

Unite the world  
and empower  
future leaders  
through music



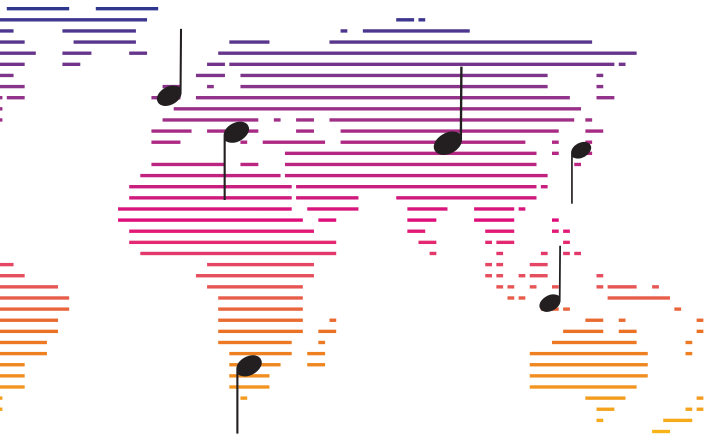
V  ENA

VOENA is a world-renowned children's choir and 501(c)3 non-profit performing arts organization. Believing that all children will benefit from the transformative power of music, VOENA has a no-audition policy and accepts and embraces any child with the desire to sing.

### What We Do

VOENA provides **students ages 6 to 18** with the opportunity to discover their voices and build self-confidence through song and movement. Vocal arrangements incorporate multiple percussion instruments, dance, and theatrical elements.

The a cappella group represents more than **35 cultures** and sings new and traditional songs in over **30 languages and dialects**.



The concert level choir has **performed in communities around the world** including South Africa, Japan, China, London, Ireland, Italy, Bali and others.

*"The greats weren't great because they were born talented or because they were born to sing, dance or write. They were great because they were determined."*

Annabelle Marie (Founder and Director)

### The VOENA Big Three

VOENA believes that all children and youth are capable of musical literacy, and expects them to strive for their personal best. Annabelle cultivates this in her students by prescribing a set of guiding principles that she calls the "Big Three:"

1

Accept the challenge

2

Develop a hard work ethic

3

Be self-motivated

### Bring Music into the Schools

At a time when arts programs are being cut from school budgets, VOENA in the Schools (VIS) provides music education for students at elementary schools in Benicia and Napa. Most are Title I Schools, serving the largest number of low-income families in Benicia and Napa. This popular and fast-growing program reaches thousands of K-5 students.

### Provide all Children and Youth with the Opportunity to find their Voices

VOENA's Scholarship Program offers full or partial scholarships to families who are struggling with financial or other challenging life circumstances. A small scholarship committee reviews all applications with a commitment to total confidentiality for families in need.



## How You Can Help

Each year, VOENA must raise at least \$137,000 to maintain its ongoing music education programs for a growing number of children and youth. Of this, over \$92,000 must come through the support of individual donors like you. You can play an integral role in helping more children find their voices by joining VOENA's family of supporters and becoming an annual donor, sponsoring a performance, or underwriting one of VOENA's educational programs. In return, you will receive exclusive benefits that provide you with up-close experiences with Annabelle and the musicians, allowing you to see first hand how your gift is changing lives.

## What we Accomplish with your Support

Over the past twenty years VOENA has helped hundreds of children and youth find their voices. The group has traveled the globe as goodwill ambassadors, performing five times at the White House for President and First Lady Clinton and Bush, at the opening day 2012 London Summer Olympics, at the International Soweto Festival in South Africa and at the World Expo in Aichi, Japan in 2005, among others. A number of alumni have gone on to receive full scholarships to college or have built their careers in music.

## Our Need

Each year VOENA must raise up to half of its budget through contributions to make its programs accessible to all children who wish to participate. Through increasing the number of contributions received annually, VOENA will be able to keep tuition costs low and increase the number of scholarships offered. VOENA also works hard to keep its overhead costs low by leveraging support from donors, volunteers and community partners. At least 80% of all income goes directly towards VOENA's programs.

