

hold fast your dreams



*Featuring the music of
guest composer*

David Brunner!

**SUNDAY MAY 4 -
3:00 PM**

*Scheels Performing
Arts Center
Fargo, North Dakota*

HOLD FAST YOUR DREAMS

The Lake Agassiz Girls Choir will present "Hold Fast Your Dreams" on Sunday, May 4th at 3:00 pm at the Scheels Performing Arts Center on the campus of Oak Grove Lutheran School in Fargo. Choir members are scheduled to arrive at 2:15 p.m. for uniform check, warm up and review. The concert will feature the world premiere of "Laughing Song", a piece commissioned by the Lake Agassiz Girls Choir and written by David Brunner. (*Please see additional information about David Brunner in this newsletter.*) Each of the choirs will have the opportunity to work with Dr. Brunner on Saturday, May 3rd, and each will perform one of Brunner's compositions at the concert! Tickets for the concert will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 12 and under. Ticket order forms will be mailed to you for the concert and awards event.

TASTE OF SUCCESS!

The annual LAGC awards event will follow the concert on Sunday, May 4th. (*estimated time 4:30-5:30*) LAGC family members and their guests may purchase tickets to enjoy refreshments between the concert and the brief awards ceremony. All Canzonetta, Melodia and Cantare choir members will be honored at this event and refreshments for choir members is complimentary. It will be short and sweet! ... and maybe even salty!

SPRING CONCERT REHEARSAL

The final rehearsal for the spring concert, "Hold Fast Your Dreams", will be held on Saturday, May 3rd at the Scheels Performing Arts Center on the campus of Oak Grove Lutheran School in Fargo. This is an especially important rehearsal because a) we only have one on-site rehearsal for this concert, and b) it includes "clinic" time with composer, David Brunner!

Canzonetta: Warm up at 1:15 and dismissal at 3:00

Melodia: Warm up at 12:30 and dismissal at 2:15

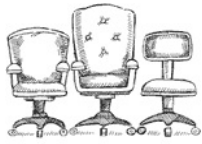
Cantare: Warm up at 1:00 and dismissal at 3:30.



MEET OUR GUEST COMPOSER

David L. Brunner is one of today's most active and versatile composers and conductors. He is Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at the University of Central Florida in Orlando and is well known for his compelling work with singers of all ages, conducting All-State and regional honor choirs throughout the United States at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

As an inspired teacher, he is also a popular clinician at choral festivals and educational workshops throughout North America and Europe. Brunner is an imaginative composer who has received numerous ASCAP awards and in 2000 joined a prestigious group of American composers when he was named Raymond W. Brock Commissioned Composer by the American Choral Directors Association. The New York Times had noted him as a "prolific choral writer whose name figures prominently on national repertory lists", his work is being performed and recorded worldwide. He has served on the editorial board for the Choral Journal and is the author of articles in both the Choral Journal and Music Educators Journal. Dr. Brunner is published by Boosey & Hawkes, Inc.



PARENTS: Check the Hall Monitor assignments below. All families are expected to participate. You must be present 15 minutes before & after each rehearsal. Please arrive promptly. We don't want you to leave until all girls are safely picked up. Please arrange for someone else to stay if you can't. If you cannot make your assigned time, please switch with another parent. Thank you.

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**HALL MONITOR ASSIGNMENTS
March 30 - May 12, 2008**

SHIFTS

Cantare-NDSU 6:00-8:30 PM
Canzonetta-Peace 5:45-7:00 PM
Melodia-Peace 7:00-8:45 PM

Mar. 31		PARENT(S) OF:
<i>Cantare</i>	Rachel Rasmussen	
<i>Canzonetta</i>	Emily Lech	Kimberly McLagan
<i>Melodia</i>	Rachel Bourgault	Sam Kounovsky
Apr. 6 - SPECIAL REHEARSAL		
<i>Cantare</i>	Claire Shive	
Apr. 7		
<i>Cantare</i>	Kayla Peuser	
<i>Canzonetta</i>	Abbi Cogdill	Chloe Decker
<i>Melodia</i>	Evie Shorma	Emily Thompson
Apr. 14		
<i>Cantare</i>	ON TOUR	
<i>Canzonetta</i>	Morissa Dahl	Grace Halvorson
<i>Melodia</i>	Sarah Ashley	Kara Syvrud
Apr. 21		
<i>Cantare</i>	Emily Herman	
<i>Canzonetta</i>	Grace Grettum	Leann Mengelkoch
<i>Melodia</i>	Taylor Bartelson	Julia Taylor
Apr. 28		
<i>Cantare</i>	Meghan DeVries	
<i>Canzonetta</i>	Miranda Morgan	Jamie Singelmann
<i>Melodia</i>	Cassi Duran	Tracy Shaw
May 3 - Spring Concert Rehearsal		
<i>Cantare</i>	Alexys Hewitt	
<i>Canzonetta</i>	Allie Martino	Emily Mercier
<i>Melodia</i>	Eliana Goehring	Scarlett Nelson
May 4 - Spring Concert		
<i>Cantare</i>	Sarah Russell	
<i>Canzonetta</i>	Sarah Kounovsky	Erin Slack
<i>Melodia</i>	Sarah Wenass	Megan Widmer
May 5		
<i>Canzonetta</i>	Emily Lech	Madilyn Smith
May 12		
<i>Canzonetta</i>	Kendra Gozdal	Kimberly McLagan



Upcoming Dates to Note

(besides regular rehearsals)

- Mar. 30 Cantare Special Rehearsal
- Mar. 31 Canzonetta Tour Meeting
- Apr. 6 Cantare Special Rehearsal
- Apr. 7 Cantare Tour Committee Meeting;
Melodia Tour Committee Meeting;
Cantare Parent Tour Meeting
- Apr. 10 Board reports due by NOON
- Apr. 11-15 Cantare Tour to Chicago
- Apr. 13 Canzonetta Spring Social;
Melodia Spring Social
- Apr. 17 Board Meeting
- Apr. 17-18 Cantare & FM Symphony Rehearsals
- Apr. 19-20 Cantare & FM Symphony Perform
- Apr. 21 Canzonetta Tour Meeting;
Melodia Parent Tour Meeting
- Apr. 23 **MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- Apr. 29 Melodia Tour of Schools
- May 1 Board reports due by NOON
- May 3 Spring Concert Rehearsals
- May 4 Spring Concert & Awards
Ceremony; Dress Returns
- May 5 Cantare & Melodia Voice Checks
- May 6 Canzonetta Performs in Valley City
- May 8 Board Meeting
- May 12 Cantare Auditions & Melodia
Referrals;
Melodia Auditions
- May 16 Canzonetta Tour to Jamestown
- May 19 Canzonetta Voice Checks
- May 21 **JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- May 27 Melodia Pre-Tour Rehearsal &
Parent Tour Meeting
- June 2 Cantare Auditions
- June 3-5 Melodia Tour to Wisconsin Dells
- June 8 Canzonetta & Melodia Perform at
Peace

CANTARE CHOIR

SPECIAL REHEARSAL SCHEDULED!!

Sunday, March 30th

2:00 - 4:00 PM at NDSU



SPOTLIGHT ON.... Looking for the performances of the girls artistic endeavors! Please submit info to Amy Arness, LAGC Past President (H: 232-2825, C: 238-7023, amyarness@hotmail.com). What fun for the girls to support one another! More

Congratulations to our girls!

**Northern Plains Kodaly Regional Honor Choir Concert
Olivet Lutheran Church, 1330 S Univ Dr, Fgo
April 5 @ 7pm**

Lauren Sandy Melodia

**Central Cass High School
"Sound of Music"**

April 10-12, Th-Fri @ 7pm, Sat @ 2

Lauren Kensok Alumnae
Skyler Moderow "

**Gasper's School of Dance & Performing Arts
MSUM campus @ Weld Hall**

Children's Ballet "A Carnival of Animals"

April 12 @ 7pm & 13 @ 2pm

MacKenzie Larson Canzonetta

**Minnesota State University - Moorhead (Gaede Stage)
"The Last Days of Judas Iscariot"**

April 16th - April 19th 7:30 pm

Jessica Wolf Alumnae

**Discovery Middle School
"Adventures of a Comic Book Artist"**

April 17-19 Th-Fr @ 7pm, Sat @ 11 am

Meghan DeVries Cantare
Alexys Hewitt "
Anna Holten "
Madeline Sharpe "

Moorhead High School April 24-27 @ 7:30 pm

"All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten"

Clara Cavins Wolford Alumnae

**CANTARE TO PERFORM
in "CARMINA BURANA"**

The FM Symphony will present a masterworks concert including "Carmina Burana" on Saturday, April 19 at 8:00 and Sunday, April 20 at 2:00 p.m. at NDSU Festival Hall. Collaborating choruses are the FM Chamber Chorale, NDSU Concert Choir, and MSUM Concert Choir, with our own Cantare joining them for two pieces written with "ragazzi" (*boy choir*) parts. The soloists are Mary Wilson, soprano; Mark Crayton, countertenor; and Peter Halverson, baritone. Tickets are available online at fmsymphony.org or by calling the box office at 218-233-8397. "Carmina Burana" is a very popular scenic cantata composed by Carl Orff between 1935 and 1936. It is based on 24 of the poems found in a medieval collection. The most well-known piece is probably "O Fortuna", a rousing chorus that opens and ends the work. **Cantare will have rehearsals with the symphony at NDSU at 7:15 pm on April 17th and 18th.**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

What a busy and exciting year this has been for LAGC. There has been so much activity some times it's hard to keep up. March was incredibly busy and we're already into April.

One of our highlights this year was the Hearts and Harmony, Giving Girls a Voice fundraiser. Mary Roos and her committee did a wonderful job pulling together a profitable and excellent event. I heard from many of you how much you enjoyed the event and for those of you who were unable to attend, hopefully you can make it next year. And, a special thanks to those of you who dared to decorate a table. As a non-decorator myself, I recruited my willing sister-in-law to do a couple of tables. We had so much fun coming up with ideas and decorating. It was fun, fun, fun. We also were very excited about the silent auction. Jen Hyden did a fantastic job securing items from area businesses. We look forward to an even bigger and better auction next year!

Good to hear from all of you...

On another note, I want to express my sincere thank you to those of you who have communicated with the board in some form or another about questions and concerns about various aspects of the choir. Your feedback is vital to this organization and we welcome your opinions and input. As we all know, it's impossible to make everyone happy all of the time, but the board has a keen interest in ensuring that parent feedback is considered in all activities. Please keep talking to us and don't ever hesitate to bring something up to any of us. Cecilee is a great person to start with. If she cannot help you, she will direct you to the correct person.

Enjoy spring and the upcoming LAGC activities. It's tour season and a great energy develops for all of the choirs. For those of you who are new to choir this year, you will be amazed at how different the girls sound from the beginning of our season to tour.

Enjoy Spring,
Jodi Duncan, LAGC BOD President.

MELODIA TOUR PAYMENTS DUE

We are still missing some tour payments. Please take note of the tour deposits and payments that are due and mail them to the office as soon as possible [LAGC, PO Box 773, Fargo ND 58107-0773]. If you wish to use funds from your daughter's tour account, please contact our treasurer, Peg Jermyn at Jermyn@cablone.net or 293-3081.



**Canzonetta Spring Social:
SWIMMING & MINI-GOLF
PARTY*!**

**Sunday, April 13
4pm - 7pm**

**AmericInn Lodge and Suites
600 30th Ave S, Moorhead
(Hospitality Room)**

*** will include dinner**

SCRIP ORDERS & HORNBACHER CARDS

Since Christmas SCRIP sales have not been as brisk. In an effort to keep postage under control, I have decided to order SCRIP every other week for the remainder of the choir year. I will place orders on **Mondays, April 4, 21, and May 5**. Orders will be available for pick up the following week (at the concert for the May 5th order). Remember I must have payment before I can place an order. Please note that if anyone ever wants to place a large order (at least \$1500) I can do that at any time. You may make arrangements with me personally. Also, remember that extra money made this year can be used in the fall for tuition or for next year's tour.

I will continue to be at NDSU and Peace weekly to collect checks and sell Hornbacher's Cards. During June, July, and August I will be available twice a month for Hornbacher's Cards and will order SCRIP once each month. I will set up a schedule later as soon as I know when I will be in and out of town. Hopefully this new schedule will not be problematic for anyone.

Thanks, Doris Shive

MELODIA PARENTS - TOUR MEETING!

Please join us on Monday, April 21st at 8:00 PM at Peace Lutheran Church, 1011 12 Ave N, Fargo to hear about our tour plans to the Wisconsin Dells. We'd like at least 1 parent there from each family. Thank you.

**ATTENTION: IMPORTANT
FORM RETURN
INFORMATION**

Formal Uniforms for All Choirs Will Be Collected for the awards program after the concert on



to change into after the concert. Your uniform may be collected after the awards program. More details to come in the May newsletter. Thank you very much!!!

**MELODIA TOUR OF SCHOOLS
TUESDAY, APRIL 29**

The Melodia Choir will take their annual Tour of Schools on Tuesday, April 29th. A school absence slip is included here in the newsletter for your use. Girls are to wear their casual uniform - red polo, black pants, black socks and black shoes. **Melodia parent chaperones are needed!** Please contact Laurie Gress at 293-3838 or djgress@juno.com if you can help.

SCHEDULE:

- 8:00 am Parents drop off girls; choir warms up at Peace Luth. Church, 1011 12 Ave. N.
- 8:45-9:15 am Roosevelt Elem. School, Fargo
- 9:30-9:55 pm Horizan Middle School - Moorhead (exchange w/ 6th gr)
- 10:30-11:00 am Longfellow Elementary, Fargo
- 11:30 am -12:45pm - Lunch -Happy Joe's, S. University
- 1:15- 1:45 pm Washington Elementary, Fargo
- 2:00 pm Parents pick up at Peace Lutheran.

**CANZONETTA PARENTS - SAVE THE DATE!
TUESDAY, MAY 6
SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMANCE**

The Canzonetta Choir will be performing with a children's choir in Valley City on Tuesday, May 6th at 7 pm. We will leave Fargo at 4:15 pm and should be home by 8:45 pm. More details to come!



**MELODIA SPRING SOCIAL
"Carnival of the Animals"
BALLET**

**Sunday, April 13
Glasrud Auditorium,
Weld Hall, MSUM Campus**

Please join us for a fun afternoon at the ballet! We will meet at Weld Hall at 12:30 pm for these free activities prior to the ballet at 2:00 pm:

- *face painting
- *backstage tour
- *learn the story/poetry behind the ballet
- *meet the characters/photos

We need 4 parent chaperones - if you can help please contact Marisa Sweeney at dmmsweeney@cablone.net or 271-0128. Family members may get tickets at the door, 234-9440 or www.fargostuff.com if they wish to join us (Adults \$10 Students \$5).

PICTURES WANTED FOR YEARBOOK

If you have pictures to share for our yearbook, please bring them on a disc or flash drive to the beginning of rehearsals for me to transfer them to my laptop. I'd really appreciate it! Contact me for questions.

Jennifer Bourgault, Yearbook Chair
jenbmemory@qwest.net or 701-297-7733



Lake Agassiz Girls Choir

APRIL 2008



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Cantare Choir rehearsal at NDSU 4-6 PM Monitor: Shive	7 REHEARSALS: 6:00-7:00 pm Canzonetta Monitors: Cogdill, Decker 6:15-8:15 pm Cantare Monitor: Peuser 7:15-8:30 pm Melodia Monitors: Shorma, Thompson **MELODIA TOUR MEETING 7:15 PM at Peace **CANTARE TOUR MEETING 7:30 PM at NDSU **CANTARE PARENT TOUR MEETING 8:15-8:45 PM at NDSU	8	9	10 Board reports due by NOON	11 CANTARE TOUR CHICAGO	12 CANTARE TOUR CHICAGO
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20 Cantare Symphony Performs 2 pm	21 REHEARSALS: 6:00-7:00 pm Canzonetta Monitors: Grettum, Mengelkoch 6:15-8:15 pm Cantare Monitor: Herman 7:15-8:30 pm Melodia Monitors: Bartelson, Taylor **CANZONETTA TOUR MEETING 6:15 PM at Peace **MELODIA PARENT TOUR MEETING 8:00 PM at Peace	22	23 MAY newsletter deadline	24	25	26
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