

River Ramblings

Editor - Jeffrey Grimmer

Gaylord Performances



The wide awake and ready to go church performers

We started the day off by meeting at 8 AM for coffee and rolls at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Gaylord. We had a good group because it was basically the men that would perform in the afternoon. We then started off and sang for six different churches in Gaylord. Some of the clergy promoted our afternoon show - thanks! At approximately 11:15 AM we went to the "Prairie House" restaurant and had a great lunch thanks to the local Sertoma Club - thanks to them for their support.

After lunch we headed to the Gaylord Middle School to set up the risers (thanks Stan for hauling them), set up the sound system (thanks Jon Schwichtenberg), change into our uniforms, and warm up. Then on with the show at 2 PM.



The Gaylord "Riverblenders" Chorus - "LIVE"

The Chorus At Gaylord



Jake and Arv warming up



The Riverblenders warming up



Riverbend



Emcee - Arv Zenk



MAGIC



Choreography??



Local Talent

Many chorus members helped to unload and set up risers, while others helped with the sound systems set up and check. Once that got done, Doug Peterson warmed us up while Jacob got his music together and Arvid got his script organized and studied. Thanks to all of the members that helped make this performance a success. Thanks also to Stan Bruss for getting the sound system checked out and repaired. (close call)

Both "MAGIC" and "Riverbend" quartets, along with some local talent, added the finishing touches to the first half performance. After they were finished, the Riverblender's came out and did a final 5 songs to finish up the 2 hour program.

The chorus would like to thank everyone from the Gaylord area that helped set this fun event up. We had a great time and enjoyed the wonderful audience. We look forward to seeing lots of the folks at our concerts and contests in the future.

Sam's Club Re-Grand Opening

On Friday October 4, 2013 the Mankato Riverblenders performed at the **Sam's Club Re-Grand Opening** in Mankato. The performance was at 9:00 AM with 23 Riverblenders in attendance.

The chorus membership met at Sam's Club at 8:30 AM for warm ups wearing our Yellow Summer Shirt, Black Pants and Black Shoes. We then moved to the front of the store and sang until 9:30 AM. The customers and Sam's employees looked, listened, and enjoyed our singing.

Thanks to the members that could make it you did a great job and you were a good looking group!

Coaching Session With Larry Monson



Director - Jacob Ritter and Coach/Mentor Larry Monson

On October 1, 2013 the return of coach Larry Monson transpired! This was a regular Tuesday night rehearsal so we had a big group in attendance. Most of us got there early and were ready to sing after Doug Peterson warmed us up.

Larry corrected a lot of items and it was a great benefit to the chorus. The chorus would like to thank him again for his time and talent and the great job he did with our chorus.

Thanks Larry!!

La Crosse Performance

On Saturday, October 26th, the Mankato Riverblender's Chorus was the mic testing chorus at the LO'L contest in La Crosse. The uniform of the day was our Maroon Long Sleeved Shirt, Chorus Black Pants, Black Shoes. We sang well, and scored a "65". Not bad for such a small group of our membership. We wish more of you could have come along and helped us out. We definitely sing better as a whole chorus.

We would like to thank the LaCrosse "Coulee Chordsmen" for inviting us to sing as the mic testing chorus and to congratulate them on their 14th place finish at the contest. It goes without saying, that the "Coulee Chordsmen" did a lot of work putting on this contest, which went along very smoothly. This is a tribute to their hard work and the hard work of their spouses and friends. THANKS A LOT!

Who Are These People?



Try to figure out who all of these LO'L Contest guests are - Names will be in the November Issue of the River Ramblings.

Riverblender's At The Contest



High Lights From LO'L



A gleeful group heading to warm up at 8AM



Warm ups with Doug



Jacob doing final tune ups



2013 Quartet Champs - Kordal Kombat



Joe Liles being inducted into the LO'L Hall of Fame



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Youth In Harmony Chorus - Directed by Sam Sather

Nice To Know



Dear Riverblenders,

Thank you for singing at our sixth annual "Harvest Festival" in Norseland this year. It was very much appreciated by everyone who were there.

Tusen takk,
From the Board of Directors:

Norseland
Community
Preservation
Association

Thursday, July 18, 2013

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you, Legion

To the editor:

On Wednesday, July 3, the residents of the St. Peter area were given a gift from the William R. Witty Legion Post 37. The Legion sponsored the Mankato Riverblenders "Freedom Sings" concert held at The Church of St. Peter.

The church was full, the voices were right on pitch, and the songs were known by everyone listening.

What a great event. I hope this is repeated every year. Thank you Legion.

H. Stuart Johnson
St. Peter



Mr. Pumpkin
Says
"Happy Halloween"

Calendar

November 2, 2013 - Saturday

Minnesota Valley SA Show

See Page 12 for Details

November 5, 2013 - Tuesday

Loyola High School Band Room

Regular Practice - 7:00 PM

November 12, 2013 - Tuesday

Loyola High School Band Room

Regular Practice - 7:00 PM

November 13, 2013 - Wednesday

Loyola High School - Chapel - 9:30 PM

Sing for Loyola Students

November 16, 2013 - Saturday

Installation Banquet - 6 PM Happy Hour

Applewood Restaurant - Mankato

November 19 & 26, 2013 - Tuesdays

Combined Rehearsals - 7:00 PM

"Christ The King Lutheran Church"

December 1, 2013 - Sunday*

Holiday Concerts - with Sweet Adelines

(Mankato - be there at 2 PM)

(Meal after show - \$10.00)

(St. Peter - be there at 7 PM)

Sing - Mankato - 3PM - St. Peter - 7:30PM

December 3, 2013 - Tuesday

Cubs West (On Hill) - sing 5-6 PM

Loyola High School Band Room

Regular Practice - 7:00 PM

December 10, 2013 - Tuesday

HyVee (On Hill) - sing 5-6 PM

Loyola High School Band Room

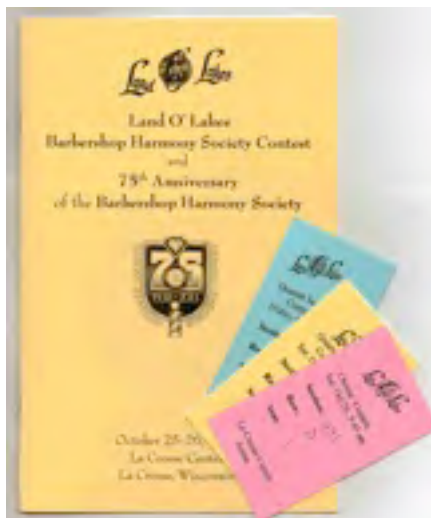
Regular Practice - 7:00 PM

December 17, 2013 - Tuesday

Cubs - downtown - sing 5-6 PM

Loyola High School Band Room

Regular Practice - 7:00 PM



2013 LO'L SCORING SHEETS

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OFFICIAL SCORING SUMMARY, BHS, International Chorus Preliminaries and District Quartet Convention Land O' Lakes District, Chorus Finals, La Crosse, Wisconsin, October 28, 2013

Contest Legend: 1=Land O' Lakes District International Preliminary Chorus, 2=Land O' Lakes District Chorus, 3=Land O' Lakes District Plateau A Chorus, 4=Land O' Lakes District Plateau AA Chorus, 5=Land O' Lakes District Plateau AAA Chorus, 6=Land O' Lakes District Most-Improved Chorus

Chapter / Nickname	Song	MUS	PRS	SNQ	Total	Avg.	Cnt
1 Hilltop, MN	Young And Foolish	182	178	179	1073	89.4	82
Great Northern Union (1,2,5)	Winter Wonderland	182	180	174			
2 Greendale, WI	Then I'll Be Tired Of You	165	159	163	983	80.3	49
Midwest Vocal Express (1,2,5,6)	Get Me To The Church On Time/Just Is J	160	160	166			
3 Fargo-Moorhead, ND	What Kind Of Fool Am I?	152	149	152	908	75.7	38
Great Plains Harmony (1,2,4,6)	Redhead/Nobody Knows What A Red-Head	155	150	150			
4 Minneapolis, MN	If I Love Again	155	150	151	906	75.4	66
Commodores (1,2,5,6)	I Can't Give You Anything But Love	152	150	147			
6 Willmar, MN	Joanie With The Light Brown Hair	150	148	150	903	75.3	20
West Central Connection (1,2,3,6)	I've Been Workin' On The Railroad	154	148	153			
6 Appleton, WI	How Deep Is The Ocean?	149	143	141	861	71.8	42
Fox Valleyaires Chorus (1,2,4,6)	That Railroad Rag	145	148	137			
7 Oaklough, WI	The Moment I Saw Your Eyes	145	138	138	832	69.3	37
WinnebagoLand (1,2,4,6)	Among My Souvenirs	141	137	133			
8 St Croix Valley, MN	If I Had My Way	142	137	133	821	68.4	41
Croix Chordmen Chorus (1,2,4,6)	Sweet Georgia Brown	140	140	129			
9 West Allis, WI	Love Me	145	132	132	811	67.6	19
Heart of Harmony Chorus (1,2,5,6)	You Belong To Me	143	131	128			
10 Manitowoc, WI	I Don't Know Why (I Just Do)	131	131	136	796	66.3	23
Clipper City Chordmen (1,2,3,6)	Cabaret	132	131	134			
11 Greater St Paul Area, MN	Bring Back Those Good Old Days	135	128	132	782	65.2	26
North Star Chorus (1,2,4,6)	Good Night, Little Boy Of Mine	131	129	127			
12 Winnipeg, MB	Crazy 'Bout Ya Baby	129	128	130	777	64.8	14
Golden Chordmen (1,2,4,6)	I Don't Know Why (I Just Do)	132	129	129			
13 Stevens Point, WI	Love Me	132	129	121	752	62.7	25
Northern Gateway Chorus (1,2,4,6)	You Don't Know Me	128	128	114			
14 La Crosse, WI	Yes Sir, That's My Baby	130	123	128	780	62.5	31
Couise Chordmen (1,2,4)	Old Fashioned Girl	124	121	124			
15 Plymouth, WI	My Wild Irish Rose	128	125	132	749	62.4	18
Hometown Harmony Tradition (1,2,3)	Sweet Georgia Brown	121	120	125			
16 St Cloud, MN	There Goes My Heart	123	126	127	747	62.3	16
Singing Saints (1,2,3,6)	After You've Gone	125	123	121			
17 Rock Valley, WI	Little Pal	129	124	128	745	62.1	30
Badger Chord Hawks (1,2,3)	Please Don't Forget Me	122	122	120			
18 Faribault, MN	For All We Know	119	119	123	721	60.1	19
Lakelanders Chorus (1,2,3,6)	The Barbershop Strut	123	121	116			
19 Madison, WI	Cecilia	123	116	120	714	58.5	16
Capitol Chordmen (1,2,4)	Coney Island Baby/We All Fall (Medley)	123	114	119			

Hilltop, MN qualifies to represent the Land O' Lakes District at the International Chorus Contest next July.

Hilltop, MN is the District Chorus Champion.

Willmar, MN is the Land O' Lakes District Plateau A Champion.

Fargo-Moorhead, ND is the Land O' Lakes District Plateau AA Champion.

Hilltop, MN is the Land O' Lakes District Plateau AAA Champion.

Willmar, MN is the Land O' Lakes District Most Improved Chorus.

★ = SOUTHWEST DIVISION
CONTESTANTS

QUARTET CONTEST SCORES

OFFICIAL SCORING SUMMARY, BHS, International Chorus Preliminaries and District Quartet Convention
Land O' Lakes District, Quartet Finals, La Crosse, Wisconsin, October 26, 2013

Finals	Songs	MUS	PRS	SNG	Subt	Prev	Total	Avg
1 Kordal Kombal	It's A Brand New Day	158	150	153	912	903	1815	75.6
	Jeanie With The Light Brown Hair	154	149	148				
2 St. Croix Crossing	Whap Your Troubles In Dreams	155	145	148	891	904	1795	74.8
	A Fool Such As I	152	146	145				
3 Ten Minute Intermission	Old St. Louis	151	145	147	891	900	1791	74.8
	I'm Gonna Sit Right Down And Write Myself A Letter	153	147	148				
4 The Cheery-O's	I'll Never Say Never Again Again	149	145	148	882	898	1778	74.1
	I Only Have Eyes For You	148	146	148				
5 The Bottom Line	You're All The World To Me	146	139	142	863	884	1747	72.8
	Recipe For Love	145	144	144				
6 The 10th Degree	Dinah	147	146	144	889	885	1734	72.3
	Time After Time (1947)	145	144	143				
7 Nostra Vita	You Belong To Me	148	137	144	843	868	1711	71.3
	A Fool Such As I	142	134	138				
8 Sound Image	On A Slow Boat To China	147	140	148	881	847	1703	71.2
	Lower Come Back To Me	148	136	143				
Semi-Finals	Songs	MUS	PRS	SNG	Subt	Prev	Total	Avg
1 St. Croix Crossing	We Kinda Miss Those Good Old Songs	153	149	149			904	75.3
	Auld Lang Syne	154	149	150				
2 Kordal Kombal	I've Been Workin' On The Railroad	152	147	150			903	75.3
	Auld Lang Syne	154	149	151				
3 Ten Minute Intermission	Danny Boy	156	150	147			900	75.0
	Heart And Soul	154	147	149				
4 The Cheery-O's	I Don't Know Why (I Just Do)	153	148	152			896	74.7
	Who'll Take My Place When I'm Gone?	151	144	148				
5 The Bottom Line	You Brought A New Kind Of Love To Me	150	146	151			894	73.7
	Drive! Me Crazy	147	144	149				
6 Nostra Vita	Always	148	142	144			868	72.3
	(Let's Start) Tomorrow Tonight	148	142	143				
7 The 10th Degree	Sweet Lorraine	147	143	145			865	72.1
	Georgia On My Mind	143	145	142				
8 Sound Image	I Never Knew	148	141	138			847	70.8
	The One I Love (Belongs To Somebody Else)	148	138	138				

Kordal Kombal is the District Quartet Champion.

OFFICIAL SCORING SUMMARY, BHS, International Chorus Preliminaries and District Quartet Convention
Land O' Lakes District, Quartet Semi-Finals, La Crosse, Wisconsin, October 26, 2013

Contest Legend: 1=Land O' Lakes District Quartet (2 Rounds), 2=Land O' Lakes District Preliminary Seniors Quartet, 3=Land O' Lakes District Novice Quartet

Semi-Finals	Songs	MUS	PRS	SNG	Subt	Prev	Total	Avg
9 Gambit	Little Girl	142	138	138			837	69.8
(1)	On The Sunny Side Of The Street	142	140	137				
10 SuperNova	Bright Was The Night	141	135	137			829	69.1
(1)	The Chordbuster March	141	137	138				
10 PunchLine	There Goes My Heart	141	137	137			829	69.1
(1)	Naughty Angelina	138	141	135				
12 Highpoint	I'll Never Write A Love Song Anymore	135	142	139			826	68.8
(1,2)	The One I Love (Belongs To Somebody Else)	133	140	136				
13 Straight Up	Super Medley	130	143	139			823	68.6
(1)	Each Time I Fall In Love	133	142	136				
14 Hot Commodity	You Brought A New Kind Of Love To Me	141	137	138			822	68.5
(1,3)	I Can't Give You Anything But Love	138	135	135				
15 Vocal Express	Taking A Chance On Love	135	135	135			802	66.8
(1)	Always	131	133	133				
16 Overlone Underdogs	That's An Irish Lullaby	135	131	132			796	66.3
(1)	What'll I Do?	134	132	132				
17 HARMONIC FUSION	Love Me	137	131	138			793	66.1
(1)	Over The Rainbow	133	123	131				
18 Good Fourtuns	The Little Boy	134	131	125			786	65.5
(1)	It's Only A Paper Moon	132	134	130				
19 Cool Street	The Moment I Saw Your Eyes	128	127	131			772	64.3
(1)	After You've Gone	128	126	131				
20 Notorious	Ain't Misbehavin'	130	129	129			766	63.8
(1,2)	Sweet Mae	129	127	121				
21 Spendin' Time on I-29	Old St. Louis	129	129	127			763	63.6
(1)	It's A Sin To Tell A Lie	126	127	125				
22 Harlequin	Tin Roof Blues	131	126	126			781	63.4
(1,2)	Old St. Louis	128	125	125				
23 Vaguely Familiar	The Little Boy	126	120	120			736	61.3
(1)	My Honey's Lovin' Arms	126	125	119				

Kordal Kombal is the Land O' Lakes District Novice Quartet Champion.

Holiday Harmony Christmas Show

Hey guys, start "talking up" our Sunday, Dec. 1, Christmas show to your family and friends. It's the weekend of Thanksgiving, so make it a topic at your Thanksgiving dinner. Tickets are only \$10 and students (K-college), are free with a donation to the food shelf. We will do two shows together with the Minnesota Valley Sweet Adeline Chorus. Shows will be 3:00 PM at Christ the King Church in Mankato and 7:30 PM at the Church of St. Peter.

Dinner between shows will be held at Christ the King following the 3:00 PM performance. Tickets for dinner will be sold in advance and your family and friends are welcome to join us.

Holiday Harmony Program Chair - Joel Botten

Chorus songs that will be sung
(this may change a bit)

Ding Dong! Merrily On High - Combined

Candlelight Carol - Combined

Do You Hear What I Hear - Riverblenders

Mary Had A Baby - Riverblenders

Carol Of The Bells - Minnesota Valley

Go Tell It On The Mountain - Minnesota Valley

It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas - Riverblenders

Jingle Bells - Riverblenders

Prepare Ye, Prepare Ye - Minnesota Valley

It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year - Minnesota Valley

Baby It's Cold Outside - Combined

Going To Bethlehem - Combined

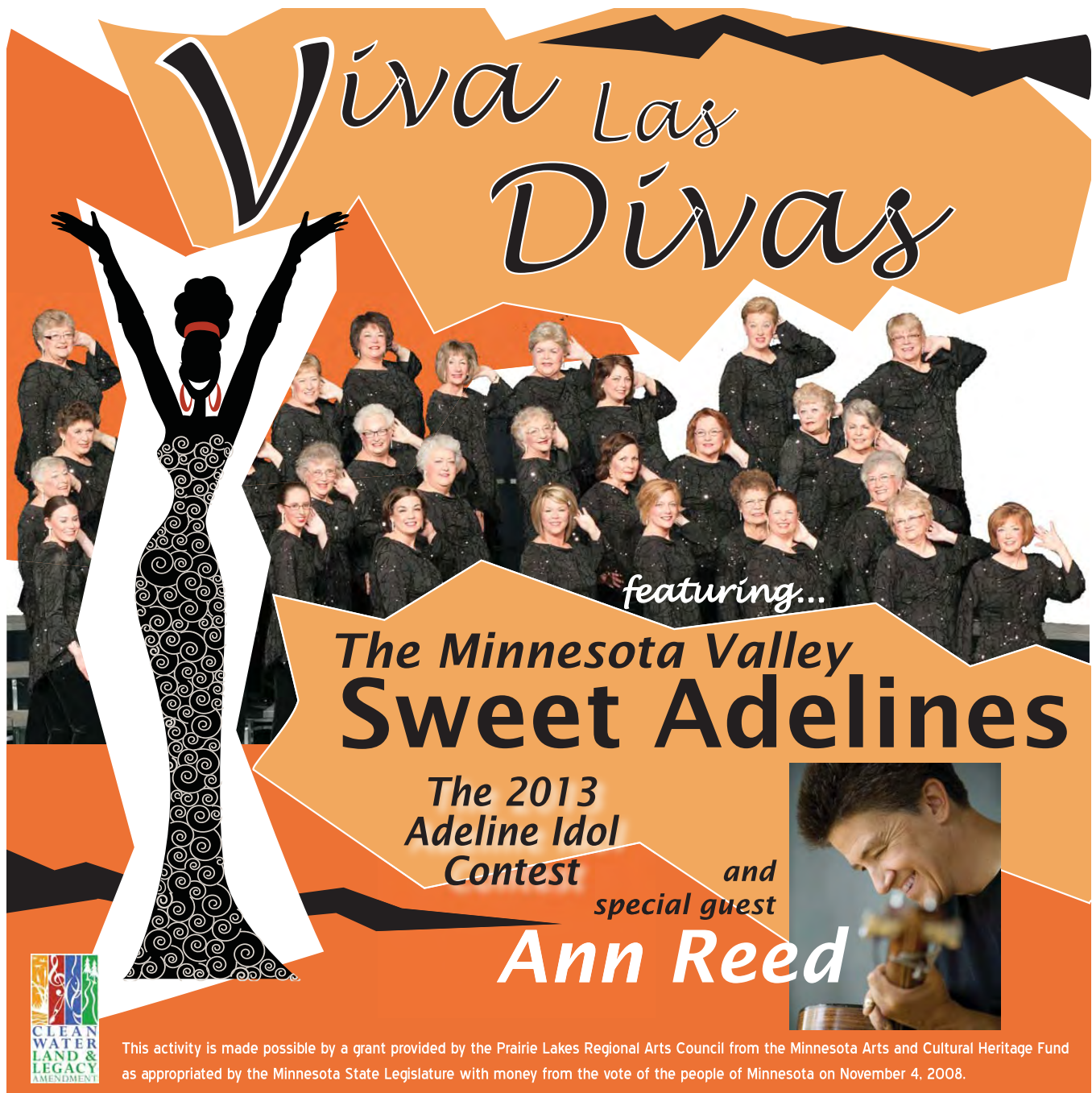
Silent Night - Combined

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Mike Frazee and Keith Lammers with BH Petroleum Equipment in Mankato, install new gas lines at the Lafayette United Express Convenience store. The gas station is now equipped with four new gas pumps. Manager Heidi Portner said the old pumps were originals and the upgrade will be "a good thing."

It is really nice to see that not all of the Riverblender's are retired. Keep up the good hard work Mike.



Viva Las Divas


featuring...

The Minnesota Valley Sweet Adelines

The 2013 Adeline Idol Contest

and special guest

Ann Reed



This activity is made possible by a grant provided by the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

Saturday, November 2 - 2:30 and 7:00pm
Crossview Covenant Church - 2000 Howard Drive, North Mankato

Adults: \$12 Advance/\$15 Door Seniors: \$10 Advance/\$12 Door Students:\$5
Tickets available at: Scheitel's Music (Mankato), Cub Foods (both Mankato locations),
HyVee (both Mankato locations), and Swedish Kontur (St. Peter)

For tickets or information, call: 507-388-6148
Or visit: www.minnesotavalleychorus.org or
www.facebook.com/SweetAdelinesMankato

Holiday Harmony

PRESENTED BY THE
**MANKATO RIVERBLENTERS
&
MN VALLEY SWEET ADELINES**

*Sunday
December 1, 2013*

*Tickets are \$10.00 at the door
Students are free with food shelf donation*

**3:00 PM CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH
222 PFAU ST. MANKATO**

**7:30 PM CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
1801 BROADWAY, ST. PETER**

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT CUB FOODS, HYVEE,
& CHORUS MEMBERS OR CALL 507-420-5847**