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Vox Femina Los Angeles
**Touch the Future -
 Teach Them Well**

Honoring Alison Arngrim, Dr. Ronni Sanlo, Teresa DeCrescenzo, Dr. Virginia Uribe and Gail Rolf
 Special Guests from Creative Planet School of the Arts

One Night Only
 Saturday, June 13, 2009
 8:00 PM
 Zipper Concert Hall,
 The Colburn School,
 200 S. Grand Ave.,
 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dr. Iris S. Levine
 Artistic Director
 Lisa Edwards
 Pianist




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**Guest Performers, Honorees Help Vox
 “Touch the Future - Teach Them Well”**

Dr. Iris S. Levine, Vox’s Artistic Director, said recently, “Work, economic pressures, the environment, peace – with so many critical issues clamoring for our attention, the smaller, quieter voices of children can easily get drowned out. Whenever we interact with the young, we touch the future – whether for good or for ill.”

This was the genesis of *Touch the Future – Teach Them Well*, Vox Femina’s next concert on Saturday, June 13.

The evening will offer an eclectic array of selections (from traditional African songs to the William Tell Overture – with words!) and composers (from Joan Szymko to Stephen Sondheim). The music will call us to the wonder, dreams and passions that are necessary for a rich and awakened life; and it will reinforce that we are each responsible for using our unique selves in the service of life.

During the concert, Vox will honor five Los Angeles women who have each dedicated their lives and work to ensuring that children of all ages are safe, secure and empowered:

- Alison Arngrim, formerly Nellie Oleson of Little House on the Prairie, an activist and lobbyist on child protection for PROTECT

- Dr. Ronni Sanlo, Director of the UCLA Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Campus Resource Center and Director and Professor for UCLA’s Masters of Education in Student Affairs
- Teresa DeCrescenzo, Founder and Executive Director of Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services (GLASS)
- Dr. Virginia Uribe and Gail Rolf, Founder and Program Director (respectively) of LAUSD’s Project 10 for LGBTQ students, and other sexual minority youth



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In addition, Vox welcomes to the stage a group of gifted children from Creative Planet School of the Arts, a school dedicated to the integration of academia and the arts to provide children with a wide scope of possibilities.

Join Vox and our special guests for this inspiring journey into the future.

The Details
When: Saturday, June 13, 2009, 8 PM
Where: Zipper Concert Hall
 The Colburn School
 200 S. Grand Ave., LA 90012
Tickets: Available online at
www.voxfeminala.org
 or by phone at 310-922-0025
Advance sale: \$30 premium seating
 \$25 general admission
At the door: \$30 general admission
Students/seniors: \$20
For special group rates call 310-922-0025

PROFILES

GET TO KNOW MEMBERS OF THE VOX FEMINA LOS ANGELES FAMILY

In each issue, we introduce you to some of the faces you've seen smiling at you from the stage! Our singers, staff and volunteers come from widely diverse backgrounds, but we all share one thing in common — making the world a better place through music!

— Meet Vox
Board Chairperson
BETTIE TEEL



A friend brought Bettie Teel to Vox's first concert in 1997 where, she says, "The music spoke to me." She became a volunteer right away. When asked to join the board in 1999, Bettie initially felt she didn't have the relevant skills — but she accepted the challenge. She quickly realized that her life and work experiences made her uniquely qualified to serve on Vox's board.

Bettie brings a musical background to Vox, including a lifetime of singing in gospel choirs. She is currently a member of the choir at the First Congregational Church in Pasadena.

Outside of Vox, Bettie enjoys her work in health care management at Good Samaritan Hospital and spending time with her partner Sandy, with whom she recently shared a celebratory 30th anniversary trip to Hawaii.

After nine years on the Board, six as co-chair or chair, Bettie will be leaving the board at the end of this season. She says, "My nine years on the Vox Board have been some of the most enriching and joyful of my life. It has been an honor for me to participate in the achievement of Vox Femina's goals." We will miss her sure hand at the tiller, but we're happy she plans to continue as a Vox season subscriber.

Janet heard about Vox through her friend Sally Monk, a founding member of Vox. When she first heard Vox sing at Metropolitan Community Church LA, she became an immediate fan and supporter.

About six years ago after retiring from her social work career, Janet served as a board member for four years and then decided to continue her relationship with Vox as Volunteer Coordinator. In this role, Janet is also responsible for organizing and staffing after-concert receptions.

Janet loves being part of the Vox family, especially attending Tuesday night rehearsals. "Hearing those beautiful voices at close range in a relatively small room is

thrilling." She is also proud to support Vox's mission statement, "celebrating women and building bridges within and beyond the lesbian and gay communities."

Janet's years as a church organist have led to her current work with the inclusive congregation of Hollywood Lutheran Church. She plays the recorder with a small ensemble (the "Tuttis"), lives in Mt. Washington with her cat Joey, and enjoys birding and biking especially at Huntington Beach.

To our readership Janet says, "I encourage anyone who loves Vox to become part of a much appreciated group of enthusiastic volunteers. Call me at the Vox office."

— Meet Vox Volunteer
Coordinator
JANET WEBER



— Meet first alto
JENNIFER CHENG



This is Jennifer Cheng's first year in Vox. She asked her friends about choruses in LA and a friend from San Francisco referred her to Allie — a soprano in Vox.

Music has "really shaped" her life. She has over 15 years of chorus or voice lessons and a lifetime of classical and jazz piano. It has opened doors to many cultures, allowing her to meet musicians in Ecuador, learn to dance and love the culture of salsa and Latin jazz, find a beautiful old church in Leipzig, and introduced her to amazing teachers who have shared their life wisdom.

Jennifer says, "Vox is a community of awesome women from all walks of life, a

rare gem in a geographically challenging metropolis." Most of all Vox is her "musical home."

When not singing with Vox, she enjoys dance, the outdoors, writing, cooking, and the "curiosities of life." As a fitness trainer and wellness coach, she helps people live better and overcome obstacles. With her musical background, she integrates techniques and concepts from singing with Pilates and yoga exercises, helping her clients learn to breathe well and feel more calm and confident.

Sing for the Cure® Concert Applauded

When Florence Henderson, the Voices of Hope Men's Chorus, 11 instrumentalists and Vox presented *Sing for the Cure*® on March 14, 2009 an emotional audience of 600 spontaneously rose to their feet in applause. Before the concert Ms. Henderson remarked, "It has been a joy to work with all of you!" Vox donated a portion of each concert ticket sold to the Los Angeles Breast Cancer Alliance. See broadwayworld.com for more coverage and photos.



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