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International Vocal Ensemble in Concert At St. Paul's

Voces8, an international award winning a cappella octet from the United Kingdom, will be in concert at St. Paul's on Tuesday evening, February 8. Cedar Rapids Washington's Slice of Jazz will also be featured. Slice of Jazz was selected to perform at the national ACDA (American Choral Directors Association) convention in Chicago and will be featured in the jazz night sessions on Friday, March 11. St. Paul's members in Slice of Jazz include Emma Azelborn and Wes Carlson.

Formed in 2005, Voces8 has established itself at the forefront of British a cappella singing, performing repertoire ranging from early polyphony to unique jazz and pop arrangements. The group has recorded 6 CD's: *The Bach Motets* (2010); *Aces High* (2010); *Evensong* (2008); *From Gibbons to Gershwin* (2007); *Blessings* (2006); and *Snowed In* (2006). Voces8 performs in concert internationally and won 1st prize and the audience vote for Best Act at the challenging International Choral Competition in Gorizia, Italy, 2005. In 2006, Voces8 won two first prizes at the international choral competition in Tolosa, Spain. The group has appeared on the BBC and performed on television and radio in Germany, Belgium, Austria, Slovenia, France, Spain and Italy. Forthcoming international tours in 2010-11 include the USA, China, France, Germany, Israel, Sweden, Spain and Italy.

Admission to the concert will be ...

\$20	adult
\$10	student and senior citizen
\$45	family



Voces8

A Slice of Jazz





**Sanctuary
Choir**

Colt Ballou

Sanctuary Choir Member

Colt was born and grew up in Exira, a very small town in Southwest Iowa.

He attended Simpson College where he earned his Bachelor of Music Education. While in college he was employed as the adult choir and bell choir director at St. Paul Presbyterian Church in Johnston, and he eventually became music coordinator there. After college in 2009, he started his teaching career at Meskwaki Settlement School as the K-12 Vocal and Instrumental Director. Currently, he is in his first year at Marion High School as Director of Choral Activities. He has also taught private voice and piano lessons for the past six years.

Besides his parents, Patty and Carey, he has two older brothers, Clint and Rob Jessen. He has a four-year-old nephew, Levi, a 14 year-old niece, Taylor, and two sisters-in-law, Robyn and Tisha.

Colt joined St Paul's in December, and besides music at St. Paul's, he enjoys working with the talented students at Marion High School. Besides singing, he plays piano, organ and trombone.

He likes many genres of music. He enjoys singing chamber, opera, choral, jazz, and popular music.

One of Colt's favorite music memories was his first experience singing a solo at a pops concert when he was a freshman. It was that experience that led to his decision to make music his career.

"Music is an important part of my life. Beyond being a career, music plays an important part for me in worship. I feel that music has the ability to reach the soul in a way that words can't."

Voces8

A Slice of Jazz

VOCES 8 and Slice of Jazz in concert February 8, 8:00 p.m.

\$20	adult
\$10	student and senior citizen
\$45	family

Happy Birthday!

February 5	Gary Lindsay	Sanctuary Choir
February 6	Tom Sears	Sanctuary Choir
February 11	Brenda Prediger	Sanctuary Choir
February 19	Brian Azelborn	Sanctuary Choir and Carillonners
February 25	Beth Heffner	Sanctuary Choir and music volunteer



A Beautiful Story



I gathered with some coworkers for lunch after Christmas. We had worked together, but moved to different buildings when our projects changed on the Rockwell Collins campus. It was nice to see one another face-to-face again. We shared stories of our Christmases, our children and projects that we were doing during our Christmas vacation.

Liz was working on training her new puppy, Joni and her daughter were painting two walls of their family room a bright red, I was painting and repainting our foyer to get the perfect color, and Kelly was busy with her two little ones – Molly, her three-year-old daughter and Wesley, her six-month-old son.

Kelly was telling us that she and her husband thought they would have one more child. I thought I remembered that she was from a large family and when I asked her about it, she said she was the youngest of eleven children. I told her that was wonderful, and when I started asking her more about her family, she said that her mother had passed away when Kelly was just six years old. After several months of trying to work through his sadness, her dad decided to join a support group for people who had lost spouses. At the first meeting, he discovered he had gone to the wrong place. There was a woman waiting with him who had done the same. He started talking to her and learned that her husband had died of cancer as had his wife. They talked more and Kelly's dad ended up asking the woman out for dinner. It turned out that she had seven children. They eventually got married and thus Kelly's large family of ten brothers and sisters. Kelly said she started calling her stepmother 'mom' right away. The two oldest sons of her stepmother took a little bit longer to embrace all the changes, but they all accepted one another relatively quickly and have all grown very close. What a beautiful story, I thought; a story that God might have had a hand in facilitating.

In Christian harmony,
Brenda Prediger



Up-Coming Music Events

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| February 8 | 8:00 p.m. | Voces 8 and Slice of Jazz Concert at St. Paul's |
| February 9 | 7:30 p.m. | Voces 8 in residency with Sanctuary Choir |
| April 13 | 7:30 p.m. | Messiah Choir (Sanctuary Choir) and orchestra rehearsal at 1st Lutheran |
| April 20 | 7:30 p.m. | Messiah Choir (Sanctuary Choir) and orchestra rehearsal at St. Paul's |
| April 21 | 7:30 p.m. | Messiah Choir and orchestra: St. Paul's Maundy Thursday service |
| April 22 | 7:30 p.m. | Messiah Choir and orchestra: 1st Lutheran's Good Friday service |



Handbell Happenings

Kevin Lodge

Director of Handbells Ministries

Kathy Colton

Director of Youth Handbells

February Schedule

February 6 Tower Bells 9:00 a.m.
February 27 Carillonneurs 9:00 a.m.
February 13 Wesley Bells 9:00 a.m.

*Come and Follow Me
 To God Be the Glory
 Gioiosa*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth Choir
 Wesley Bells
 Chancel Bells

Carol A. Tralau, Director
 Kathy Colton, Director
 Kathy Colton, Director



ENSEMBLE	REHEARSAL	TIME	LOCATION
Youth Ensemble (6th-12th)	Sunday	4:30-5:15 p.m.	Music Center
Wesley Bells (7th-8th)	Wednesday	7:30-8:15 p.m.	Room 325
Chancel Bells (9th-12th)	Sunday	5:15-6:00 p.m.	Room 325

February Schedule

February 6 Youth Choir 9:00 a.m. service
 and 11:30 service
February 13 Wesley Bells 9:00 a.m. service

*You Are the Light of the World
 from Godspell
 Gioiosa*



Children's Activities

Star Choir
 Cherub Choir
 Chapel Choir

Janet Schroeder, Director
 Wendy Morton, Director
 Kelly Truax, Director and accompanist

Deb Gillespie, accompanist
 Colt Ballou, accompanist

ENSEMBLE	REHEARSAL	TIME	LOCATION
Star Choir (Pre-school)	Wednesday	6:00-7:00 p.m.	307
Cherub Choir (K-2nd)	Wednesday	6:45-7:15 p.m.	Room 101
Chapel Choir (3rd-4th)	Wednesday	6:45-7:15 p.m.	Room 117

February Schedule

February 13 Chapel Choir 9:00 a.m. service
 Cherub Choir 11:30 a.m. service
February 20 Star Choir 9:00 a.m. service

*I Want to Walk
 as a Child of the Light
 Jesus Loves Me*



Proposed Schedule for February 2011



Feb. 5 5:30 p.m. Rachel Elson-Canfield
 Feb. 6 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*
 Men's Ensemble *This Little Light of Mine*
 Youth Choir *You Are the Light of the World from Godspell*
 Tower Bells *Come and Follow Me*

10:30 a.m. Mark Baumann
 David Griffin, Dennis McPartland,
 John Gee, Jean Pearson, Mary Hurlbut

11:30 a.m. David Griffin, Dennis McPartland, John Gee, Jean Pearson
 Youth Choir *You Are the Light of the World from Godspell*

Feb. 12 5:30 p.m. Rachel Elson-Canfield
 Feb. 13 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir *Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake*
 Chapel Choir *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*
 Wesley Bells *Gioiosa*

10:30 a.m. Mark Baumann
 Kelly Truax, Dennis McPartland,
 John Gee, Jean Pearson, Mary Hurlbut

11:30 a.m. Kelly Truax, Dennis McPartland, John Gee, Jean Pearson
 Cherub Choir *Jesus Loves Me*

Feb. 19 5:30 p.m. Rachel Elson-Canfield
 Feb. 20 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir *Children of the Heavenly Father*

10:30 a.m. Mark Baumann
 Greg Koenigs *Sanctuary*
 David Griffin, Dennis McPartland,
 John Gee, Jean Pearson

11:30 a.m. David Griffin, Dennis McPartland, John Gee, Jean Pearson

Feb. 26 5:30 p.m. Rachel Elson-Canfield
 Feb. 27 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir *To Love Our God*
 Carillonneurs *To God Be the Glory*

10:30 a.m. Mark Baumann
 David Griffin, Dennis McPartland,
 John Gee, Jean Pearson, Mary Hurlbut

11:30 a.m. David Griffin, Dennis McPartland, John Gee, Jean Pearson

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