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Cedarburg High School's Bella Voce performs for members of Rockapella. From left are Katie Shimp, Chloe Herbrand, Mackenzie Neumann, Angela LaMacchia, Shelby Zang, Shannon Brophy and Emily Friedl.



Scott Leonard and Jeff Thacher, members of Rockapella, critique the performance of Cedarburg High School's Bella Voce during the masterclass.

Putting a voice to music

Rockapella put on a rockin' time at a masterclass held at Cedarburg High School

The popular a cappella group Rockapella performed March 31 as part the Cedarburg Performing Arts Center's Visiting Artist Series. Since the early '90s, when they first achieved national TV fame on PBS's "Where In The World Is Carmen Sandiego?," Rockapella has become one of the world's most enduring and imitated a cappella groups. With catchy original pop songs and contemporary remakes of Motown, pop and soul classics, they have shown audiences the raw power of pure vocal talent and originality.

Prior to their performance, two members of the group conducted a masterclass in the CPAC for the high school students.

The performers discussed their background, careers, music and techniques. A small ensemble of students performed and the Rockapella members provided feedback. Hearing more about various artists' personal and musical background and "life on the road" is always interesting and informative for the students.

This masterclass has been made possible by the generosity of Fine Arts Boosters and CPAC Inc. Both organizations are passionate about the fine arts and understand that student outreach opportunities are incredibly valuable and important.



Cedarburg High School students listen intently as members of Rockapella conduct a masterclass at the school prior to their performance later in the evening.