

# THE VIRGINIA CHORAL SOCIETY

## PRESS RELEASE

### 2010 VCS Music Scholarship Awarded (FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE)

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In November 2009, The Virginia Choral Society established a scholarship fund for a high school graduating senior who desired to continue his/her education with a focus on music performance or education. VCS is pleased to announce and offer our congratulations for our 2010 award to Ms. Janie Darone, a graduating senior from Tabb High School.



Janie Darone

At each of our spring concerts, Ms. Darone will sing *Gia il sole dal Gange* by Alessandro Scarlatti. Ms. Darone will receive a \$1000.00 award and will perform at concerts on May 1 (8:00pm) and May 2, (3:00pm and 8:00pm) at Trinity Lutheran Church, 6807 Huntington Avenue, Newport News, VA.

Janie has been singing in her church choir and at school since nine years of age. She has also taken piano lessons for the past seven years. In high school, she joined the York County School of the Arts (SOA), a magnet school for the arts in York County. She has been a part of that program since her freshman year. Janie is in the Theatre Arts concentration at SOA. This required her to attend classes at another York County school for part of each day, while also attending her home school to maintain the curriculum required for the York County honors program. She has been involved in several productions, both on stage and backstage, including singing roles. Most recently Jamie performed the role of Portia in the spring

production of *Cinderella*.

In the summer of 2007, Janie and other School of the Arts students were invited to perform in an American High School Theater Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland. There they performed *High School Musical* which was an immediate success with adults and children alike. Janie and others from the SOA will return this coming summer to Scotland to perform *Cinderella*, which will be an exciting way to end her high school music and arts experience.

Two years ago Janie began voice lessons and joined the Girl's Ensemble, a select choir at Tabb High School. During the spring of 2009 she traveled with this group to compete in the Fiesta Val competition in Myrtle Beach, where they were selected the Grand Champions. Singing with this group and commencing private voice lessons have honed her vocal skills and provided her with an increased opportunity to sing and be a part of vocal ensembles. Based on her excellent audition scores, Janie has been a member of District Chorus for the past two years. Being with the District Chorus has stretched Janie's capability and she is able to work with guest directors and sing with students from all over the area.

Janie desires to study Music Education so that she may inspire children to pursue their passions, whether those include music and the arts, or another equally important field. She plans to attend James Madison University (JMU) and be part of their music program.

Three performances have been scheduled as follows:

- Saturday, May 1, 8:00pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, Newport News, Virginia
- Sunday, May 2, 3:00pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, Newport News, Virginia
- Sunday, May 2, 8:00pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, Newport News, Virginia

**TICKET INFORMATION:** Advance ticket purchases may be obtained from members of the VCS, at Pro Music and Sound Store (Tabb area) and their phone is (757) 867-715 and Ham Town Books in Smithfield, VA (757) 357-3133.

#### ADDITIONAL

**INFORMATION:** Additional information regarding the Virginia Choral Society is provided on our webpage: [www.vachoralsociety.org](http://www.vachoralsociety.org) on the VCS Concert Line at 851-9114.

#### TICKET PRICES:

Individual prices *at the door* are:

Children under 8: Free  
Seniors, Military and Students: \$15.00  
All Others: \$18.00

Advance sale prices are:

Seniors, Military and Students: \$12.00  
All Others: \$15.00