

# VOCTAVE PRESENTS: *The Corner of Broadway & Main Street*



**7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, 2023**

**Escher Auditorium, College of Saint Benedict**

When a cappella comes together in the best way, it's something visceral. That's the magic of Voctave – 11 powerhouse singers from central Florida with backgrounds in gospel, contemporary Christian, barbershop, pop and choral. Widely recognized for high-energy performances and impressive arrangements, Voctave weaves tight vocal tapestries that wrap around an audience.

## ONLINE RESOURCES

<https://www.csbsju.edu/fine-arts/performances/voctave>

<https://voctave.net/>

## TERMINOLOGY

**A capella:** choral singing without instruments

**Barbershop music:** A Capella singing with a consistent four-part harmony, the melody found in the second-highest part, takes its roots in the African American improvisational traditions of the late 19th century, particularly New Orleans.

**Octave:** A series of eight notes in a musical scale. It is also used to talk about the difference in pitch between the first and last notes in a musical scale.

**Medley:** A musical composition made up of a series of songs or short pieces

## ENGAGE

Voctave sings Disney, show tunes and theatrical feel-good music. One example of this is their most recent album *The Corner of Broadway & Main Street Volume 2* which includes a medley of Disney music from the '90s and a rendition of "You Will Be Found," a showtune from *Dear Evan Hansen* on Broadway.

- How does this music resonate with you? Is it familiar or is this the first time you have heard these songs?
- How do you connect with others through this kind of music?
- Why does Voctave appeal to a variety of ages?

This internet sensation group has gathered an eye-popping 150 million views on social media. The group has performed with Grammy, Dove and American Music Award winners. With multiple #1 songs and albums on iTunes, Amazon and Spotify, Voctave has also ranked in the top 25 on Billboard Magazine's charts.

- How has YouTube and the internet changed the way we find music? Do you feel like it has expanded the types of music we listen to?
- Why have video sharing platforms, like TikTok and YouTube, become so popular in the last few years?

A capella is a well loved genre of choral music. A distinctive feature of Voctave as an a capella group is that it has an extremely wide vocal range of five full octaves among the members, and the members come from a variety of music backgrounds.

- Can you hear the wide range of sound among the singers (even, and especially, if you have never been a singer)?
- A capella is a challenging art form in that every voice must be confident and excellent to create the experience we all hear. Would you feel vulnerable in this scenario? Why or why not? Can you identify a time where you needed confidence and excellence individually in order to achieve success for a group?
- Various representations of a capella in our culture have combined its distinctive singing without instruments with other components—lights, dance, and theater—or particular music styles. Do you enjoy the musical style of a capella? Of Voctave's representation of it? Have you had other experiences with music that Voctave reminds you of?