

Florida Vocal Association presents

**"Let's Hear It For The Boys"**

Patti L. Peltz, Clinician

Tampa, Florida, January 11, 2008, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

L. B. Johnson Middle School  
7th-8th Grades/ 1050 students  
45 % of school in music programs

Patti L. Peltz  
27 years experience (9 elem./10 MS/8 HS)  
*"A Little R & R (that's Recruiting and Retention)"*, author

**I. Music Room Make Over**

- a. Clean house
- b. Decorate (include pictures)
- c. Open door policy
- d. MS students don't take a class, they take a teacher

**II. Set Attainable Goals & Communicate**

- a. Surveys showing where your students are coming from every year/communicate with the elementary feeders about the results.
- b. ask your present students about singers they know who aren't in your program/go talk with them

**III. Image is Everything**

- a. Participate in activities
- b. Open door policy
- c. The Power of Dress

**IV. Music In Our Schools Month**

- a. visit chorus for a class period
- b. sing on the patio at lunch
- c. before or after school sing-a-longs
- d. talent shows

**V. Trips**

- a. elementary tours
- b. Disney
- c. MPA

**VI. Outreach**

- a. Guest conduct at elementary schools, community events, etc.
- b. "Dance" students
- c. work your duty station
- d. recruiting tours, open house, musical production, posters, honor roll, etc.

**VIII. Boys, boys, boys**

- a. know their interests
- b. non threatening environment
- c. sense of humor
- d. honesty/trust/don't have to sing alone
- e. Remember: the voice box sits between the brain and the heart

**IX. Redefine yourself and your program yearly**

- a. change course offerings
- b. take a college class. try a new approach or new materials

**X. Be Proactive**

- a. inspire your students to love singing
- b. test yourself
- c. educate your girls on how to accept your boys high voice
- d. stand when you sing
- e. music-you don't have to sing all of the parts

*L. B. Johnson Middle School  
The Vocal Youth Men  
Patti L. Peltz, Director  
Andrea Smith, accompanist*

*Joshua!.....Moore  
Michael Tillema, soloists  
Two Unison Songs for Male Chorus: Come Sail Away With Me.....Patterson  
Josh Lavy, soloist  
Vive la Compagnie.....arr. Artman  
Yellow Bird.....arr. Davison  
Dylan Pomichter, string bass  
David Thornton, clarinet*

*A special thanks to Andrea Smith, Choral Director at DeLaura Middle School and David Thornton, Band Director at L. B. Johnson Middle School for joining us today!*

### **Music Suggestions for Middle School Male Chorus**

Bound for the Rio Grande	TB	arr. Earlene Rentz	
Cindy	TB	arr. Earlene Rentz	
Codfish Shanty	TB	arr. Vijay Singh	
Colorado Trail	TTB	arr. Donald Moore	
Joshua!	TB	arr. Donald Moore	
The Lass with the Delicate Air	TB	arr. D. Shawn Berry	
Mountain Livin' Is Mighty Fine	TB	arr. Becki Slagle Mayo	
Oh, my love's like a red, red, rose	U male chorus with SSA choir		R. Scott Coulter
Old Joe Clark	TB	arr. Roger Emerson	
Passing By	TTB	Emily Crocker	
Sail On, Little Boat	2-pt.	Linda Spevacek	
Tenting Tonight	TB	arr. Earlene Rentz	
Two Unison Songs for Male Chorus	U	Mark Patterson	
Vive la Compagnie	TTB	arr. Ruth Artman	
Yellow Bird	TB	arr. Dan Davison	

### **Recordings**

Pacific Coast Boys Choir  
Madison Children's Boys Choir  
Barbershop Quartets

### **Video**

The Male Changing Voice  
Henry Leck