

## For High Schools & Elementary Schools

### moira smiley & VOCO SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES:

VOCO immediately pulls a young audience in with laughter, participation, improvisation and percussive movement, and their joyous and moving story songs. Using their exquisite four-part harmony VOCO sings sweet, hard-driving Americana and Eastern European village songs alongside stompin' step (body percussion) rhythms and new originals. Their assemblies always include on-the-spot vocal improvisations built specifically for and with the students, and inspiring introduction to the banjo, cello and accordion. Involving the students in almost every song and percussive dance set, VOCO shows how what a fun, natural and ARTISTIC process is it to preserve and celebrate the things we use, the music we make and the stories we love.

### WHAT IS IN A VOCO WORKSHOP:

VOCO offers workshops, clinics and masterclasses that are a truly unique offering of Conservatory training, ethnomusicological grounding and fierce creativity. Each member of VOCO is a strong teacher. A residency or workshop with VOCO teaches improvisation, vocal technique, rhythmic interplay with the voice and using the body as an instrument. VOCO tailors a workshop to the level of its participants and makes use of its work as an ensemble to break down and share the mechanics of creating music with other people with just the voice and body. VOCO uses the exquisite music of Béla Bartók, traditional American and East European harmony and new compositions to access the full spectrum of vocal colors at the tip of our tongues.

### BRING THIS ENSEMBLE TO INSPIRE YOUR STUDENTS:

The four woman ensemble is offering their wonderful, mind-expanding SONG & MOVEMENT ASSEMBLY to schools. Their assemblies have been praised across the country for their masterful teaching, warm wit, and virtuosity and ability to communicate with, involve and inspire students in the joy and art of singing. In their Assemblies and Classroom Workshops, VOCO instantly creates students' understanding of themselves and the cultures around them through the act of singing, doing body percussion and participating in stories and song creation.

### VOCO's EXPERIENCE in EDUCATION:

moira smiley & VOCO have led Vocal Clinics across the U.S. and abroad (UC Santa Cruz, UCLA, Indiana University, Adams State College, Northern Arizona University, Occidental College, Rockefeller University, Warren Wilson College, Middlebury College, University of Birmingham - England, Amsterdam Conservatory of Music, College of Santa Fe) and given Assemblies to Elementary and High Schools in Minnesota, California, Illinois, Vermont, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, Georgia, Colorado, Oregon, Indiana, Rhode Island, Maryland and have affiliations with respected Arts in Education Organizations such as Midori & Friends, Performances To Grow On, Community MusicWorks.

The ensemble has a steady commitment to the ambassadorial role of the artist in education, and their performance and teaching offerings are of the highest level, in compliance with education standards and full of heart and enthusiasm.

### SPECIFICALLY FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

moira smiley & VOCO do a 45 to 60 minute presentation as a four-woman ensemble. Using four-part harmony, body percussion, Americana and East European song, VOCO brings the students into the world of how songs and stories intertwine, how we can be musically creative, how we understand ourselves better through music. The students are guided through several cultures of music and into creating songs with VOCO. Woven into the songs are cello, accordion, percussion and banjo - and everyone gets to learn and create body percussion.

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Workshops & Classroom Teaching: start at \$750 (negotiable)