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**LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO SING WITH INTERNATIONAL ITALIAN RECORDING ARTIST GIORGIA FUMANTI**

Thanksgiving weekend, 170 choral students from North Allegheny Sr. High School and Upper St. Clair High School will have the opportunity to perform with international Italian soprano Giorgia Fumanti. The combined choirs will accompany her performances Friday November 23 at 8:00 p.m. at Upper St. Clair High School and Sunday November 25 at 7:00 p.m. at North Allegheny Sr. High School.

Some of Fumanti’s musical selections, both solo and with the choirs, will include English-language favorites like "You Raise Me Up" and “O Holy Night” as well as Italian and Latin pieces like “Spente Le Stelle,” “Nessun Dorma,” and “O Fortuna.” She will also be performing in the “WPXI Presents My Macy’s Holiday Parade” on Nov. 24.

Giorgia Fumanti, whose operatic/pop musical style has been compared to that of Sarah Brightman, Andrea Bocelli, Enya, and Barbara Streisand, has performed in countries all over the world with renowned performers like José Carreras, Justin Hayward of The Moody Blues, Greek tenor Mario Frangoulis, Italy’s Zucchero, and Irish tenor John McDermott (among others). She has been featured on 3 PBS specials and has performed in such prestigious events as the 2008 Beijing Olympics, 2007 Special Olympics, NHL All-Star Game in Dallas, Texas, and for individuals such as Al Gore and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg. Fumanti has released a total of 6 albums. Her album “From My Heart,” released in over 20 countries, reached the top 20 on the Billboard Crossover Chart.

Pittsburgh-based Vito DiSalvo, Giorgia’s musical director, will direct the performances, including the orchestra—who are comprised of some of Pittsburgh’s top professional musicians. The students have been practicing for weeks under the direction of their respective choir directors: Ernie Pontiere (North Allegheny) and Lorraine Milovac (Upper St. Clair).

Vito DiSalvo is a Pittsburgh-area native (and former Music Department Head for the West Mifflin Area School District). The group he founded, We Three, has had songs featured in the movie "Eat Pray Love" and “The Sopranos.” Today, DiSalvo spends most of his time directing national and international singers like Fumanti while also running (along with his wife, Lana) Mifflin Hills Music Publishing, LLC and MHM Productions, LLC (<http://mhmproductions.biz>). He and Giorgia are scheduled to perform in Moscow this December.

Tickets for either performance can be reserved for $20 (general seating) or $25 (orchestra seating) by calling 412-653-4838. Proceeds will go toward both schools’ choral programs.

For more information, contact Vito DiSalvo, Fumanti’s musical director, at 412-653-4838 or vito@mifflinhillsmusic.com.

For more information on Giorgia Fumanti, samples of her music, or clips from her performances, visit her Web site at [www.giorgiafumanti.com](http://www.giorgiafumanti.com/) or her facebook page.

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