

Greetings from the East Central Minnesota Chorale.

The Chorale, under the direction of Joe Osowski, is one of the great musical gems in the East Central Minnesota area. From its humble beginning of primarily Cambridge people, the Chorale now includes forty-five singers, with members coming from Milaca, Princeton, Zimmerman, Isanti, Cambridge, Braham, Rush City, Harris, North Branch, and Pine City. The Chorale truly has become an "East Central Minnesota" organization. In 2010 the Chorale expanded to include Unum Vox, a high school honors choir from the 5 county area high schools under the direction of Tonya Barnes. Together, an interesting, challenging and enjoyable season of great choral music has been planned.

The 2016/2017 season of ECMC is an exciting one. The season includes three Christmas concerts, one in Princeton on December 16, one each in Pine City and Cambridge on December 17. The annual Scholarship Concert, at which the Chorale gives two \$500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors, will be Sunday, February 26, 2017 It will feature the Chorale, Unum Vox and two area high school choirs. March 31st features the 2nd annual Chorale Idol Competition at the Braham Community Events Center. The 2016/2017 season will end with two dinner concerts, one on April 28 at the Braham Community events center and the other, May5th at the Northern Lights Ballroom in Pease.

The Chorale needs your support for this our 36th season. Many of you receiving this letter have generously supported the Chorale in past years. We ask that you please contribute again this year. If you did not contribute in the past, please join our growing list of patrons, so that the mission of the Chorale, to bring quality choral music to East Central Minnesota, may be strengthened and increased. Your generous contributions, ticket sales at our concerts and the membership dues paid by each singer, make up the main financial support for the Chorale. As a donor, your name, or the name of your business will appear in our programs throughout the season.

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