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This Will, This Will, Rock You.” - REACH-NYC is bursting with Good Stuff!
FREE Great Music
Comes To The West Village:

The San Gabriel
Academy Chorale

In Concert, Friday, April 27, 2012 / 7:30 PM
In the Historic Sanctuary of
Manhattan Church, 232 West 11th Street, NYC
1.5 blocks West of Seventh Ave. South

The acclaimed San Gabriel Academy Chorale, from California
will be the featured guest artists singing with powerful voices in the
historic sanctuary of Manhattan Church.
You are invited to hear the youthful sound of one of the best choral groups in
America in this FREE concert as they perform in the landmark and historically
significant space of Manhattan Church built in 1881.
Enjoy this great opportunity to hear powerful and uplifting music.

Dear Wendy

This is a reminder of what is going on this coming weekend at REACH-NYC, currently doing some
innovative programming at our West Village location, historic Manhattan Church, 232 West 11th Street, NYC.

The first priority is the wonderful voices of San Gabriel Academy Chorale, that will be presenting a concert tomorrow evening, Friday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. Please spread the word and arrive early to hear this powerful presentation. They are coming to us from the West Coast and certainly you can make it over from across town! It will be worth the trip.

We had printed 2,500 fliers to hand out for the event, but lacked the bodies to do this enormous task. No problem. Here is what happened:

I received a call on my voice mail that a group would like to stay with us and wanted to volunteer for anything they could help out with in NYC. They arrived three days later at 9:20 p.m. and we had 2,500 things they could do.

The group of young visitors staying with us from Heritage Academy, in Tennessee spent all day yesterday handing out and placing 2,500 invitations to the event all around the West Village neighborhood. A big "Thank You" to this group who are enjoying their visit to NYC.

A parking space just opened up the moment their rather large van pulled up in front of Manhattan Church, just in time for them to park. Now if you do not understand the rather difficult parking situation in NYC, then you do not know what a blessing this was. All the way from Tennessee and BAM! A parking space. I couldn't believe it myself.

You will meet them live and in person when you come to hear the San Gabriel Academy Chorale on Friday night.

Below is the details of what is going on and will be going on at REACH-NYC this weekend.

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The blessings keep coming at REACH-NYC. This past Saturday, we had our first "ART SHARE" event. It was conceived by guest musician-composer-actress, Mara Measor, who performed her own original works, singing with a clear, angelic voice in praise to God as she accompanied herself on the piano.

(Another "ART SHARE" event is planned for this Saturday, April 28 at 4:00 p.m. Join us and share a poem, a song, or something that you have created or that is important to you. Creativity is a wonderful thing to share with others.)

Mara was joined by her friend, Bianca Van Der Meulen, who read her own original poems. Both Mara and Bianca attended New York University, within a few blocks of where REACH-NYC holds its gatherings, in New York City's West Village.

Mara, who graduated last year, answered my call for help in an email I sent out via meetup.com. She responded very quickly, indicating that the ministry of REACH-NYC and Cafe Reach sounded like something she would love to be part of.

Within a few days, Mara and I met and agreed to start working together. Rather than waiting until we had talked about it, it was her idea to start the program immediately. A truly motivated individual, Mara was excited to begin the pilot program, which took place on Saturday, April 21, at 4:00 p.m. It turned out to be a tremendous success.

The room we call Cafe Reach was full, as more than 30 people applauded both the music and the poetry of Mara and Bianca. Those who attended were richly blessed by the inspiration and talents of these two young women.

We are currently making plans to continue exploring ministry opportunities together, strongly believing
that God has brought REACH-NYC and the talents of singer-songwriter Mara Measor together. We prayed before the Cafe Reach event and it became clear that sharing gifts and vision in service of building a community is the essence of collaborating as part of the Body of Christ.

I would like to invite you to another great musical event. **This Coming Friday, April 27, 2012, at 7:30 p.m., the unique, vibrant young voices of the San Gabriel Academy Chorale, from San Gabriel, California, will be heard in the historic-landmark sanctuary of Manhattan Church, 232 West 11th Street, in Greenwich Village.**

There is something serene and special about hearing great sacred music during the evening hours, as sunset falls over the City of New York. I hope you will plan to be with us for this outstanding program, and join us for the reception that will follow, where you can meet the artists.

**On Saturday morning, April 28, 2012, during the worship service, I will have the privilege of baptizing a recent visitor who has attended our services for the past two months and has accepted Jesus Christ into his life. Two other individuals who want to join our community will also be accepted into fellowship and baptized at this same service at Manhattan Church.** The baptism-by-immersion service, which dates back to the earliest days of first-century Christianity, is one of the special events planned for the morning service, which begins at 11:20 a.m. in the sanctuary. You will enjoy the unique sound of our praise team, which is made up of young professionals who live in and around the New York City area.

We gather in one of the most beautiful sanctuaries in New York City. The church was built in 1881 and has historically significant Tiffany stained-glass windows. But the most wonderful thing about our services is how diverse our community is. Welcoming young professionals, families, and adults of all ages, our goal is to grow together in love and respect, accepting each other "as is" and knowing that growth in Christ is what we all seek.

It would be an honor to have you join us this week at one of the many worship services being held by REACH-NYC at Manhattan Church. **We also have a small group currently studying the book of Romans on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.** I not only lead out but also learn a lot from these studies. *(We had a lively discussion this past Wednesday that went on well past the time we usually end.)* The more you study the Bible, the more you learn! After our one-hour study, we pause to pray with and for each other. Prayer, as you know, is an important part of building our faith in God and caring for one another.

May God richly bless you this week and bring you peace. I want to also take this opportunity to thank all our supporters from around the world for your contributions, and certainly for your sustaining prayers for this ministry.

Best regards,

Tony Romeo, Pastor / REACH-NYC

P.S.: Manhattan Church is very easy to get to by bus or subway. The little map below will help you find us. Please join us in ministry to the people of the City of New York.
Saturday Morning, April 28, 2012
9:15 a.m.
FREE Breakfast with the Word
Study begins at 9:50 a.m.

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Join us for a nice, warm breakfast of a healthy whole-grain NYC bagel, oatmeal, fresh fruit, and a hot drink, and wake up your mind with the study of God's Word. (Our breakfast will be a simple one this coming Saturday due to a Baptismal Service that will follow during our main service.)

This is a relaxed setting where all are invited to join in, no matter what your faith tradition.

We meet on Saturday mornings at historic Manhattan Church in the West Village, at Cafe Reach:
232 West 11th Street, NYC
just a block-and-a-half west of Seventh Avenue.
Breakfast is served at 9:15 a.m.
Study begins at 9:50 a.m.

See you for "Bible with a Bagel."
Invite your friends.

This free breakfast is sponsored by supporters of
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