



## GOVAP

### **Greater Ottumwa Vocal Arts Project**

*is a regional not-for-profit multicultural organization serving Southeast Iowa and Northeast Missouri. Our mission is to advance vocal arts performances through choruses, opera, and theatre. We are committed to providing the finest musical opportunities for all ages and cultural backgrounds.*

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The Greater Ottumwa Vocal Arts Project (GOVAP), a Southeast Iowa non-profit organization, has received three important grants so far this year.

**SOS Grant from the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs** – performance equipment - \$3994.00. The SOS (Small Operating Support) Grant is awarded from the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs once a year to small and mid-size art, history and cultural organizations. The intent of this grant is to cover operating expenses. There are three points they support: 1. The organization takes steps toward improved professionalism and standards of operation, 2. To temporarily cover some operational costs to free up other funds for programming or other purchases, and 3. Become more effective at achieving goals that will directly affect their community.

**Wapello County Foundation Grant** – office equipment - \$6163. The Wapello County Foundation awards grants yearly to organizations working to better life in Wapello County.

**Iowa Arts Council Mini Grant** - assistance to participate in oratorio - \$1500. Iowa Arts Council Organization Project Major Grants and Mini Grants support artistic excellence and quality arts experiences for Iowans. Examples include but are not limited to exhibitions, performances, readings, art fairs and festivals, commissioning projects, or developing strategic plans for arts organizations.

GOVAP was established in 1994 to promote new singing experiences for people in Southeast Iowa. They are dedicated to advancing vocal arts opportunities and demonstrating the value of music education through vocal performance. GOVAP, currently in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, has two auditioned youth choruses, which includes 50-60 children in grades 5-7. The chorus through the years has included members from more than 30 different Iowa communities.

GOVAP's yearly fundraising event **"Third Annual Renaissance Feast and Holiday Concert"** happened December 6<sup>th</sup> at Indian Hills Community College. The free public concert was held in the St. John Auditorium, and the Feast was in the Dining Hall following the concert.