

Cantare!

Cantare! is a group of 14-16 professional and semi-professional singers, founded in 2021 by Laura L. Petry. This ensemble specializes in the music of Renaissance Italy, France, Germany, and England, with additional modern selections in similar styles. We sing music in its original language with enthusiasm and an understanding of text and idiom. This makes the music come to life.

Cantare means “sing” in Italian. We sing to bring joy to others! We perform twice a year, at Christmas and in the springtime. We are honored to share with you our holiday concert “Sing We Now of Christmas” which is dedicated to bringing the old-world joy of Renaissance Christmas music to the greater Omaha area.

Our Christmas program includes sacred works that narrate the expectation of Advent, celebrate the arrival of the Christ child, and marvel at God’s love incarnate. We also include secular Christmas music that celebrates gathering to feast in honor of the season.

We are a new, non-profit ensemble, and therefore humbly appreciate any free will offerings given at our concerts. They will help to defray rehearsal and performance expenses and the purchase of additional music. These funds also make it possible for us to continue to offer early music performances around the greater Omaha area. Our first landmark goal is to present a proper Renaissance Madrigal Dinner within three years.

If you wish to book us for a private event, or learn more about *Cantare!*, please contact Laura Petry at LPetryventures@gmail.com or 402-598-5814.

2022 Public Concert Dates;

- 2 Dec 6 pm Hillcrest Country Estates Grand Lodge, Papillion
- 3 Dec 1 pm Wel-Life Assisted Living, Papillion
- 3 Dec 3 pm Hillcrest Mable Rose Assisted Living, Bellevue
- 3 Dec 7 pm Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Omaha
- 4 Dec 2-4pm General Dodge House, Council Bluffs, IA (Historic Christmas Home Tour)
- 11 Dec 3:30 pm St. Matthew Catholic Church, Bellevue

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

Sincerely, *Cantare!*

Amanda, Anne, David, Dillon, Erica, Eva, Jeremy, Jon, Laura, Leana, Michael, Natalie, Reggie, Susan, Susan