

CHORAL PROGRAM-BUILDING GRANTS AWARDED TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Cora Voce, one of the most accomplished adult choirs in the Puget Sound region has awarded \$6,798.00 in program-building grants this coming season to two local schools: Emerald Ridge High School in Puyallup and Peninsula High School in Gig Harbor.

Emerald Ridge High School was granted \$4,798.01 for an updated audio system. Kurt McKee, Director of Choirs at Emerald Ridge says the equipment purchased with this grant will make it possible for his choirs to be better heard at local events and at concerts. “We are often asked to perform for community events. This new sound system will make it possible for our choirs to really be heard.”

Peninsula High School was granted \$2,000 for a learning and practice aid system, and for student scholarships to All-State and All-Northwest Choirs. Alyson Ellis, Director of Choirs at Peninsula says, “A subscription to Choral Tracks – an amazing service by Mathew Curtis of the Kings Singers – provides practice tracks for all of the music my students perform, which is a tremendous help in preparation. And, since 22% of our students qualify for free/reduced lunch at PHS, the scholarship money for students headed to either All-State Choir or All-Northwest Choir will take the financial pressure for travel and fees off their families.”

About Cora Voce: Cora Voce is a select adult choir based in Tacoma offering three concert series each season. In the seven years since the grant program began, Cora Voce has awarded over \$70,000 in grants and scholarships to eleven elementary, junior high and high schools in the Puget Sound region. “Besides our concert season,” says artistic director, Randy Spitzer, this grant program allows us to fulfill our mission *to inspire, enrich and educate*, especially the next generation.” For more information about Cora Voce, to purchase tickets to an upcoming event, or to support their grant program, visit www.CoraVoce.org.