

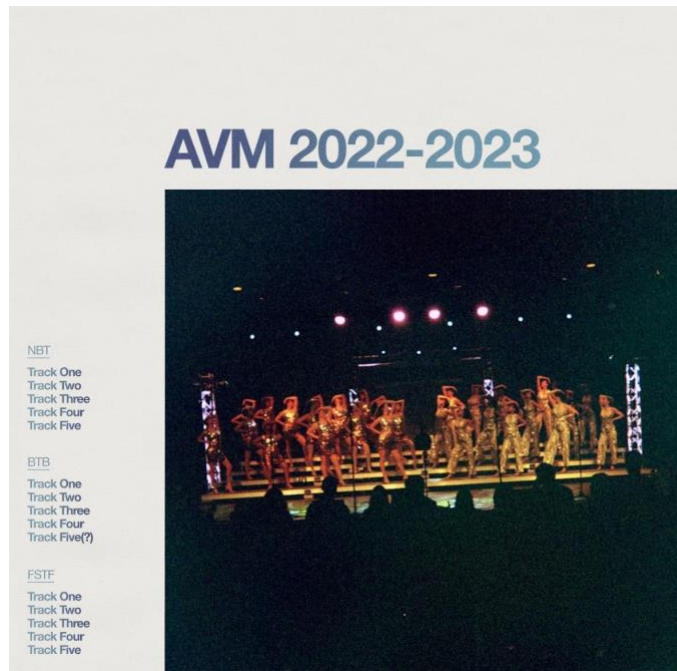
AVMA Friends and Alumni Monthly Digest

September/October 2022

Hi everybody – we’re back for the 2022-23 show choir season! So far this year is shaping up to be the first “normal” season since Covid, with a full slate of performances and activities, which means lots going on and lots of details to share!

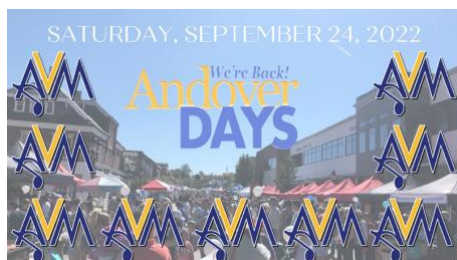
Right off the bat, let’s talk about our favorite three show choirs! They have their set themes in place for this season:

- FSTF’s set is named **The Unknown**.
- NBT’s set is **Dreams and Nightmares**.
- BTB will stage a **17-minute food fight set to music**, and if for some reason the New England Show Choir Directors Association disapproves, then they’ll pivot to a **James Bond**-themed set.



Also – and perhaps we’re burying the lede here – we have a new Director of Vocal Activities, Eytan Wurman, leading AVM! Mr. Wurman has a dozen years’ experience teaching music in grades 6-12 in the Boston, Cambridge, and Dedham Public Schools, plus he performs with the Tanglewood Festival Chorus, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and the Boston Pops. He even eats lunch in the cafeteria at the theater kid table! We’re all looking forward to working with Mr. Wurman and seeing what he brings to the program!

As we mentioned at the top, now that things are more or less back to normal, AVM has a lot going on over the next several weeks. Here are a few events worth sharing and worth jotting down on your calendars:



Andover Days Performance Sat Sep 24 12:30 PM.

Perhaps you’ve seen the signage around town that Andover Days is back on Main Street this year. You know what else is back? AVM! They’ll be performing at 12:30 PM, and we’re just waiting final final confirmation from the town that the big stage will be set up once again on Main Street in the five-way intersection in front of the library. Wherever that big stage is, that’s where you’ll find us! The way-too-early forecast is for absolutely perfect weather, so check out all the festivities, celebrate yet another step back to normal, and top it off with the first AVM public performance of the year!

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AVM Car Wash Sat Oct 1 9 AM-1 PM. Given how dry it's been this summer your car no doubtedly looks like Pigpen's cloud of dirt driving down the road by now. Sure you could hose it down this weekend, but at this point, you might as well just wait until Sat Oct 1 and have your ride hand-washed by your favorite choristers!

The AVMA Fall Car Wash will be in the West Middle School parking lot on Sat Oct 1 from 9 AM-1 PM. (Note that we're not going to 2 PM this time around, so make sure you stop by on your way to lunch, not on the way home!) We look forward to seeing you there!



AVM Performance with Voices of Hope at North Shore Music Theater Sat Oct 8. Just like AVMA will be back on Main Street for Andover Days, we'll be back at the North Shore Music Theater for the annual Voices of Hope Fall Gala! If you're not familiar with [Voices of Hope](http://www.voahoston.org), they're a non-profit organization that raises money and awareness for cancer research via theatrical

performances: they put on musicals and Broadway revues, sing the National Anthem at sporting events, go Christmas caroling at Lynnfield during the holidays, that sort of thing.

This fall's show will feature the work of Stephen Sondheim, Stephen Schwartz, and Andrew Lloyd Webber. But let's face it: the main feature is AVMA! They'll be up on the theater-in-the-round stage, and honestly, VoH loves them: our kids bring an energy and enthusiasm to the evening that puts a smile on everybody's face. The show will also have refreshments at the NSMT concession stands and a very solid collection of raffle/silent auction baskets.

The show is on Sat Oct 8. The silent auction starts at 7 PM, the show starts at 8, and figure it will go until 10 or 10:30. To buy tickets you can order them online [here](http://www.voahoston.org) or you can call the NSMT box office at 978.232.7200.

AVMA Tasty Tuesday at Bueno Malo in Andover Tue Oct 11. Thanks in no small part to you, last year we set all sorts of records with our slate of Tasty Tuesdays. In our effort to make this year even more successful, we're coming out of the gate strong with a Tasty Tuesday at local favorite Bueno Malo! At the moment we know it will be on Tue Oct 11 and in general terms it will be in keeping with past Tasty Tuesdays: dine in or take out, a portion of your bill will be donated back to AVMA. We're still ironing out the final details, and once they're set, we'll make sure you know them. But for all of you who meal prep weeks in advance – and even if you don't – mark your calendars for a mid-week Mexican fest on Oct 11!



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Fall Broadway Cabaret Thu Oct 20. Not to look too far out into the future, but the date is set for this year's Broadway Cabaret: it's Thursday Oct 20 at the Collins Center. This will be one of those events with a concessions stand and a 50/50 raffle, so be sure to bring some spending money when you come to see your favorite AVMers knock out a variety of Broadway numbers. More details regarding purchasing tickets and the rest when we get closer to show time.

And that'll do it for this edition of the Friends and Alumni Monthly Digest. The plan is to go back to the monthly updates at the beginning of the month starting in November: this time around, there wasn't enough to talk about on Sep 1, and if we waited until Oct 1 to reboot the digest, we'd have missed out on some key stuff you'd likely want to know about! Thus, a bimonthly edition today, and then monthly editions through the rest of the season. As per usual we'll close out with a reminder of other ways you can easily support AVMA:

- **AmazonSmile.** AVMA participates in AmazonSmile. It's a super easy way to donate back to AVMA each time you make a purchase on Amazon. To set up AmazonSmile to benefit AVMA, [follow these instructions](#), and be sure to select Andover Vocal Music Association as the organization you want to support. Then, each time you buy anything on Amazon, .5% of the purchase price will be donated back to AVMA. It doesn't seem like a lot, but over time, with enough people participating, it adds up!
- **Links.** We rely primarily on social media to get the word out on happenings and events and to otherwise communicate with the rest of the community. So if you haven't done so already, please give a subscribe or a like or a follow to the:
 - **AVMA YouTube Channel:** https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGreFvbQIEKB_0rD7RLNY0g
 - **Andover Vocal Music Association public Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/AHSVocalMusic>
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We hope to see you at ~~one~~ all of the upcoming public events and we hope you're as excited as we are for the upcoming season. Until next time, stay safe and healthy, keep singing and dancing, and keep supporting AVM!

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