

Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining us for the 2018 Benefit Concert. This, of course, is a very special year for Highbridge Voices as we celebrate our twentieth anniversary. As such, we are delighted to honor three people who were instrumental to starting Highbridge Voices: Monsignor Sakano, Jorge Batista, and Bruno Casolari. We couldn't be more thrilled to celebrate these three men, who have been so indispensable to our organization.

Appropriately, the themes for tonight's musical program are music and love, undoubtedly two of the most essential elements of Highbridge Voices' success over the past two decades. We have long celebrated the ways in which music can not only inspire excellence in children, but also how it transforms the way they interact with the world around them. Music makes all of us more compassionate, more aware of environments outside our own. Just as important, Highbridge Voices has become a home-away-from-home for hundreds of students over the years. It is love as much as anything else that has propelled our organization. And it is love that will keep us going for the next twenty years (and beyond) as well.

Our students have had an eventful year, to say the least. They visited El Museo del Barrio during a summer course on gender roles. They saw an acclaimed production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at Shakespeare in the Park. They sang the National Anthem before a Yankees playoff game (the Yankees won) and before a Knicks game at Madison Square Garden (predictably, the Knicks lost). And we recently returned from our spring tour to Quebec City where students not only performed some of the selections you will hear tonight, but explored French-Canadian culture despite frigid temperatures and an April snowstorm!

But none of these experiences would matter without our guiding principles of music and love. Or, to put it more clearly, building a foundation of love through the teaching of music. And though we aren't graduating any seniors this year, we are on pace to have a class of eleven in 2019, our biggest class ever and a testament to our continued efforts to foster a strong sense of community among our students.

As Highbridge Voices continues to serve the children of our community, we look to you for support. Thanks to all who have already made this evening a success: our honorees, as well as our co-chairs, Joi & Sheldon S. Horowitz and Donna & Tom O'Brien. Many thanks as well to Highbridge CDC, the Benefit Committee, our Board of Trustees, and the Highbridge Voices staff.

We aim to inspire excellence in our students throughout the year, and tonight, we hope to also inspire you. Please enjoy the concert.

Sincerely,



Mary Clementi

Executive Director & Music Director

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2018 EMCEE:
JEANNIE GAFFIGAN

Actress, producer, writer, philanthropist, mother of five and all around comedic force Jeannie Gaffigan is most well-known for the comedy empire she created with her writing and producing partner as well as husband, Jim Gaffigan, one of the world's premiere stand-up comedians and actors. Called "Comedy's Quietest Power Couple," by *Vanity Fair*, Jeannie and Jim have developed a critically acclaimed TV show, written bestselling books, and produced multiple sold out tours and platinum status comedy albums.

Recently, Jeannie was executive producer and writer on the TV Land comedy "The Jim Gaffigan Show." The show was well received by critics, with *Newsday* proclaiming it as "A must see comedy smash," *People Magazine* calling it "One of TV's bright spots," and The Los Angeles Times calling the show, "Fun and Funny."

Last year, Gaffigan directed her husband's Netflix comedy special "Cinco", which premiered in January 2017 and has directed his upcoming special, "Noble Ape" due out July 2018.

The first comedy special Jeannie co-wrote and executive produced



was 2006's "Beyond the Pale," which achieved Platinum sales for CD and DVD. Next was the highly successful "King Baby" in 2009, which she co-wrote, executive produced, and wrote the opening sequence in the special directed by Troy Miller. She also helped co-write and executive produce Jim Gaffigan's latest comedy specials, "Mr. Universe" in 2012 and "Obsessed" in 2014. Jeannie was also the story editor for Jim's books, *Dad Is Fat* and *FOOD: A Love Story*, two *New York Times* best sellers.

In addition to performing in theater, film and television, Jeannie was the founder and executive director of "Shakespeare on the Playground," a not-for-profit theater company that produced Shakespearean plays for inner city teenagers with a focus on literacy and production skills. She lives in New York with Jim and their five children.

2018 BENEFIT CHAIRS:
JOI & SHELDON S. HOROWITZ

Joi and Sheldon Horowitz reside in New City, New York with their 3 children, Jason, Lexi and Brett. Sheldon is President of Safe Harbour Group, Ltd, an insurance agency in New City. Joi and Sheldon are Bronx natives. They are strong proponents of Highbridge Voices.

Sheldon has been intricately involved with the Highbridge organization for many years. He was the 2016 honoree at the Highbridge Voices Benefit Concert. Sheldon has served on the board of multiple regional and national not-for-profit

organizations, including: the American Heart Association, Rockland County Historical Society, Helen Hayes Hospital Foundation, New City Rotary, Rockland County Sheriff's Reserve Force, and the Monmouth University Business Council.

Joi and Sheldon are committed to promoting education. They have established and funded multiple scholarships. They created the Robert H. Finkelstein Memorial Scholarship in honor of Sheldon's business partner who passed away in 2001. Joi and Sheldon instituted the Howard S. Cohen Memorial Scholarship at Monmouth University School of Real Estate and the Gisela and Bernard Dolinger Scholarship at Monmouth University. They also assisted their son Jason who created the Christopher J. Mejia Endowed Memorial scholarship, also at Monmouth University. Sheldon also sits on the Monmouth University School of Business Scholarship Committee and is the chairman of the New City Rotary Scholarship Committee, which awards scholarships to well-deserving college bound students. They are honored to be co-chair persons for tonight's event.



2018 BENEFIT CHAIRS:
DONNA & TOM O'BRIEN

Donna and Tom O'Brien have been supporters of Highbridge Voices for many years and were Benefit honorees in 2013.

Dating back to 1992, Donna was involved in the early stages of the redevelopment of Highbridge, helping to plan for the healthcare and social service needs of the newly redeveloped community. Working with Monsignor Donald Sakano and Jorge Batista of the Highbridge Community Development Corporation, Donna was instrumental in bringing healthcare and social services providers to the Highbridge community.

Professionally, Donna continues her work in healthcare as the President of Strategic Visions in Healthcare, a healthcare consulting firm specializing in strategy and business development. She served as a Special Advisor to the Director of the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland from 2005 to 2014 and received the National Institutes of Health Directors Award in 2009 for her work in developing a new model for community-based cancer care. Donna serves on the Board of Directors for Fidelis Care, the International Cancer Expert



Corps, and the Flushing Financial Corporation. She is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross and has her Masters in Health Administration from St. Louis University.

Tom is a Business and Information Technology Solutions Executive. He is a Senior Director in the Corporate Performance Improvement Consulting Practice at Alvarez & Marsal. Tom's professional and civic activities include serving on the Board of Councillors of the American Association of the Order of Malta, and on the IT Board of Advisors for Hofstra University ZARB School of Business. He also serves as a Trustee of St. Joseph Parish in Garden City, NY. Tom is a graduate of Adelphi University.

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Happy Twentieth Anniversary, Highbridge Voices!! And a warm welcome to all of our friends and supporters and to the families of the wonderful Highbridge Voices students!

Tonight we are celebrating three people: Mr. Jorge Batista, Monsignor Donald Sakano, and Mr. Bruno Casolari. Twenty years ago, these men had the vision and energy to establish an after-school choral program in the basement level of a few Highbridge Community Development Corporation buildings on Merriam Avenue in the Bronx. The buildings themselves had been burned down to their studs during the fiscal and spiritual crisis of New York City in the late 1970s – and Mr. Batista and Monsignor Sakano were instrumental during the 1980s in helping to execute NYC's housing rebuilding program under Mayor Koch. No sooner were the buildings repaired and rented out to low and middle-income families, than Monsignor turned to Bruno Casolari, his parish's organist and the director of the Summer Youth Theater at Purchase College to do something in music for the children of the Highbridge community.

The mission of Highbridge Voices has always been to inspire excellence and to teach life skills through participation in a high-quality choir program supplemented with academic support. The program accepts children in fourth grade and provides after-school enrichment five days a week through graduation from high school. A few new students are accepted in fifth grade, and while some leave in high school due to other interests and time demands, most of our singers are with the program for eight years. Your support helps us to provide them with a full range of programs including: excellent and increasingly complex choir training, math and English language classes, tutoring, and college prep classes and admissions support (including summer essay writing workshops).

Additionally, the program includes enrichment activities throughout New York City, New York State and across the United States. Each summer they have a New York City-focused arts program for the high schoolers, and all seventh through twelfth graders who meet our attendance and grade criteria take a Spring trip each year – this year to Saratoga Springs and Quebec – last year Memphis and Nashville – in prior years, San Francisco and Palo Alto.

In addition to our honorees, I want to extend heartfelt thanks on behalf of the children, their families, the staff, and the entire board, to all of you who have supported this program so generously over the past few years and decades. We truly could not do it without your loyalty, enthusiasm, and generosity. Thank you so much and please enjoy tonight's show!

Sincerely,

Ann Thivierge

Ann Thivierge
Chair, Board of Trustees

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South African Greeting Song

arr. Daniel Jackson

SOLOISTS: KEVIN CROFFIE, FRANCESKA GOMEZ, DAVIDA OWUSU,
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SING TO ME

Andrea Ramsey

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

Greg Gilpin

SOLOISTS: GIFT CHIDOBÉ, ERIKA DAVID, AND ANGE NABYOURE

THE CUCKOO

American Folk Song

arr. Robert I. Hugh

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Andy Beck

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SAY SOMETHING

Ian Axel, Chad Vaccarino, and Mike Campbell

SOLOIST: DARRIEN SANON

SOMEBODY TO LOVE

Freddie Mercury, arr. Adam Anders and Tim Davis

SOLOISTS: RYAN FIGUEROA AND MARIANGIE PEÑA

UNDER PRESSURE

Freddie Mercury, John Deacon, Brian May, Roger Taylor, and David Bowie,

arr. Mac Huff

SOLOIST: NYKARA AGOSTO

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Ann Thivierge



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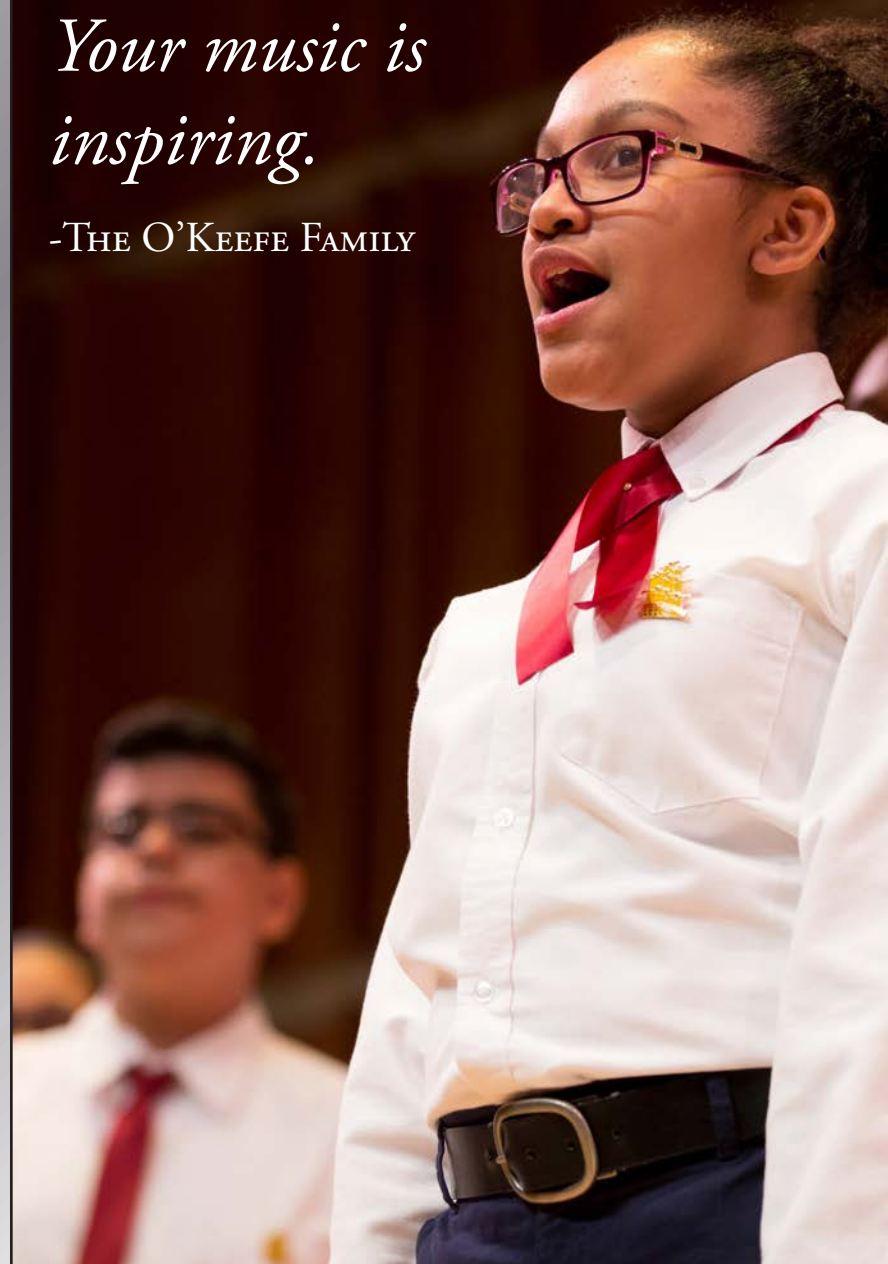


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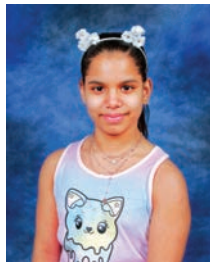
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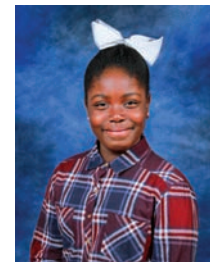
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To Our Highbridge Voices Students, with Love from Your Families

Congrats, Joshua! You're now in Chamber Choir. We are proud of you. Love, Your Family

Congratulations, Jeslyn Valdez! We are cheering for you. Good Luck! Te queremos mucho.

Congratulations, Kayla Almanzar! I am so happy and excited for your success. I am very proud. Love, Mom

Congratulations, Yomaris. We are so proud of you. Love you very much. Mom & Dad

Congratulations, Elizabeth! We are so thankful to have a singer like you in our family! Ama, Mom, and Dad

Congratulations, Angelica and Miguel. We are very proud of you! Love, Mom and Dad

Joniel: Bright as a star!

My thoughts and prayers are always with you, Parker. For every note you sing, I hope you aim to reach your voice. You are my wonder!!!

Your Mama

It takes a village to raise a child. I think we did well. We are proud of you, Evangelina.

Love Mom & Family

Congratulations, Anni! We are so proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, Auntie Amber & Madelynn

Juliette, we are very proud of you. Sing your heart out!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Nena

Melanie Lazarus, I am so proud of your dedication and effort. Keep it up! Love, Mom

Good Luck, Adrian! We are so proud of you! Love, Mom and Dad

My son, Carl-Anthonio Jones, I am so proud and very happy for you. Good Luck!

Querido hijo, Elias, continua en buen camino, como Dios lo ha propuesto en tu vida. Bendiciones.

Erika, you are one of our greatest treasures. We are very excited and

proud of you. Congratulations and keep going! We love you.

Mom, Papi, Raymond and your grandparents

Leylani, we are very proud of you! Never stop reaching for the stars!! We love you very much. Congratulations!

You are the most beautiful thing that has ever been given to me, Yareline. I am so proud of you.

Love, Mom

Dear gorgeous Ashley Flores, Be yourself, do not be afraid, do not let others define you, be who God created you to be.

With love, Mom, Dad, and Diana

Britney-Mi hija! You are a smart girl. We are so proud of you! We love you so much.

We love you, Bryan Paulino, and we love listening to your beautiful voice. Yeny & John

Luis, it's only your 1st year and you've made me so proud. I know you will continue to do so!!!

Jacob, go get them! You are a potential star and we love you. "Just do it". Love, FAM

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Mary Clementi • *Executive & Music Director*



Mary Clementi is the Executive Director and Music Director of Highbridge Voices. As music director, Mary conducts the Chamber Choir, a 26-voice ensemble of students in grades 7-9, and co-conducts the Highbridge Singers, a 26-voice ensemble of students in grades 8-12. Mary has led Highbridge Voices in several high-profile performances, including a concert for the Justices of the United States Supreme Court, a televised performance at the Apollo Theater, and a performance of “The Star Spangled Banner” at Madison Square Garden.

Mary has served as a guest clinician and adjudicator in schools in Virginia, Maryland, and Wisconsin. She was a 2014 International Conducting Fellow in Hangzhou, China. She received her Master of Music Education degree at Florida State University in Tallahassee, and her Bachelor of Music degree at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota.

SunHee Lim • *Associate Music Director*



SunHee joined Highbridge Voices as a voice instructor in 2010 and now serves as Associate Music Director. SunHee conducts the Concert Choir, a 56-voice ensemble of students in grades 4-6, and co-conducts the Highbridge Singers.

SunHee received her Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting at Westminster Choir College in Princeton and her Bachelor of Music degree in Voice Performance with Secondary Education Teaching Certificate at Catholic University of Daegu, South Korea. Before she came to the States, she served as an assistant music director for the youth choir Pueri Cantores in South Korea and also performed extensively in choral works around the world.

Jim Funnell • *Collaborative Pianist*



Jim Funnell is a jazz pianist/keyboardist and composer. He leads his own ensemble, with which he has released two albums (*Word Out* and *Spirit of the Snail*) and won the Composition Prize at the “Trophées du Sunside” in Paris. Jim also co-founded AfuriKo, a colorful and atypical African infused jazz duo, with percussionist Akiko Horii. The unit has produced two albums since 2014 (*On the Far Side* and *Style*), both of which were chosen to receive full funding from SACEM (French Society of Authors, Composers, and Music Publishers).

Since graduating from Berklee College of Music, which he attended on a full tuition scholarship, Jim has been active as an educator, teaching both privately and in workshop/masterclass settings. Jim is currently working on a third AfuriKo release and gearing up for a European tour this summer.

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on the 20th Anniversary of
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*Here's to Highbridge Voices'
20th anniversary!
Congratulations to the
young people, their families,
and our staff for another
great year.*

Thank you to our Co-Chairs
Joi & Sheldon S. Horowitz
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and to the Benefit Committee.

Monsignor Donald Sakano

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THE MUSIC PROGRAM

The Highbridge Voices music program aims to provide students with a varied and comprehensive music education. With choir rehearsals, music theory, music history, sight-reading, ear-training, and voice lessons, our mission is to create life-long musicians who understand the value of an arts edu-



cation, and how training in the arts can benefit them in college and beyond.

Our fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students learn the basics of healthy singing and music literacy in their music classes. Besides learning how to sit, stand, breathe, and use their voices as singers in choir rehearsals, they also learn the Kodály solfege system to develop their pitch skills. In music theory, they advance their pitch and rhythm skills through the use of solfege system with instruments, percussion, guitar, and piano. Our youngest singers learn how to sing and perform short, five-note melodies, and are able to compose their own melodies as well.

Our older students, in seventh

through twelfth grade, work on advancing their singing skills, while also becoming well-versed in music theory and music history. In their individual voice lessons, they focus on what their voices are able to do and how to develop healthy singing habits. They go over parts of the choir repertoire that they

might find difficult, and prepare for solo performances. They continue to develop their music literacy skills, reading in treble and bass clef, and deciphering key signatures and complex time signatures in music theory. They also begin work on percussion, guitar, and piano to perform as a group or individually. In rehearsals, they learn to perform a diverse and challenging selection of

repertoire and to discover other cultures through music study. As ambassadors of Highbridge Voices, they went through Saratoga Springs, NY and Quebec City, Canada for the annual spring tour this year. This year's other performance venues included the Apollo Theater, Madison Square Garden, Yankee Stadium, and The Basilica of Saint Patrick's Old Cathedral.

Of course, after graduation, it is up to each student to decide what role music will play in their adult lives. Many continue to sing with their college, community, or church choirs. Our hope is that they continue to allow music to be a positive part of their lives.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The Academic Program at Highbridge Voices supports students as they strive for scholastic excellence. There are four primary components of the Academic Program: math instruction, English language arts (ELA) instruction, tutoring, and homework assistance. It is our belief that additional academic enrichment will enable our students to imagine futures where their professional and personal aspirations can turn into realities.

Each week, students receive up to four hours of academic instruction. Both our math and ELA curriculums are aligned with the New York State Common Core Standards so that students can gain the literacy and mathematical skills necessary to be successful in the 21st century. One-on-one tutoring is offered to all Highbridge students as well. High school students also have special prep sessions for their Regents and SAT Exams. This year, we expanded our SAT prep offerings to include 10th graders as well as juniors and seniors.

This year we introduced four new electives, including classes on jazz history, public speaking, and creative writing. Before the school year ends, students will also release the third and fourth editions of the Highbridge Voices Literary Magazine, including, for the first time ever, a collection of 4-6 grade writing. They will also stage a recital of dramatic scenes for their peers. We distinguish our academic offerings with

fun and engaging projects and activities that might not be available at school. For example, last year's summer high school program participants elected to study gender roles in society. Excursions included a visit to El Museo del Barrio and attending A Midsummer Night's Dream at Shakespeare in the Park. In



May, our younger students competed in the annual Math Olympics, in which they designed and tested their own aqueducts. These kinds of experiences keep our students coming back year after year.

Highbridge Voices students consistently outperform their District 9 peers on daily school attendance and grade point average. Although we will not graduate a senior this year, we have eleven juniors on track to graduate next year, all of whom are deeply involved in the college application and selection process. Highbridge Voices hopes that through our program, students gain the academic and social skills necessary to blaze their own paths in life.



Congratulations
to Highbridge Voices,
and good luck to our
high school students as they
prepare for their SATs.

Virginia Gliedman



Bravo. Highbridge Voices!

Nancy & Chris King

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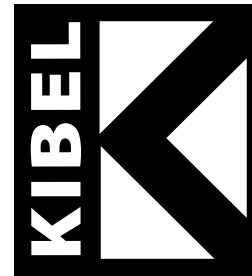
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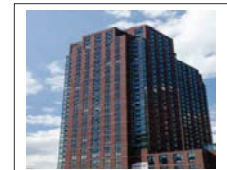
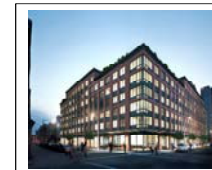
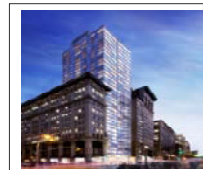
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HIGHBRIDGE VOICES

Since 1998, Highbridge Voices has been teaching children to embrace a commitment to excellence. The program provides an extraordinary training experience in choral singing to more than one hundred students in the historically underserved Highbridge neighborhood of the Bronx.

With its robust academic program, Highbridge Voices is also dedicated to improving the academic outcomes of all our students through enrichment activities designed to show students the direct correlation between academic and personal success. Both the choral and academic programs are designed to teach young people the importance of prioritizing future goals over immediate gratification. Highbridge Voices helps children see the possibilities that lie ahead of them and equips them with the necessary tools for lifelong achievement.

Highbridge Voices stands alone as the premier youth choir in the Bronx, and has secured a strong reputation throughout the state and country. Since 2006, more than 90% of our seniors have completed high school in four years, while more than 80% have enrolled in college. Highbridge Voices looks forward to opening its brand new, state-of-the-art facility, which will allow the organization to continue helping the children of the South Bronx for many years to come.



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