

Dear Cantabella Families and Friends,

We are pleased that we have safely resumed in-person rehearsals and that Eileen Chang is leading us through our 30th Celebratory Season of Cantabella Children's Chorus.

Eileen has decided that this will be her last year with Cantabella. It is with a touch of sadness that I announce her planned retirement because we love Eileen! We share in Eileen's exciting future plans to embark on a next phase to have more time to travel and volunteer in different parts of the world.

Eileen has had wonderful years with Cantabella. Under Eileen's Artistic Director leadership, Cantabella has participated in prestigious festivals and competitions: ACDA Regional Conference, World Choir Games in Cincinnati, Kathaumixw Choral Festival in Canada, Golden Gate International Choral Festival, PicFest Oregon, and Sing A Mile High Denver.

In the summer of 2019, Cantabella was invited to the 2019 World Youth Choral Festival and Competition in the beautiful Jeju Island of South Korea. Cantabella won Gold medals for both Sacred and Secular Categories and proudly came back home with the Grand Prix.

Eileen shares, "When I look over the highlights of my music career, I realize so many of them have been with Cantabella. I'm grateful and humbled that all the experiences with Cantabella have helped me to grow to be a better musician and, I believe, a better person. My sincere thanks to all the students who took the journey with me and created something very beautiful! Thanks to the support of the board and the staff who kept the faith in music!"

We will celebrate and wish Eileen well at the May Spring Concert, next year. Eileen resides in Livermore and will still be around to visit and enjoy our future concerts, along with Bee Chow.

The Cantabella Board will be posting and interviewing for a new Artistic Director for the 2022 – 2023 season. Eileen Chang and Bee Chow are among the committee members to help usher in a new AD and to make the transition smooth for our future growth and success. Questions may be addressed to me or Eileen.

Sincerely,

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