

IC Voicestream hitting the road

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IC Voicestream is traveling to Long Island from Oct. 17 to Oct. 20 for its fall tour to promote a cappella, sing at local middle schools and high schools as well as host master-classes for the a cappella groups.

The group is hoping to promote the music and community of a cappella while increasing interest among a generation not as familiar with the genre outside of *Pitch Perfect*.

Matt Bailey-Adams, the conductor, will work with the a cappella groups and help them improve. The maser-class will focus on vocal percussion, group dynamics, pronunciation of vowels and other areas specific to a cappella.

The group had a successful tour in Boston last year and performed at the high schools of current members Drew Zieff and Matt Bailey-Adams.

“When I was a junior and senior in high school I started singing with the a cappella groups. It was a great creative outlet and was an awesome community to be a part of. I met a lot of people that I wouldn’t have through a cappella—in high school and college—that I am still friends with. I love the idea that we are increasing interest so that kids can share the same positive experience I had. It was also awesome performing at my high school and being in the position of the college groups that came to my high school, as I really looked up to them,” says senior member Drew Zieff.

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One of the new members, sophomore Christopher Chi, said “I am very excited because it’s the first time that my college experience has intertwined with my high school experience.”

The group considers this more than an opportunity to promote a cappella to younger kids, but also as a bonding experience. They will be staying at the homes of current members and spending a lot of time together that they don’t necessarily spend during the school year (outside of rehearsal).

The group will also be performing with the all female group at Hofstra. IC Voicestream is excited to make another relationship with a college group. Last year, the group performed with Nor’easters, a very talented coed group that won the International Championship of Collegiate A Capella (ICCA).

The group will also be able to fund production and recording of the upcoming CD through some of the master classes/workshops.

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About the Organization

IC Voicestream is a coed, student-run a cappella group that was founded in 2002. The group is always adapting a different style, singing current and classic songs. The group puts on four block concerts a year, which usually draw about 300-350 students, and showcases about 14-16 songs. IC Voicestream releases a CD and goes on tour on an annual basis. For additional information about IC Voicestream, contact Drew Kellogg, the president, at dkellog1@ithaca.edu.