - Spring Showcase & SR Recognition (Shoreline Church-FV) 6:45 p.m.	
???	LC - Vegas Tour (working with UNLV)	dates still to be determined
???	CC - Carnegie & Performance Tour of NYC	dates still to be determined

MAY

9	FVS - Festival Trip (Trills & Thrills) - Knott's Berry Farm	
4-15	ALL - Auditions for 2015-16	
27-28	ALL - Broadway Rehearsals (location TBD)	
29	ALL - Broadway Finale (Calvary Church-Santa Ana) 7:00 p.m.	

JUNE

4	ALL - Banquet - Rose Center Catering	
7	TB - Baccalaureate	
10	FVHS - Graduation	
11	FVHS - Last Day of School!	

SSS - Student Spotlight Series (new fundraising events, highlight student's musical performance)

ALL - open or required for all students in Vocal Music Program

TB - Troubadours

CC - Concert Choir

LC - Les Chanteurs

TV - Trouveres

BC - Baron Choir

CB - Choir Board Student Leadership (event sponsored)

FVS - Fountain Valley Singers (middle schoolers)

Please regularly visit our HOME PAGE and MASTER CALENDAR located at fvhsvocalmusic.com for updates, attached forms, itineraries, general information, etc.

Music is the Universal Language of Mankind.

Concert Series 2014-2015

Sounds of the Season: Past & Present Holiday Concert — *a beautiful evening of holiday music in the renowned Segerstrom Concert Hall in Costa Mesa. Accompanied by a professional symphonic orchestra, our high school choirs, the Fountain Valley Singers and an alumni choir (students from the past 40 years) will be celebrating the season in a festive and memorable musical experience! This concert sold out FAST when it was performed in 2010...you will want to get tickets as soon as they go on sale in early November!*

A special night that will truly be the highlight of your holiday season!

Monday, December 15th – 6:45 p.m.

Segerstrom Concert Hall – Costa Mesa

TBD MasterWork Concert — *joining the choirs of Orange Coast College and accompanied by professional orchestra, our Concert Choir will be performing in a special evening of music! Morten Lauridsen's LUX AETERNA and Joseph Haydn's TE DEUM will be featured as masterworks.*

A terrific night of music, shared with our friends at Orange Coast College and Dr. Eliza Rubenstein.

Saturday, March 7th – 7:00 p.m.

Robert B. Moore Theater – Orange Coast College – Costa Mesa

Juxtopo-larities Spring Showcase & Senior Recognition — *including a very special recognition of our Senior class, this performance will explore musical contrasts and similarities (in honor of April Fool's Day) as our seven high school choirs perform many of their festival and competition pieces.*

An impressive night of singing!

Wednesday, April 1st – 6:45 p.m.

Shoreline Church – Fountain Valley

Dancing Through Life....still! Musical Theater Finale — *A "throwback" to the original Broadway show performed in Mr. Tison's first year at Fountain Valley High School, 10 years ago! Originally conceived and written in 2006 by Mr. Tison and Tara Pitt, this "new" show will be full of strong, rhythmic music from the Broadway stage which will have you dancing in the aisles. The Troubadours then perform their unique show comprised of hits from the Wizard of Oz, Wicked and The Wiz! NOT TO BE MISSED!*

Friday, May 29th – 7:00 p.m.

Calvary Church – Santa Ana

Concert Tickets *You will not want to miss a single concert by our award-winning FVHS Choirs!* These are the landmark events of what we do in the Vocal Music Program!! Please check out the Concert Series page and see what a great line-up of music has been planned!

Prices vary for general admission, premium seating, student and Vocal Music Alumni pricing!

Tickets will be sold at FVHS (dates & times to be announced) prior to each concert, as well as at the door the evening of the event.

As always, advance tickets can be purchased in the online store at fvhsvocalmusic.com

Check out... fvhsvocalmusic.com Bookmark It & Visit Us Regularly!

The web is still under some construction but will be a useful tool for updates, calendar and online store.

Some of the Features Include:

Registration Forms

Student, Parent, Alumni... allowing us to provide up-to-date information on the program out to all of our current families, students, friends and wonderful alumni!

Check Us Out

A gallery full of great videos, mp3s, photos and other great media from our concerts, tours, Valentine Grams, class rehearsals and festival performances!

Private Voice & Piano Study Registration More information coming soon.

Get Answers!

A “help box” for you to ask any question you may have about an aspect of the Vocal Music Program. A VMPA Board member will contact you and make sure that all of your questions are answered. You can ask about attire, concert tickets, volunteering, chaperoning, tours, fundraising, and much, much more!

Vocal Music Online Store

Take care of paying for operational support contributions, concert attire, tour payments, buy CDs or DVDs from a concert, concert tickets and more! All is done securely through PayPal or buy using a credit card. Earn those bonus points and frequent flyer miles and make the payment process easier for you...and for us!

Master Calendar

Stay completely up-to-date with all events that are happening in the Vocal Music Program. Additionally you will be able to find all forms, waivers and information sheets associated with the various events (*i.e. CC Fall Retreat – Nov 13-15 – all waivers, permissions, etc. will be attached for you to print, complete and send in!*)

Student Resources

Music and Instructional Tools will include downloadable copies of our music, theory worksheets, guitar and piano curriculum, audio files, video links, as well as many other supplemental materials to support instruction for each choir.

News

Our weekly *Vocalize* email with updates...

Crescendo...our quarterly newsletter with photos, concert reviews, interviews, and special informative & entertaining features!

Alumni Happenings Catch up with old friends and stay connected to your Vocal Music Program!

Course Grading

Many students may think that taking choir is an “easy A”...and indeed, it is not hard to have a very successful experience in the Vocal Music Program. Only 3 things are required:

Preparation – be in class each day with your music folder, pencil & other required materials.

Participation – SING...and demonstrate a conscious effort to grow!

Performance – be on stage for each concert & PERFORM your heart out!

That’s it. Simple. Fun. Rewarding.

Membership Contribution...

You can become a member, support the program, & save \$\$\$!!!

While the costs to maintain the FVHS Vocal Music program increase each year, the amount of money provided by the district and state has steadily decreased during the past decade. In order to maintain a quality, competitive program, it is necessary to receive recommended contributions each year, offsetting the many expenses incurred through general operations. The membership contributions for each choir are listed on the Expenses & Contributions form, included in this packet and on our website at fvhsvocalmusic.com. The Membership Contribution is applied towards:

- Festival, competition, and concert costs (over 1/2 of our total annual expenses)
 - Music purchases for each choir
 - Vocal Music T-shirt for all students
 - Transportation to retreats, competitions, festivals, and other performances (non-tour related)
 - Group Voice Classes with guest clinicians
 - Awards Banquet (an incredible catered dinner & dance) admission for each student (June)
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Student Fundraising

Due to the number of concerts and off-campus trips and performances, the VMPA is aware of the high costs of these expenses and the financial burden they can impose. As a result, the VMPA offers a variety of simple and effective fundraisers throughout the year to offset that burden, both for the student and for our organization. Student Fundraising opportunities allow your student’s portion to be directly deposited in your student’s account. Our Contributions Coordinator, Sue Mundi oversees these accounts and will keep you informed of the balances therein. The VMPA believes it is essential that your student participate in these Fundraising opportunities, enabling them to experience all that the Vocal Music Program has to offer without a financial hardship for your family. Our Director’s philosophy is to never allow funds to prevent a hard-working student from full participation in all that the Vocal Music Program has to offer.

Fundraising money will be held by the VMPA and will automatically be applied to the student’s account, reducing amounts due for operational contributions, concert attire, or tour/festival costs.

Scrip ~ an ongoing opportunity to earn money into your student's account!

VMPA offers SCRIP as another way to raise funds for your student's Choir Account. Last year's participants earned over \$4,600 for their student accounts. Last year's favorites were Edwards movie tickets, Albertson's, Stater Bros, Arco, Walmart, Starbucks, Souplantation, Jamba Juice, Chipotles, and Barnes and Noble!!

What is SCRIP?

SCRIP is a gift card from a local vendor. VMPA buys these gift cards from a wide variety of vendors at a discounted price. We then resell them to our families at face value. Your purchases earn a percentage ranging from 1.5% to 23% depending on the vendor. There is a mandatory split of the profit with 90% being applied to the student account and 10% being retained for administrative expenses including but not limited to shipping charges and supplies.

How does it work? Here's an example:

You order and pay for \$400 in Stater Bros SCRIP this month. We buy the SCRIP, at a 5% discount for \$380. You receive \$400 in Stater Bros gift cards. We earn a profit of \$20. Of that \$20, we will put \$18 into your student's account. In 6 months, you would have added \$108 to your account using only the profit from money you would have been spending on groceries anyway. Most department stores and restaurants have a larger profit, so you can earn money from your regular purchases at many different vendors.

How can you shop with SCRIP?

- SCRIP order forms will be available in the classroom for your student to bring home.
- Review your spending needs and the participating stores. Determine which gift cards you would like to purchase and the denominations.
- Return the completed order form and enclose a check made out to VMPA in a sealed envelope to your student's Choir class and period on the following Friday.
Please return orders on Fridays only.
- SCRIP orders will be delivered to your student on the following Friday in their choir class.

You can use SCRIP for your own purchases, but they make great gifts too. You can also pick up extra order forms for family, friends and neighbors and put even more into your child's account.

Please use a current order form each week as vendors sometimes change the value of their cards and sometimes vendors drop out of the program or new ones are added. There are many more vendors than we can put on the order form. You can see all available vendors at www.glscrip.com. Feel free to add other vendors on blank lines of the order form.

Upcoming SCRIP order dates will be announced ASAP! There is no fee charged to you and there is no minimum amount that you must purchase. If you have any questions, please email Sue Purrington at fvhschoirscrip@gmail.com or visit the website at fvhsvocalmusic.com.

Bingo ~ a weekly opportunity for parents to earn money into their student's accounts!

Bingo is a major source of funds for many booster organizations at Fountain Valley High School. The Bingo Board of Directors approves a certain number of volunteer positions for the Vocal Music Program each year. Different Bingo volunteer positions have different assigned point values; quarterly the Bingo Board assigns a dollar value to each point. The Vocal Music Program must fill these positions in order to receive the points and thus the funds. If we do not fill a position, we are penalized as Bingo requires a minimum number of volunteers every Thursday evening. The Vocal Music Program greatly benefits from the money earned by the parents who are willing to donate one

or more Thursday evenings of their time to work Bingo. These funds benefit every student involved in the Vocal Music Program.

The Vocal Music Program may be assigned shifts as floor workers (this involves selling items to the Bingo players, working with “pull tabs,” coffee attendees, or occasionally assisting players who use wheel chairs.) Floor worker training is held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. Other potential volunteer positions are Caller, Head Cashier, and Floor Manager. These positions hold a greater point value and require floor worker experience as well as additional training.

<u>Shift</u>	<u>Floor Worker</u>	<u>Coffee Attendee</u>	<u>Wheel Chair Assistance</u>
1 st	5:00pm – 8:00pm	4:00pm – 7:30pm	4:30pm – 6:30pm
2 nd	8:00pm – 11:00pm	6:00pm – 9:30pm	None

Those able to work the late shift are also requested to assist in the clean up. There are times when individuals who are scheduled for a volunteer shift are unable to work that shift, either for the Vocal Music Program or for other booster organizations. In this case individuals who have signed up for the “On Call” list are contacted. The Vocal Music Program can earn extra points for each shift worked by our parent volunteers on the “On Call” list. If you are interested in signing up for the “On Call” list, let me know.

As with other activities in the Vocal Music Program, Bingo does not work without you, our parent volunteers. Please carefully consider volunteering for Bingo this year. Should you sign up to work Bingo we ask that you take this commitment seriously. Should one of our volunteers not work their shift and we are unable to fill that spot, the Bingo Board charges the Vocal Music Program up to \$150.00. If something does arise and you are unable to make your assigned shift, please contact me 24 hours before your scheduled shift.

If you are interested in volunteering for Bingo, please sign the Bingo Worker slot on the Parent Involvement Sheet. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or desire to volunteer to assist in any of these activities.

~Karen Engelman, VMPA Bingo Coordinator vmpaengelmann@gmail.com

General Fundraising – Vocal Music Parent Association

Keeping the opportunities ALIVE & your expenses LOW!!

Fundraising income for the General Budget of the VMPA is used to continue moving our program forward by providing exceptional performance opportunities, high levels of classroom instruction, new and innovative curriculum materials, greater educational experiences on and off campus, maintaining technology in the classroom, and much more. **SUPPORTING THE GENERAL BUDGET of VMPA KEEPS OPPORTUNITIES ACCESSIBLE AND COSTS LOW FOR EACH STUDENT INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM! Every student benefits!**

Corporate Friends of VMPA ~ a program of soliciting community businesses to partner with our Vocal Music Program in helping underwrite our annual Concert Series.

If you know of a business that would like to be an underwriter to our of our fabulous concert performances, please contact Gary Green at vmpagreeng@gmail.com for more information. All donations are TAX-DEDUCTIBLE.

Communities for Cause ~ retail and online shopping, dining out, services and entertainment...putting FREE money into our Vocal Music Program. Please see the attached card as a handy reference.

1. Select & Install COMMUNITIES FOR CAUSE from your app store on your smartphone.
2. Once open, allow your location and push notifications....then register!
3. "Select a Cause" FVHS VOCAL MUSIC PROGRAM
4. Once you choose your OFFERS, register your purchase and our program gets a percentage!

This fundraiser requires nothing outside of your normal routine or lifestyle...but channels FREE money into our organization! SIGN UP... With all of our families involved in this, it can have a huge impact!

Ralphs ~ a simple fundraiser to the VMPA General Fund – just sign up! This helps us keep costs LOW!

Ralphs is committed to help our communities grow and prosper. Year after year, local schools, churches and other non-profit organizations earn millions of dollars through their Community Contributions Program. The Ralphs Community Contribution Program was designed to make our fundraising the easiest in town by simply using your Ralphs Rewards Card.

It's easy to enroll if you are a new subscriber or enter your current reward card information to make edits and add FVHS Vocal Music Parent's Association to your card. Just follow these simple steps:

- ✓ Go to Ralphs.com
- ✓ If you have a reward card or need to enroll click on *Ralphs Rewards*
- ✓ Click on *Create/Update Account*
- ✓ Click on *Community Rewards*
- ✓ Complete the information listed...

All you need to know is FVHS Vocal Music Parents Association #91606 and SAVE!!!

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM RALPHS & COMMUNITIES FOR CAUSE go to support the general operational budget of the VMPA, helping keep fees low for our students while continuing to provide truly extraordinary performances, educational opportunities & memorable experiences!

Parent Volunteers / Buy-Out

All families associated with the Fountain Valley Vocal Music Program are asked to assist with basic operations. Volunteer efforts include helping with concert setup, acting as ushers or hospitality assistants, etc. There is enough work to justify 15 hours per family throughout the year. We will communicate with you via email and the web for signups throughout the year, but we also know that some of you have schedules that don't allow you to volunteer. To help you help us we will offer a volunteer buyout for the 2014-2015 academic year. Instead of volunteering 15 hours throughout the year you are invited to donate \$150 (\$10 per hour) as a volunteer buyout. If you have questions, please contact VMPA Co-President Matt Taylor @ vmpataylor@gmail.com.

Private Voice & Piano Study

Our private voice & piano study program allows students to work one on one with exceptional coaches, helping to improve their individual vocal and piano skills. No previous experience is necessary! A fee is required for this, in order to pay our coaching staff.

More information coming SOON! Be sure to keep watch on fvhsvocalmusic.com

Concert Attire

All singers will perform in formal concert attire. Attire will be measured and ordered for all students during the beginning of the school year. Please select the needed attire on the PAYMENT form in this packet. In addition, attire can be ordered and paid for online at fvhsvocalmusic.com

- All girls in the program are expected to wear **black character shoes** for each performance. Further information on shoes included in this packet and also available at fvhsvocalmusic.com – STORE – CONCERT ATTIRE
 - All students in the program are strongly encouraged to purchase and use FVHS Vocal Music personalized **garment bags**. They are well-made, classy & very, very useful!
 - **Jewelry** is allowed only when specified for each choir (with exception of small stud earrings and a few small rings). No bracelets or necklaces are allowed.
 - All guys are responsible for providing their own **black dress shoes** (with heel) and black socks (not low cut)!
 - Entire attire packages or single pieces may be purchased at fvhsvocalmusic.com (STORE).
 - Hair and grooming should also be very clean and out of the student's eyes.
- **ATTIRE PICKUP** will take place in Room 307 on **Wednesday, October 8th, from 2:00-5:00 p.m.** *The VMPA must confirm all attire is paid for before it is released to the student.*
- All Choirs take **FORMAL PHOTOGRAPHS** on **Tuesday, October 14th**. All attire must have had any necessary alterations and be ready for photographs in order for students to be included in photo.

Tours, Retreats & Field Trips

Retreats are designed to allow for more concentrated rehearsal time and for team building skills within the group, essential in a performance ensemble. Retreats are mandatory for all students. See Master Calendar for scheduled retreats and Tour Information for related expenses, all at fvhsvocalmusic.com.

Concert Choir Fall Retreat – Thousand Pines, Crestline CA – November 13-15, 2014 (Thur-Sat)

Our 3-day Fall Retreat is a wonderful get-away to the mountains where we enjoy great food, great fun and social team-building in addition to approximately 15 hours of music rehearsal (that's equal to 3 + weeks in the classroom)!!!

The scent of pine, a huge bonfire with homemade s'mores, climbing walls, paintball, arts & crafts, malt shop, zip lines 50 feet above the ground, buffet meals....need I say more?

Our **TROUBADOURS** will be remaining at Thousand Pines from Saturday evening through Sunday afternoon (returning to FVHS at approximately 7:00 p.m.) in order to learn all holiday gig music.

Troubadour Winter Retreat – Avalon, Catalina Island CA – Jan 23-25, 2015 (Fri-Sun)

Traveling by sea to a land seemingly far away, we escape on the final day of the Fall semester (late January) to enjoy 3 days of growing together – both musically and socially! Getting a HUGE jump-start on our competition and tour music, we also enjoy the laid-back atmosphere of a sleepy island, water gun fights, our annual Scavenger Hunt, pizza making competition and the ultimate *Survivor / Fear Factor* competition on Descanso Beach. We close the weekend off with a short performance for the Sunday morning congregation of our island host – the Avalon Community Church.

All seven choirs will be participating in trips and tours for music festivals and competitions...some as one-day, local trips, and others as more extensive tours. Every student is expected to make the effort to

participate in these planned trips. Multiple fundraising opportunities, as well as sponsorships, will be offered to help defray costs through our VMPA Corporate Friends program.

TOUR INFORMATION & PRICING

- All pricing will be given as soon as a firm estimate is made, including a payment plan (which will be created for you and posted at fvhsvocalmusic.com TOURS).
- It is STRONGLY suggested that students begin all fundraising immediately to “bank” some funds.
- Parent Chaperones on tours are required and will receive a slight reduction in their tour pricing.
- Tour shirts are included in the Membership Contribution for each student of each group.

Projected Tours – Spring 2015

Concert Choir – New York City – mid to late April 2015

Performing in a variety of iconic venues in NYC, including Carnegie Hall, the World Trade Center Memorial, the Statue of Liberty, Riverside Church and many others. All students will attend a couple of Broadway shows, including a personal workshop with some of the Broadway cast members. Many local city attractions will be experienced and enjoyed.

Trouveres & Baron Choir – Hollywood Heritage Festival – March 2015

The Trouveres and Baron Choir will participate in a Heritage Music Festival in the North Hollywood area, getting to perform and compete with other choirs from around the country. We will spend a terrific night in Hollywood, attending the musical NEWSIES at the Pantages Theater, incredible food, a full day at Universal Studios (including the awards ceremony) and a few other fun surprises throughout the weekend!

Les Chanteurs – Vegas tour – mid to late April 2015

We will be enjoying the local region, taking advantage of some great attractions and exhibits, a Cirque du Soleil show, some music workshops in the area with the UNLV choirs, local high school exchanges, a visit to the Hoover Dam and an afternoon of recreation, kayaking the Colorado River.

Dates, trip itineraries and estimated pricing will be available by mid-October!

Field Trips

Occasional field trips will be offered to see professional productions and concerts (mostly in Los Angeles) and are open to all choir members at an added cost. Field trips typically include transportation, an incredible dinner in Hollywood at historic Micelli’s Italian Restaurant and show tickets.

SCHEDULED: ***Wicked*** at Pantages Theater – **January 14, 2014!**

Price to be determined. Only 100 tickets available (incredible seats) – *first come, first serve!*
Tickets go on sale Monday, November 3rd!

PAYMENT PLANS– payment plans will be created for each choir and their respective tours. Student accounts will be billed accordingly with payment amounts, resulting in final payment owed approximately one month before the trip/tour departs.

IF A SITUATION EVER ARISES NEEDING PAYMENT EXTENSION, please contact Mr. Tison ASAP to discuss. All information is held confidential!

NOTE from MR. TISON regarding Tour Participation:

The Vocal Music Program plans and participates in tours and music festival performance trips each Spring with each of our performing groups. Each destination and trip duration is based on the level of the performing group.

Tours are a significant part of our educational process. *Students will be given opportunities to see a wide variety of places around the world, performing in beautiful symphony halls, cathedrals and other unique, historic and iconic venues!*

Students are not required to attend and participate in events that are not local/regional, and grades are not affected by participation in these optional tours. Participation is HIGHLY encouraged for students in the advanced ensembles (Concert Choir and Troubadours).

Students are offered many opportunities for fundraising throughout the year through the VMPA (Vocal Music Parent Association) – the booster support group. Tour assistance funds are designated, when available, to help individual students/families who meet the assistance criteria.

Larger donations (corporate, foundations, etc) are solicited and used to offset overall trip expenses, bringing down the total cost per individual student. If you can help with this, please email us information so that we may follow-up. Many corporations and businesses support non-profit, educational organizations!

*Each tour and trip is planned on a strict budget while ensuring the safety, comfort and well being of all participants. Each tour and trip is staffed by an adequate number of chaperones who work diligently with Mr. Tison to ensure the safety and compliance of all expectations regarding behavior, curfews, check-in times, etc. **ALL students are held to high accountability to maintain the integrity of the Vocal Music Program.***

Each tour and trip is planned to provide EDUCATIONAL, MUSICAL, HISTORICAL, CULTURAL and SOCIAL experiences that will prove to be rewarding and memorable for each student! This is our goal...and our track record!!

Cost should NOT be an obstacle to a student's participation on a tour, or any involvement in the Vocal Music Program. There are options that BEGIN with a student's hard work and determination! If you need to discuss with Mr. Tison, please see him ASAP rather than assuming or waiting!

*The FVHS Choirs under Mr. Tison's direction
during the past 9 years have toured & performed in...*

*Germany, Austria, France, British Columbia, England, Seattle, Hawaii,
San Diego, Las Vegas, San Francisco (National Festival of Gold),
Chicago (ACDA National Conference), New Orleans (Louisiana & Texas tour),
New York City (National Festival of Gold), China and Hong Kong...*

*singing in monasteries, salt mines, cruise ships, cathedrals, jade factories
symphony halls, the Great Wall of China & many other iconic landmarks!*

Celebrate the Holidays with the award-winning
TROUBADOURS!

*The **FVHS Troubadours** are a select 34-member vocal ensemble. Performing music from traditional carols to popular holiday classics, these students will bring the holiday spirit to any kind of event!*

They have performed for garden clubs, church groups, yacht clubs, motorsport dealerships, the FV Chamber of Commerce, Police Department, a variety of businesses throughout the community, elementary schools, & more!

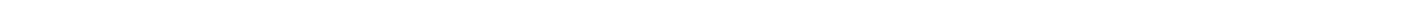
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Troubadour performances are scheduled exclusively through the Vocal Music Parent Association (VMPA) at Fountain Valley High School.

For more information about booking the Troubadours for your special event, please contact the VMPA Co-President Matt Taylor a vmptaylorm@gmail.com

All proceeds go directly into the Troubadour students' accounts, helping each student offset their future tour expenses.

If you know of any clubs, groups, businesses or churches looking for beautiful & spirited holiday entertainment, please put in a good word for us!





**FVHS Vocal Music
Ladies'
Choir
Character
Shoes**

All ladies of Trouveres, Les Chanteurs & Concert Choir must have the standard black character shoes. These must be worn at all concerts, performances, & competitions and are a vital part of your concert attire.

If you do not have these shoes, you **must** purchase them by the formal photo date on **October 14th**. This gives enough time in case the shoes need to be special ordered.

Our vendor is **Cathy's Paradise Dancewear** in Fountain Valley (714-962-5600).

Paradise Dancewear will honor the FVHS Vocal Program price of **\$35** per pair. You **must** present this flyer. You will pay Paradise Dancewear **DIRECTLY** for the character shoes, not through your student account.

**The special price may not be honored after the October 14th date.
Do NOT wait until the last minute!!**

If you have any questions, email the LADIES ATTIRE category of the GET ANSWERS box on the home page at **fvhsvocalmusic.com**
