

## **POCO to VIVO 2010 Advancement Audition Information—Grades 5-7**

Are you currently a 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grader and interested in auditioning for Vivo? Here is what you need to know:

**Rehearsal/Performance Schedule:** Vivo rehearses from 5:00 to 6:15 during the school year with two retreats each semester as well as two Sunday afternoon rehearsals. Extra rehearsals may be scheduled for special events. Singers are expected to spend 45-60 minutes each week on assigned music. Vivo performs 3 major concerts, one area tour, and several times in our community at retirement communities and at special functions.

**Music/Vocal/Behavior/Expectations:** Vivo choir members will learn approximately 15 pieces of music during the concert season. Singers in Vivo must be able to focus for an extended amount of time and be able to work well with others! Singers MUST HAVE THE TIME TO DEVOTE 45-60 minutes a week for memorization and practice. Singers must be able to match pitch at all times. Part singing will be introduced.

**Part-assignment:** Allegro's philosophy is quite different than in many other choral situations. Singers are encouraged and expected to be flexible with part assignments. It is our goal to give each singer a chance to sing melody AND to learn to sing harmony. At this age of vocal development, EVERY ALLEGRO singer is a "treble voice"---and every treble voice should be equipped with the skills to sing melody AND harmony. If this sounds different from your public school music experience, it is because we ARE different from your public school music experience. We consider the labels "soprano" and "alto" so limiting that we do not even use that terminology with Brio. In Moto and Brio, parts are labeled by alphabet letters: A, B, C, and D. Moto and Brio students routinely sing different parts.

**Cost:** Tuition will be \$450 plus the supply fee of \$20 for Vivo members. All ladies will wear the same dress as worn in POCO. The approximate cost is \$75. Ladies also need to purchase black hose and closed toe black dress shoes with a flat heel. Gentlemen will wear same uniform as in POCO with a banded collar shirt (no bow tie), black pants, and a black vest. The approximate cost is \$76. Gentlemen will also need to purchase black socks and black dress shoes.

**Tour:** Tour participation for Vivo singers is encouraged and expected! Area tours cost \$50-\$85.

### **How Do We Select Singers for Vivo :**

An advancement invitation is extended to those current POCO singers with a 90% or higher combined average on the following:

1. Vocal audition
2. Simple Music Theory Test (names of treble clef, type of notes)
3. Character Evaluation including attendance and participation of rehearsals and performances and director input which includes what the director sees in rehearsals and performances such as: participation, attitude, leadership, ability to focus, rehearsal preparation (brings a pencil, water, has music memorized), enthusiasm for singing!
4. Parent participation and involvement.
5. Direct input by the current POCO director

### **How to Prepare for the Audition for Vivo:**

1. Sign up for the Audition at the check-in table.
2. Prepare and bring a copy of one of your POCO pieces to sing for the Director.
3. Sing the beginning half of the National Anthem from memory
4. We will do lots of warm-ups and exercises as well as some simple theory such as how long do you hold this note, where is middle C, etc.
5. Relax and have fun-this is a no pressure audition!