

2005–2006 Season Highlights

September 7, 2005

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Broadway in Milwaukee, At the Marcus Center, Sponsored by M&I Bank Uihlein Hall
Milwaukee Children's Choir, Charyl Granatella, Director Marcus Center for the Performing Arts
Ellen Shuler, Assistant Director 929 N. Water
Patrick Cassidy, as Joseph Milwaukee WI
Amy Adams, as the Narrator

The MCC opens its 05-06 season as the children's choir in a national touring company production of this acclaimed musical. Combining the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber with the humor and poetry of lyricist Tim Rice, this irresistible musical follows the trials and triumphs of Joseph, Israel's favorite son. A story of betrayal and hardship, prophecy and forgiveness, this JOSEPH cannot be missed.

October 15, 2005

METRO PARENT MAGAZINE KIDS HELP FAMILIES FOR HURRICANE RELIEF

Milwaukee Children's Choir, Charyl Granatella and Ellen Shuler, State Fair Park
Directors Milwaukee WI

Selected MCC singers perform at Metro Parent Magazine's Kids Help Families for Hurricane Relief day at Milwaukee's State Fair Park. Proceeds of the event provided relief for children and adults affected by Hurricane Katrina. Thank you, Metro Parent, for organizing this community event!

October 25, 2005

ROTARY CLUB OF MILWAUKEE

MCC Cantorei Choir, Emily Crocker, Director Milwaukee WI

To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, members of MCC's Cantorei Choir made a public appearance at Milwaukee's downtown Rotary Club and performed a hymn written by Pablo Casals. The hymn, with text by W.H. Auden, was written for the United Nations on its 25th anniversary and was performed for the first time on that anniversary October 24, 1971. For more about the hymn, go to <http://www.un.org/geninfo/faq/factsheets/hymn.pdf>.

November 4, 2005

November 5, 2005

November 6, 2005

CARMINA BURANA

Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Andreas Delfs, Music Director Uihlein Hall
Milwaukee Symphony Chorus, Lee Erickson, Director Marcus Center for the Performing Arts
Awet Andemicael, Soprano 929 N. Water
John Osborn, Tenor Milwaukee WI
Robert Orth, Baritone For tickets call MSO box office 414-291-7605
MCC Cantorei Choir, Emily Crocker, Director

The MCC joined the MSO and its chorus to perform Orff's wildly popular composition about love and fate. Milwaukee Journal Sentinel critic Tom Strini wrote of the performance: "Like most musical sophisticates, I was skeptical about this piece. It's so popular...something must be wrong with it. Friday's performance erased any such notions. [MSO Music Director Andreas] Delfs' conception and fiercely committed and expert execution by the orchestra, the chorus, the Milwaukee Children's Choir and a great trio of soloists demonstrated the depth of *Carmina Burana's* reach into the human tragedy."

November 11, 2005 7:00 PM
DARING TO BE

Milwaukee Children's Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director
MCC Cantorei Choir, Emily Crocker, Director
Tina Glander Peterson, Assistant Director
Milwaukee Youth Chorale, Chris Peterson, Director
MCC Concert Choir, Charyl Granatella and Ellen Shuler, Directors

Pitman Theatre
Alverno College
3431 South 39th Street
Milwaukee WI
For information call Alverno Box Office
414-382-6044

Join members of MCC's Concert Choir, Cantorei Choir and Youth Chorale as they connect with their world in words and music.

November 20, 2005 4:00 PM
PRESENT MUSIC THANKSGIVING CONCERT

Present Music, Kevin Stalheim, Artistic Director
Milwaukee Choral Artists, Sharon Hansen, Artistic Director
MCC Concert Choir, Charyl Granatella and Ellen Shuler, Directors
The Bucks, American Indian drumming and singing,
Karen Beaumont, Organ

St. John's Cathedral
812 N. Jackson Street
Milwaukee WI
For tickets call Present Music 414-271-
0711

Milwaukee Children's Choir continued a tradition when MCC's Concert Choir joined Present Music for its sold-out Thanksgiving Concert. Also on the program was a world premiere for Present Music featuring The Milwaukee Choral Artists, Sofia Gubaidulina's *Risonanza* for organ, brass and strings, and the thrilling American Indian drumming and singing group The Bucks! Milwaukee Journal Sentinel music critic Tom Strini wrote of MCC's singers: "Those young voices, floating through the cathedral like innocence made sonic, were the best possible musical start to the holiday season."

November 22, 2005 8:00 PM
NEW ENGLAND SYMPHONIC ENSEMBLE

New England Symphonic Ensemble and Festival Choir, Emily Crocker,
Jonathan Griffith, Nancy Menk, Conductors
MCC Cantorei Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director and Choir Director
Milwaukee Youth Chorale, Chris Peterson, Director
MCC Concert Choir, Ellen Shuler and Charyl Granatella, Directors
Sarah Pelletier, Soprano
Kristin Rothfuss, Mezzo-Soprano
Stephanie Tiboris, Reader

Stern Auditorium
Carnegie Hall
57th Street and Seventh Avenue
New York NY
For tickets call Carnegie Hall 212-247-
7800

Milwaukee Children's Choir and Youth Chorale join choirs from across the country to perform under the direction of MCC founder and Artistic Director Emily Crocker at a national choir festival at Carnegie Hall. On the November 22 program is *The Christmas Suite* by Mark Brymer. This suite was recently recorded by the MCC and is for sale to the general public (see [Recordings](#) web page). Also on the program are works by Vivaldi and Walker.

November 30, 2005 7:00 PM
HOLIDAY PAJAMA JAMBOREE

Festival City Symphony, Monty Perkins, Conductor
MCC Concert Choir, Charyl Granatella, Ellen Shuler, Directors

Bradley Pavilion
Marcus Center for the Performing Arts
929 N. Water Street
Milwaukee WI
For information call Festival City
Orchestra 414-963-9067

MCC's Concert Choir joins the Festival City Symphony in a holiday show presented to Milwaukee's youngest music lovers. This show is free and open to the general public.

December 3, 2005 2:00 PM
December 4, 2005 2:00 PM
'TIS THE SEASON FOR SINGING

Milwaukee Children's Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director
MCC Cantorei Choir, Emily Crocker, Director
Tina Glander Peterson, Assistant Director
Milwaukee Youth Chorale, Chris Peterson, Director
MCC Concert Choir, Charyl Granatella, Ellen Shuler, Directors
MCC Prelude Choir, Ellen Shuler, Sherry Cummisford, Erica Johnson,
Amanda Shoemaker, and Roxanne Trump-Miles, Directors
Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra, Carter Simmons, Director
Christine O'Meally, Mezzo Soprano
Walt Boyer, Baritone

Pitman Theatre
Alverno College
3431 South 39th Street
Milwaukee WI
For tickets call Alverno Box Office 414-
382-6044

Experience the joy, the harmony and the diversity of the season at MCC's holiday concert. Fresh back from Carnegie Hall, the MCC will perform *The Christmas Suite* by Mark Brymer as well as Robert Kapilow's setting of Chris Van Allsburg's *The Polar Express*. All 400 MCC choir members will participate in MCC's first self-presenting holiday extravaganza. Members of the Milwaukee Symphony Youth Orchestra's Senior Symphony and Philharmonia also join us as our orchestra for this not-to-be missed event.

December 11, 2005
MILWAUKEE REPERTORY THEATER PERFORMANCE

Milwaukee Repertory Theater, *A Christmas Carol*, adaptation of Charles Dicken's classic story Milwaukee Repertory Theatre WI
Milwaukee Children's Choir Prelude Choir, Ellen Shuler, Sherry Cummisford, and Amanda Shoemaker, Directors

Milwaukee Children's Choir's youngest singers--grades 1 through 3--entertain Milwaukee Rep patrons arriving to see an afternoon performance of Milwaukee's longest running, most cherished family tradition -- *A Christmas Carol*.

December 16, 2005
MICHAEL PINK'S THE NUTCRACKER

Milwaukee Ballet, Michael Pink, Artistic Director
Milwaukee Ballet Orchestra, Andrews Sill, Music Director
Milwaukee Children's Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director

Uihlein Hall
Marcus Center for the Performing Arts
929 N. Water Street
Milwaukee WI

For 16 performances beginning December 16 selected MCC members provide the angelic voices accompanying the Milwaukee Ballet Orchestra in a performance of *Michael Pink's The Nutcracker* with the Milwaukee Ballet.

January 14, 2006
WISCONSIN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION WINTER CONVENTION

Milwaukee Children's Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director
Cantorei, Emily Crocker, Director
Darwin Sanders, Diction/Vocal Coach, MSO Chorus and Florentine Opera Chorus

Appleton WI

Cantorei traveled to Appleton to participate in a WCDA workshop entitled "Language, Diction and Style: A Guide for Developing Authentic Performances with Children's and Youth Choirs." The workshop featured MCC Artistic Director Emily Crocker and diction coach Darwin Sanders. During MCC's 03-04 season MCC recorded songs using more than 100 different languages for a Hal Leonard recording project. Ms. Crocker and Mr. Sanders worked with MCC's Cantorei and passed their skill and learning on to WCDA participants.

January 16, 2006

HARLEY DAVIDSON MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY CELEBRATION

Milwaukee Children's Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director
MCC Concert Choir, Charyl Granatella and Ellen Shuler, Directors
Ricardo Diaz, Executive Director, United Community Center
Executive Director, Black Holocaust Museum

Harley Davidson Motor Company
Milwaukee WI

More than 30 singers from MCC's Concert Choir spent their lunch time with leaders from the Black Holocaust Museum and the United Community Center to help Harley-Davidson employees celebrate Martin Luther King's birthday. Under the direction of Charyl Granatella and Ellen Shuler, the Choir sang pieces that reflected Dr. King's life and legacy. Their performance was followed by inspiring speeches about Dr. King from two of Milwaukee's finest community leaders. A wonderful way to celebrate this special holiday!

January 29, 2006 2:00 PM

WORLD RHYTHMS -- FIRST PERFORMANCE

Milwaukee Children's Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director
MCC Cantorei Choir, Emily Crocker, Director
Tina Glander Peterson, Assistant Director
MCC Prelude Choir, Ellen Shuler, Sherry Cummisford, Erica Johnson,
Amanda Shoemaker and Roxanne Trump-Miles, Directors
Will Schmid, Guest Artist

Lincoln Center of the Arts
820 East Knapp Street
Milwaukee WI
For tickets call Milwaukee Children's
Choir 414-771-6602

Bring a shaker or just your hands and help MCC perform music from many cultures. Well-known Milwaukee musician Will Schmid joins us for this very interactive program. MCC's Prelude and Cantorei Choirs are featured at this concert, the first of two during the afternoon.

January 29, 2006 4:30 PM

WORLD RHYTHMS -- SECOND PERFORMANCE

Milwaukee Youth Chorale, Chris Peterson, Director
MCC Concert Choir, Charyl Granatella, Ellen Shuler, Directors
Will Schmid, Guest Artist

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February 15, 2006

KING'S SINGERS MASTER CLASS RECORDING SESSION

The King's Singers, in recording session, sponsored by Hal Leonard Corporation
Milwaukee Youth Chorale, Dr. Christopher Peterson, Director

Milwaukee Youth Arts Center
Milwaukee WI

Congratulations to the Milwaukee Youth Chorale for a fabulous master class session with the world renowned King's Singers! Through a partnership with Hal Leonard, MCC's Youth Chorale participated in a master class recorded for future DVD release. Youth Chorale was led by director Dr. Christopher Peterson. In addition to his role as MYC director, Dr. Peterson is also a choral director at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and some of his college choral students joined MYC for the afternoon activities. The session was recorded at the stunning new Milwaukee Youth Arts Center, and will be released by Hal Leonard on DVD. Watch for it!

February 21, 2006

ST. JOHN'S ON THE LAKE

Milwaukee Children's Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director
Cantorei, Emily Crocker, Director

Chapel
St. John's on the Lake
Milwaukee WI

MCC's Cantorei performed a concert for residents of St. John's on the Lake in their lovely new chapel near the shores of Lake Michigan. Following the concert, St. John's hosted a reception for the children and their families.

February 26, 2006

FRANK L. WEYENBERG LIBRARY

Milwaukee Children's Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director
MCC Prelude North Choir, Ellen Shuler, Director

Rotunda
Frank L. Weyenberg Library
Mequon WI

The young singers of MCC's Prelude Choir North site performed for patrons of the Frank L. Weyenberg Library at an afternoon community concert sponsored by Mequon's Gathering on the Green, followed by a reception for family and friends.

March 4, 2006

STEPHEN HATFIELD MASTER CLASS AND READING SESSION

Milwaukee Children's Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director
MCC Cantorei, Emily Crocker, Director, Tina Peterson, Assistant Director

Milwaukee Youth Arts Center WI

Canadian composer Stephen Hatfield joined MCC for a day of learning at the Milwaukee Youth Arts Center. First on the program was a master class with MCC's Cantorei. Local school teachers were invited to observe. After the class, the engaging composer led the audience in a reading session of his music. A good time was had by all at this delightful program sponsored in part by Hal Leonard Corporation!

March 8, 2006

MILWAUKEE BUCKS GAME

Milwaukee Children's Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director
Cantorei, Tina Peterson, Assistant Director

Bradley Center
Milwaukee WI

Under the direction of Assistant Director Tina Peterson, members of Cantorei perform the Star Spangled Banner at a Milwaukee Bucks home game.

March 10, 2006

IT'S ARTASTIC

Milwaukee Children's Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director
Prelude Choir, Ellen Shuler, Director

Betty Brinn Children's Museum
Milwaukee WI

MCC's young Prelude Singers were featured at the gala opening of Betty Brinn Children's Museum "It's Artastic" exhibition.

March 19, 2006 2:00 PM

MILWAUKEE YOUTH MUSIC CELEBRATION

MCC Cantorei Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director and Cantorei Choir
Director

Elmbrook Church
777 S. Barker Road
Brookfield WI

Milwaukee Youth Chorale, Chris Peterson, Director
Milwaukee Youth Symphony Senior Symphony, Margery Deutsch,
Conductor

For tickets call Milwaukee Children's
Choir 414-771-6602

Pewaukee High School Varsity Choir, Christopher Owen, Director of Choirs

Wauwatosa West High School Select and Women's Chamber Choirs, Jason Meissner, Director

Cecilia Davis, Soprano, Soloist

Rob Carroll, Bass-Baritone, Soloist

MCC's Cantorei Choir, Milwaukee Youth Chorale, Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra and guest choirs spent the afternoon performing some of the world's greatest classical music. Included in the program were orchestrated songs by Henry Purcell and excerpts from Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Dona Nobis Pacem*.

March 25, 2006

TOGETHER WE ARE BETTER

Milwaukee Children's Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director

John Jacobson, Guest Artist

Ellen Shuler, Event Coordinator, Prelude and Concert Choir Director

Milwaukee Lutheran High School

9700 Grantosa Drive

Milwaukee WI

Hundreds of young singers joined MCC's Prelude and Concert Choir youth and special guest John Jacobson to explore our connections and the fact that, together, we are better. Jacobson is a nationally renowned performer and choreographer whose work with youth has been endorsed by the national Points of Light Foundation.

April 8, 2006

METRO PARENT KIDSFEST

Milwaukee Children's Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director

MCC Concert Choir, Charyl Granatella and Ellen Shuler, Directors

State Fair Park

Milwaukee WI

Sixty members of MCC's Concert Choir performed for a large crowd at this year's Metro Parent Kidsfest. This annual activity is sponsored by Metro Parent Magazine and features many kid friendly activities. A treat for both choir members and audience!

April 23, 2006

MILWAUKEE WAVE GAME

Milwaukee Children's Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director

MCC Concert Choir, Ellen Shuler and Charyl Granatella, Directors

US Cellular Arena

Milwaukee WI

MCC's Concert Choir sang The Star Spangled Banner and helped the Milwaukee Wave start its MISL Championship Playoff game here in Milwaukee. The Wave went on to win the game, but lost its chance to continue in the playoffs during a required 2nd Golden Goal overtime period. In any event, it's been a good season for the Wave, and MCC kids had a wonderful time at this very exciting game!

April 27, 2006

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT WORLDWIDE EVENT

Milwaukee Children's Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director

MCC Cantorei, Emily Crocker and Tina Peterson, Directors

Midwest Center

Milwaukee WI

MCC's Cantorei was featured in the surprise finale of this year's prestigious Junior Achievement Worldwide U.S. Business Hall of Fame ceremony. At this annual event America's most distinguished business leaders are inducted into J.A.'s U.S. Business Hall of Fame. At the end of the ceremony Cantorei sang for hundreds of business leaders coming to Milwaukee from across America to celebrate this year's Junior Achievement business laureates.

May 19, 2006

VISIT FROM ANGELICA CANTATI

Milwaukee Children's Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director
Cantorei, Emily Crocker, Director

Milwaukee WI

MCC enjoyed a visit from this fine Minneapolis based children's choir. The choirs sang for one another and together, followed by a party. A good time was had by all.

May 23, 2006
PERFORMANCE AT SAN CAMILLO

Milwaukee Children's Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director
Concert Choir, Charyl Granatella, Director

Wauwatosa WI

MCC's Concert Choir joined the residents at San Camillo for a spring afternoon concert.

May 31, 2006
CONCERT CHOIR SPRING TOUR

Milwaukee Children's Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director
Concert Choir, Charyl Granatella, Director

Milwaukee WI

Concert Choir spent the day visiting Milwaukee area schools on our annual Concert Choir Spring Tour.

June 2, 2006 7:00 PM
MOSTLY MOZART

Milwaukee Children's Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director
MCC Cantorei Choir, Emily Crocker, Director
Tina Glander Peterson, Assistant Director
Milwaukee Youth Chorale, Chris Peterson, Director
MCC Concert Choir, Charyl Granatella, Ellen Shuler, Directors
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Amanda Shoemaker and Roxanne Trump-Miles, Directors
Dr. Rollo Dilworth, Composer, Guest Musician and Conductor

Elmbrook Church
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For tickets call Milwaukee Children's
Choir 414-771-6602

2006 marks the 250th anniversary of the birth of Mozart. MCC closes its season by celebrating 250 years of Mozart--childhood prodigy to lasting artistic force--with our hometown prodigies in the Milwaukee Children's Choir. Also on the program are works by contemporary Canadian composer Stephen Hatfield. Award-winning Chicago composer Dr. Rollo Dilworth will be on hand to premiere a piece he composed in honor of MCC's young Prelude Choir singers. All 400 youth, grades 1-12, will be featured in this year-end concert.

June 3, 2006
Americans for the Arts Convention

Milwaukee Children's Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director

Milwaukee Youth Arts Center
Milwaukee WI

Arts leaders from across the country gathered in Milwaukee for the annual Americans for the Arts Convention. Milwaukee Children's Choir was pleased to be a featured performer during the weekend activities.