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PRESS RELEASE

Campanella receives grant from Young Singers Foundation

Campanella Children's Choir has been awarded the grant by Young Singers Foundation to attend Windy City Youth Choral Festival in Chicago in summer 2012. The grant money will help offset the cost of participation for Campanella choristers, expanding the festival educational opportunity beyond that of Heritage Festival, which the Campanella Children's Choir will attend in April 2012.

The fourth-annual Windy City Youth Choral Festival, June 28 – July 1, 2012 is presented by Music Celebrations International, under artistic direction of Elena Sharkova. Ms. Sharkova received a Bachelor's Degree in music education and piano and subsequently a Master's in choral conducting from the Rimski-Korsakov State Conservatory in St. Petersburg, Russia. Elena has conducted children's, community, university, and professional choirs and orchestras in the USA, Canada, Italy, Switzerland, Baltic republics, Scandinavia, and Russia. Windy City Youth Choral Festival invites and selects treble-voice choirs based upon recommendation. The choirs will join together to sing in one of America's great concert halls – Orchestra Hall, home of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

The Young Singers Foundation is enriching the lives of young people by supporting the educational and performance opportunities in vocal music. The Young Singers Foundation offers financial grants to individuals, groups and organizations who sponsor vocal music activities for young people. For more information on grants from Young Singers Foundation, visit <http://www.youngsingersfoundation.org/grants.cfm>

“We are very excited to be working under the guidance of Elena Sharkova again”, said Marianna Kosaya, the Artistic Director of Campanella Children's Choir, referring to the choir's experience with Ms. Sharkova during the Festival of Gold in San Francisco, March 31 – April 4, 2011, where Campanella received second place, Gold Award, and was awarded to sing at the Encore Performances. Campanella Children's Choir was founded in the spring of 2000, and has developed into a competitive ensemble that is the core of the entire Campanella Educational Center. The choir sings a diverse repertoire of music in multiple languages and performs in numerous community events throughout the year. For more information about Campanella Children's Choir, please visit <http://www.campanellacenter.org/history.shtml>