

Young Voices of Austin

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



Winter Highlights

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The first half of our second season has come and gone, but we have so many exciting things in store for this spring!

Our (rescheduled) pickleball event was a huge success. Many thanks to our partners at **Greater Austin Pickleball**, **Austin Tennis Center** - and **Richard's Rainwater** for providing a wonderful outing for our choristers! Thank you to everyone who came to support us at our very first performance at the **Austin Trail of Lights** in December!

We continue to be impressed by the generosity of local restaurants that help feed our choristers each week: **Pueblo Viejo**, **Chick-Fil-A**, **Austin Terrier**, **Killa Wassi**, **FoodHeads**, **Thundercloud**, **Micklethwait Craft Meats**, **Chipotle on Congress**, and **Mission Dogs**!

Read more about the workshops our choristers attended and a review of our winter concert in the following pages.

Moments of Wonder, Winter Concert

On a chilly Sunday, December 9, 2019, our YVA choristers performed at the Stateside at the Paramount. It was an incredible experience for these choristers, many of whom stepped foot into this theater for their first time ever. They filled this space with delightful sounds of winter and beauty, bringing to life what matters most during the holiday season. Audience members received the concert with a standing ovation and enjoyed music that was familiar and savored selections that became their new favorites.



Monica and Allie performing
Scarlet Ribbons.

Our choristers spent September through the first week of December preparing for this concert. At least half of the chorus was new this year, but they did an incredible job in reaching a beautiful artistic level for their very first concert. The veterans of the choir were more than happy to help guide our newbies and show them the ropes of learning music with only one hour of rehearsal a week.

Beauty is created on a continuous basis with these choristers. But the beauty that we were most impressed with when they stepped foot on the Stateside stage was the beauty from within.



Vox Prima



Vox Medius



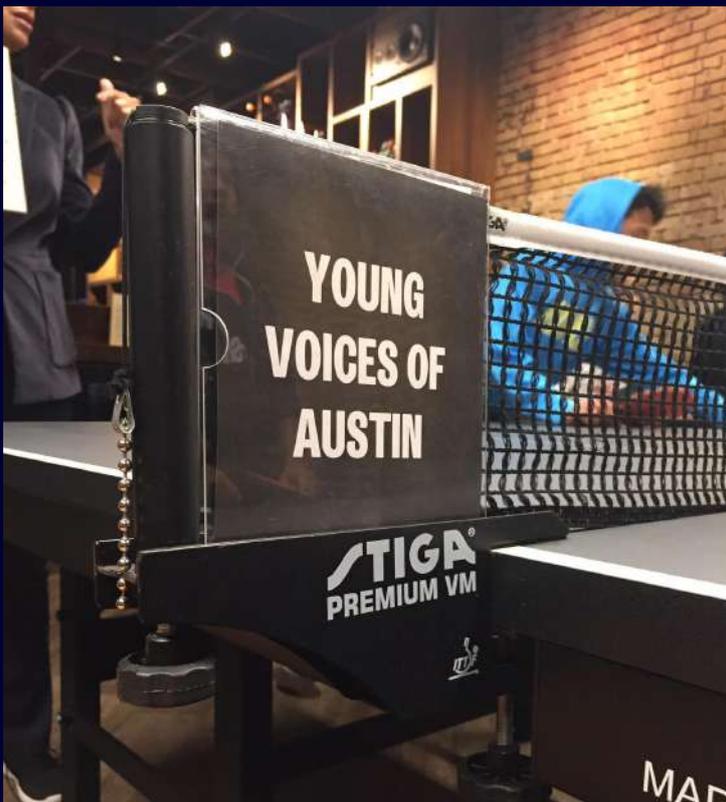
Vox Dominus

Financial Literacy and Career Workshop with some SPIN



A big thank you to PriceWaterhouseCoopers for hosting our second annual Financial Literacy and Career Workshops on January 12, 2019. Erin Sturgess from PwC led the amazing volunteers that provided engaging curriculum in finances that met the needs of our various age groups. We are also grateful for their donation of breakfast tacos and pizza lunch for all of our choristers and volunteers present.

We were delighted to have guest speakers on our Career panel and recognize them as amazing YVA partners: Omar Lozano, Paul Dubois and Robert Connop.



PwC provided age-appropriate workshops consisting of lessons/games on budgeting, planning for college, choosing a career interest, computer science, water conservation and entrepreneurship. A highlight of the workshop was a Shark Tank activity for our middle and high school choristers (Vox Medius and Dominus). Team members collaborated creatively and presented their ideas to a judging panel. Products ranged from make up remover to IPONES to new takes on solar phone cases.

After a day of learning and growing we were able to enjoy playtime at SPIN. SPIN reserved five ping pong tables for our choristers. It was a blast for everyone involved!

We look forward to continuing our partnership with PwC and SPIN Austin and their outstanding staff. Thank you!



Spring 2019



Amplify Austin

February 28- March 1, 2019

Music Retreat

**Saturday, March 2, 2019
10:00 AM- 4:00 PM**

Bash at the Bellevue

Benefiting Young Voices of Austin

**6:00 PM
Thursday, March 28, 2019**

Dominus Trip

**Saturday, April 6, 2019
Dallas, Texas**

**Children Will Listen
YVA Spring Concert**

**Friday, May 3, 2019
7:00 PM @ Stateside at the Paramount**

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