

Award-winning 'Cantus' opens SEAc coast season

FLORENCE — From its beginning 36 years ago, SEAc coast Entertainment Association has been bringing top quality performers to audiences in Florence — and this season is no different.

“This upcoming season continues that tradition,” said Linda Gargis, SEA board vice-president. “We have seven fantastic shows, including midweek concerts, plus a new ‘Dinner and a Show’ package available for season ticket holders.”

The season opens Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m., with “Cantus,” one of the premier vocal groups in the United States. This all-male ensemble will highlight the camaraderie, bonding and honor of the Armed Forces.

SEA will partner with local veterans groups to help set the tone for Veterans Day.

Cantus is a full-time, professional vocal chamber ensemble, made up of nine men singing in a tenor, tenor, baritone, bass (TTBB), changed male voice arrangement.

The artists are self-led, with programming and musical direction coming from within the group itself, making each performance unique and exciting for audiences.

The ensemble is known for innovative concert programming, often tying together works of numerous genres to explore a selected theme, including classical music, orchestral-vocal repertoire, folk music, art song, popular songs, spirituals and newly commissioned works.

The vocal group maintains a schedule of around 70 live concert performances



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and 30-40 education/outreach activities in a given season, both in the United States and abroad.

The ensemble began as a student-run organization at St. Olaf College in 1995. After a successful northeast tour in the summer of 1998, Cantus transitioned into a professional ensemble and non-profit organization by 1999, based out of Minneapolis, Minn.

The ensemble received the 2009 Chorus America Margaret Hillis Award, the first collaborative ensemble to do so.

The ensemble’s regular work with students nationwide also garnered Chorus America’s Education Outreach Award in 2011.

Cantus was selected by Minnesota Public Radio to be Artists in Residence for the 2010–11 season. The residency included supported touring, radio co-hosting, and international broadcasts via Performance Today.

In recent seasons, Cantus has been featured with the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, Boston Pops, and on “A Prairie Home Companion” with Garrison Keillor.

2014 marked the final year of the group’s critically acclaimed collaboration with Theater Latte Da, All Is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914, which tells the true story of the Christmas Truce of 1914, when World War I soldiers set down their arms to celebrate the holidays with the enemy.

Tickets can be purchased at the Florence Events Center box office, 715 Quince St., or by phone at 541-997-1994 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Artist profiles, show times, links to video clips, and more are available at www.SEAc coastEA.org.



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FLORENCE — The PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center Gallery Hall is currently showing the original landscape photography of Dayna Law.

The public is welcome to view canvases during the month of October.

Purchases may be made by visiting the

Hospital Gift Shop during their regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

A portion of all proceeds will be donated to Peace Harbor Volunteers to help maintain the hospital’s theme of a caring and healing atmosphere.