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To: 'NOVA Chorus' <NOVAChorus@yahoogroups.com>

Reply-To: NOVAChorus-owner@yahoogroups.com

Subject: [NOVAChorus] Sopranos and Altos: Volunteers needed for a vocal study

Dear NOVA chorus sopranos and altos:

Mary Yee has asked me to post this request for volunteers to participate in a a doctoral candidate's vocal study by Kathy Price. Kathy directed the chorus and taught voice at NOVA for many years. She currently lives in Kanasa City and teaches at a college there, but also is in this area regularly as director of Philomela, a women's vocal ensemble.

If you have any questions aobut the study, please send them directly to Mary Yee: maryyee@mitre.org

Peggy Harrison

-----Original Message-----

From: Yee, Mary [mailto:maryyee@mitre.org]

Sent: Friday, January 22, 2010 12:00 PM

To: Harrison, Margaret L; Margaret Harrison; fred wulff (f.wulff@yahoo.com)

Cc: Moore, Jerry A.; Kathy Price (price.kk@gmail.com); markw (mwhitmire@nvcc.edu)

Subject: please post this announcement about kathy's study to nova chorus

This is a message to the female members of the NOVA chorus to seek their participation in a vocal study.

Many of you have met Kathy Price, who was the director of the NOVA chorus prior to Mark. Kathy is now living and teaching in Kansas City, and working on her PhD in Vocal Pedagogy from the University of Kansas. Her research is examining how women's singing voices evolve over time, and is particularly focused on vocal changes in mid-life. Kathy needs 500 women volunteers for her current study - women who sing, whether solo or in choruses, from ages 20 and up. Mark has graciously agreed to allow her to approach the women of the NOVA chorus.

Participation in Kathy's study consists of two parts:

1. Completing a questionnaire
2. Providing voice samples into a recorder

Jerry Moore, a NOVA baritone, and I, Mary Yee, are helping Kathy out. I will administer the questionnaire, while Jerry will do the voice recording. (Jerry happens to own the same type of recorder that Kathy uses.) The questionnaire asks a number of personal questions about your health and singing history. No one will see your answers to these questions except Kathy. When you return the completed questionnaire to me, I will assign you a number, and your voice samples will thereafter be identified by this number. Jerry will record you singing short phrases; collecting these samples will take about 4 minutes.

In the next chorus rehearsal, I will distribute the questionnaire which you are welcome to take home and peruse. If you decide to participate, complete the questionnaire at your leisure and bring the completed questionnaire to campus. Jerry and I will "set up shop" in one of the rehearsal rooms just outside the chorus room for the next month or so. We'll be there on Tuesdays from about 6:30 pm - 7:25 pm, during the chorus break, and for a short amount of time after chorus rehearsal ends. Just stop by when it is convenient. We can also arrange an appointment if these times don't work for you.

(In the first chorus rehearsal I talked to a few of you about Kathy's study. Jerry and I will begin collecting your voice samples this coming Tuesday starting at 6:30 pm. Look for us in one of the rehearsal rooms; please bring your completed questionnaire packet with you.)

Kathy is hoping this study will help point to ways to protect, preserve, and improve the adult female singing voice, particularly in the crucial years of mid-life voice change. This study is one of several that Kathy will be conducting during research for her PhD.

It is no small task to obtain the required number of volunteers covering all decades of an adult's lifespan. Kathy thanks you in advance for your part in furthering this important research. In case you would like to be kept up to date on interim results of Kathy's research, I'll have a sign-up sheet available during the recording of voice samples.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at maryyee@mitre.org or jerrym@mitre.org . Thank you.

Mary Yee

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