



PRESS RELEASE: New A Cappella Choir Forming In Charlotte Metro Area

Voce Pura Will Perform 20th – 21st Century Vocal Masterpieces

September 2025 One thing missing from the Charlotte choral scene has been an a cappella choir specialized in performing the rich 4-8 part harmonies of great choral composers of the late 19th through 21st centuries. Voce Pura means “pure voice” and comes from a unique style of a cappella singing with minimum vibrato, that results in a rich tapestry of sound generate through voice mixing. It will uniquely perform this music in the pure voice singing style found in many English and Eastern European a cappella choirs, but not often heard in the United States.

The Voce Pura chorale is intended to complement and enrich Charlotte’s vibrant musical landscape. Voce Pura will perform music from composers including Rachmaninov, Chesnokov, Barber, Taverner and others in 2-4 concerts per year at various venues around the Charlotte metropolitan area., virtually all in English. Information on Voce Pura, including some brief recordings of the pure voice style, are on the website: vocepura.org.

Voce Pura’s artistic director and founder is John Holobinko, an a cappella director with over 30 years experience including former director of the All Saints Orthodox Cathedral Choir in Hartford Connecticut. Holobinko commented, "In the pure voice form of a cappella choral singing, vocal vibrato is minimized. The individual parts combine to form new complementary vocal overtones and undertones that incredibly enhance the overall sound of the choir and the musical experience for the audience. I'm excited to lead this new choral venture."

Voce Pura is now recruiting singers. Example recording excerpts in the pure voice style, an online application form to join Voce Pura and further information on singing requirements and the Voce Pura experience may be found at vocepura.org. St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church in Charlotte is providing rehearsal facilities and additional support for the choir. Rehearsals are expected to commence in late September, 2025. For prospective singers, Meet and Greet are scheduled for Tuesday evening Sep 9th and Sep 16th, both at 7PM, at the St. Nektarios Fellowship Center located at 5108 Kuykendall Rd, Charlotte, NC 28270. Details are posted on the vocepura.org/events page.

To speak with Artistic Director John Holobinko or to arrange an interview, he may be contacted at vocepura.org/contact or you may email him at vpchorale@gmail.com.