



Milwaukee
Children's Choir

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2006–2007 Performance Season

July 30, 2006 5:30 PM

CARMINA BURANA

Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Andreas Delfs, Music Director

MSO Chorus, Lee Erickson, Director

MCC Cantorei, Emily Crocker, Director Marcus Amphitheatre

Summerfest Grounds

Milwaukee WI

MCC's Cantorei joins the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra and its Chorus in a production of Carmina Burana as part of Milwaukee's famous Germanfest.

October 13, 2006

JUSTINIAN SOCIETY OF LAWYERS COLUMBUS DAY BANQUET

Milwaukee Children's Choir Cantorei, Tina Glander Peterson, Director

Italian Community Center

Milwaukee WI

MCC's Cantorei performed for a gathering of Milwaukee's Justinian Society of Lawyers at their annual Columbus Day Dinner. After performing the Italian and American National Anthems and other selections, our young singers had their own festive evening with an Italian theme, including Italian fare and several rounds of bocce ball!

October 21, 2006

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS GALA -- "ONE MATTERS"

Milwaukee Children's Choir Junior Choirs, Ellen Shuler and Charyl Granatella, Directors

Pfister Hotel

Milwaukee WI

Members of MCC's Prelude and Concert Choirs opened Milwaukee's Big Brothers Big Sisters annual Gala Dinner with a medley of songs that helped reflect the evening's theme: ONE MATTERS!

November 17, 2006

November 19, 2006

PRESENT MUSIC THANKSGIVING CONCERT

Present Music, Kevin Stalheim, Founder and Artistic Director

MCC Chamber Cantorei, Emily Crocker, Director, Tina Peterson, Assistant Director

St. John's Cathedral

Milwaukee WI

Present Music favorites Kamran Ince and Michael Torke each created a piece for PM's annual Thanksgiving concert. The Milwaukee Children's Choir Chamber Cantorei was featured in Kamran Ince's Hammers and Whistlers and Michael Torke's The Christmas Story. Also featured at the concert were Milwaukee Choral

Artists, the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Senior Orchestra string players, the American Indian Drumming and Singing Group- The Bucks- and organist Karen Beaumont. On December 22, 2006 Journal Sentinel Music Critic Tom Strini declared this concert one of his Top Ten shows of 2006.

November 29, 2006 7:00 PM

FESTIVAL CITY SYMPHONY'S HOLIDAY PAJAMA JAMBOREE

MCC Concert Choir, Charyl Granatella and Ellen Shuler, Directors Bradley Pavilion
Marcus Center for the Performing Arts
Milwaukee WI

MCC's Concert Choir again joins Festival City Symphony at their free Pajama Jamboree Holiday Concert--bring your little ones in their PJs!

December 2, 2006

Toys for Tots Breakfast with Santa

Milwaukee Children's Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director
MCC treble singers, Sherry Cummisford, Director
Hilton Hotel
Milwaukee WI

MCC treble singers helped CBS 58, FM 106, the Hilton Hotel and the United States Marine Corps Reserves bring joy to the lives of Milwaukee's youth at the annual Toys for Tots Breakfast with Santa event in Hilton's beautiful Crystal Ballroom. MCC performed carols for hundreds of attendees, and a good time was had by all, for a great cause!

December 3, 2006 2:00 PM

DECEMBER IN OUR TOWN

Milwaukee Children's Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director
Elmbrook Church
Brookfield WI

Celebrate the wonder, the joy and the diversity of December in Milwaukee when all divisions of the Milwaukee Children's Choir present a wide variety of music from many cultures and traditions.

December 9, 2006 7:00 PM

Dave and Caroleing for Christmas

MCC Concert Choir, Charyl Granatella and Ellen Shuler, Directors
Riverside Theater
Milwaukee WI

From the Riverside Theater: Celebrate the Holidays with Dave, Carole, KB and the rest of the Morning 'KLH, Saturday, December 9th at 7pm at the Riverside Theater, presented by American Furniture, Electronics and Appliances. Dave & Carole are putting a new spin on the old tradition of Christmas variety shows with something for everyone! Hear the legendary Cudahy Carolers, Dylan and Mort with ComedySportz-Live, and our own Christmas minstrel...KB! Plus, a very Merry John McGivern shares his greatest Milwaukee Christmas stories featuring the Milwaukee Children's Choir and the Kinsella Irish Dancers. All we need is an

animal act. Wait! There is an animal act! See Amy Ammen with Able the DANCING CHIHUAHUA! Now that says Feliz Navidad! The Dave and Carole-ing for Christmas show is a benefit for Dave and Carole's annual Christmas for Kids party.

December 15, 2006

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

Milwaukee WI

For 17 performances beginning December 15 selected MCC members provide the angelic voices accompanying the Milwaukee Ballet Orchestra in performances of Michael Pink's The Nutcracker with the Milwaukee Ballet.

January 28, 2007 3:00 PM

SHAKESPEARE AND LOVE

Milwaukee Children's Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director Pitman Theatre

Alverno College

Milwaukee WI

From spotted snakes to lovers and lasses and "double, double, toil and trouble", the Milwaukee Children's Choir celebrates words from the Bard of Stratford-on-Avon and songs about love. On January 28, 2007, local Shakespearean actor T. Stacy Hicks will join the more than 400 voices of Milwaukee Children's Choir in a concert featuring texts from the Bard of Stratford-on-Avon, as well as other songs about love. This season, MCC is placing a special emphasis on music from the Renaissance, one of the major musical periods of Western History.

*Renaissance master William Shakespeare is perhaps the most famous of all writers who wrote in the English language. He loved language and words, and many of his sonnets and texts from his plays have been set to music. We are thrilled that local Shakespearean actor T. Stacy Hicks will join us at this special concert. A recent member of Milwaukee Repertory Theater's prestigious acting internship program, Mr. Hicks has 16 years of experience with Renaissance Entertainment Company, where he performed widely in interactive theatre events, including Wisconsin's own Bristol Renaissance Faire. Mr. Hicks was recently recognized by Milwaukee Journal Sentinel theater critic Damien Jaques for his fine portrayal of Borachio in Milwaukee Shakespeare Company's popular and critically acclaimed *Much Ado About Nothing*. At MCC's January 28 concert, Mr. Hicks will play the role of Mr. Shakespeare himself, the concert's emcee. We look forward to bringing the Renaissance and the Bard's fascinating texts alive for MCC and audience members alike. Also on the program are songs about "Monsieur Love" (*Much Ado*, Act 2 Scene 3), including the Beatles favorite "All You Need Is Love". After all, all we need is love, love, love, love, love ... and Shakespeare!*

February 10, 2007

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION GALA

Milwaukee Children's Choir Chamber Cantorei, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director WI
Pfister Hotel
Milwaukee, WI

MCC's Chamber Cantorei perform at the American Heart Association's Gala, helping the guests feel "Young at Heart".

February 15, 2007

MILWAUKEE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ACE CONCERT

Selected Milwaukee Children's Choir Concert Choir Members, Charyl Granatella,
Director Pabst Theatre
Milwaukee WI

Members of MCC's Concert Choir sing with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra at a concert for school children. The concert was repeated in May 2007.

February 25, 2007 3:00 PM

CARMINA BURANA

Master Singers of Milwaukee, Eric Townell, Conductor
MCC Cantorei, Tina Glander Peterson, Director Elmbrook Church
Brookfield WI

From the Master Singers: Local vocal stars join the combined choirs, two grand pianos and percussion in Orff's timeless favorite. Also on the program is an evocative setting of Octavio Paz poetry by America's hottest young composer, Eric Whitacre.

March 8, 2007

UPAF KICK OFF AT NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL

Milwaukee Children's Choir Cantorei, Tina Glander Peterson, Director
Northwestern Mutual
Milwaukee, WI

MCC's Cantorei performs at Northwestern Mutual, and helps the company kick off its 2007 corporate campaign supporting Milwaukee's United Performing Arts Fund.

March 17, 2007 8:00 PM

STEVEN PETRONIO COMPANY / BLOOM

Alverno Presents, David Ravel, Director
Stephen Petronio Company, Steven Petronio, Founder and Director
MCC Chamber Cantorei, Emily Crocker, Director Pitman Theatre
Alverno College
Milwaukee WI

From Alverno Presents: It would be enough to see the passionately acclaimed Stephen Petronio Company dance anything – they are that vivid, that wild, and that hot! His new work, Bloom, celebrates the openness and purity of youth. Says Petronio, "Bloom is to be in flower, a time of vigor, freshness, and flourish, an awesomely energized and beautiful moment." And if that's not enough, throw in an original score by the one and only Rufus Wainwright, performed live by the

Milwaukee Children's Choir, and you have one of the few "must see" events of the 06/07 season. This performance is repeated March 22 as part of the John Michael Kohler Arts Center series.

March 18, 2007 2:00 PM

MILWAUKEE YOUTH MUSIC CELEBRATION

Milwaukee Children's Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director
Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra Senior Symphony, Margery Deutsch, Music Director, Shelby Keith Dixon, Assoc Conductor
MCC Cantorei, Tina Glander Peterson, Director
Milwaukee Youth Chorale, Dr. Christopher Peterson, Director
Brookfield East High School Chamber Choir, Mary Bigus, Conductor
Milwaukee High School of the Arts Concert Chorale, Raymond Roberts, Director
Waukesha West High School Concert Choir, Thomas Ajack, Director
Valerie Errante, Soprano, Soloist
Elmbrook Church
Brookfield WI

Members of the Cantorei, the Milwaukee Youth Chorale and the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra Senior Symphony spend a spring afternoon performing some of the world's greatest classical music. This year's Celebration pays honor to 20th century composers. MYSO's Senior Symphony performs movements from American Composer Howard Hanson's Symphony No. 2 ("Romantic"). MCC's Cantorei joins MYSO's Senior Symphony for a selection of Aaron Copland's Old American Songs. Copland, considered by many the "Dean" of American composers, arranged several traditional American songs for voice and orchestra in the 1950's. Cantorei will perform three of them: Ching-a-ring Chaw (the Minstrel Song), I Bought Me a Cat (filled with delightful animal sounds), and Simple Gifts (the melodic Shaker Tune which the composer also incorporated into his popular ballet Appalachian Spring). The Milwaukee Youth Chorale, guest high school choirs, and soloist Valerie Errante join MYSO's Senior Symphony to perform movements from French composer Francis Poulenc's Gloria. Written in 1959, the Gloria is one of Poulenc's most celebrated works. Three excellent High School Choirs join us at this event: the Brookfield East High School Chamber Choir (Mary Bigus, Conductor), the Milwaukee High School of the Arts Concert Chorale (Raymond Roberts, Director), and the Waukesha West High School Concert Choir (Thomas Ajack, Director).

March 25, 2007

MILWAUKEE WAVE GAME

Milwaukee Children's Choir Concert Choir, Ellen Shuler, Director
Milwaukee WI

MCC's Concert Choir sings the National Anthem at a Milwaukee Wave Game.

March 31, 2007 4:00 PM

ROOTS AND WINGS 2007

Milwaukee Children's Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director
MCC Concert Choir, Charyl Granatella and Ellen Shuler, Directors

MCC Prelude Choir, Linda Rann, Ellen Shuler, Sherry Cummisford,
Erica Johnson, Amanda Shoemaker, Roxanne Trump-Miles, Directors
Guest Grade School Choirs
Milwaukee Lutheran High School
Milwaukee WI

The young voices of MCC's Prelude and Concert Choirs come together with youth from around the city to present a lively and colorful concert experience for young and old alike. Roots & Wings is a day long festival of singing, dancing and art. Hundreds of young school children spend the day together, with a public concert at the close of the day. This year's concert is Peace in My Heart. Come and you will see that when we sing, dance and create art together, we make the world a more beautiful place. When we come together from diverse backgrounds to do these activities, we break down the prejudices that keep us apart and create a powerful healing harmony. When we learn about other cultures, we find that each culture of the world helps to define itself through its art forms. When we sing together we realize that singing is an integral part of all human life and cultures—the same can be said for dance, poetry and the visual arts. And when we study others' cultures and their art forms we learn as much about our similarities as we do about our differences. We learn to have "peace in our hearts". MCC's featured guest artist is America Sings founder John Jacobson. In addition to his work with America Sings, Jacobson has served as a guest clinician at the Fred Waring Summer Choral Workshop, the Show Choir Camps of America and Duke University's Brightleaf Music Workshop. He is nationally acclaimed as an inspirational motivator of music teachers and their students. In 2001 Jacobson's work with youth was designated as a "Point of Light" by the national Point of Light Foundation. Jacobson is the author of many popular musical revues, including Nickelodeon, SRO, All-American and A Disney Spectacular. He has written dozens of songs designed for school and community choral programs and has created innovative video projects including Gotta Sing! Gotta Dance! He is the author of the book Dictionary of Dance. Jacobson is currently the creative force behind Music Express magazine and hosts the John Jacobson Workshops throughout the USA.

April 12, 2007

MILWAUKEE YOUTH CHORALE TORONTO TOUR

Milwaukee Youth Chorale, Dr. Christopher Peterson, Director
Toronto ON Canada

Members of Milwaukee's Youth Chorale head to Toronto, Canada for the 2007 abc Toronto International Choral Festival.

April 14, 2007

METROPARENT KIDSFEST

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

Members of MCC's Concert and Prelude Choirs perform lighthearted music at Metroparent's annual festival for kids and their families.

April 21, 2007

ROCKWELL AUTOMATION UPAF SPAGHETTI DINNER

Milwaukee Children's Choir, Ellen Shuler, Director

Rockwell Automation

Milwaukee WI

Rockwell Automation opens its clock tower and holds a spaghetti dinner in support of Milwaukee's United Performing Arts Fund. MCC's youngest singers perform and add to the festivities!

May 20, 2007 2:00 PM

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF SPRING

Milwaukee Children's Choir, Emily Crocker, Artistic Director

Elmbrook Church

Brookfield WI

Milwaukee Children's Choir is pleased to announce that on May 20, 2007, all 400 MCC members will present its season finale concert, featuring The Lighter Side of Spring. We will welcome spring in all its glory. The concert opens with an ancient May Day carol, complete with the weaving of giant Maypoles. Featured repertoire includes classical and contemporary choral literature that will put a beat in your feet, a nod in your head, and a sunny spring smile on your face.

June 3, 2007

VILLA TERRACE RENAISSANCE GARDEN OPENING

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

Villa Terrace

Milwaukee WI

MCC's Chamber Cantorei use song to help Villa Terrace open its Renaissance Garden for the summer.

June 3, 2007

MOTORCYCLE RALLY AT THE V.A. GROUNDS

Milwaukee Children's Choir Concert Choir, Charyl Granatella, Director

V.A. Grounds

Milwaukee WI

MCC's Concert Choir sings patriotic songs and other selections for motorcycle riders gathered at Milwaukee's Veterans' Administration grounds. Following the presentation, the riders head to Holy Hill in a rally supporting the 2007 National Veterans' Wheelchair Games, to be held in Milwaukee later in June.

July 14, 2007

GATHERING ON THE GREEN

Mequon, WI

MCC's Cantorei and Chamber Cantorei perform selections from Mendelssohn's Midsummer Night's Dream with the Gathering on the Green Orchestra. They also performed separately at GoG's Kids Stage.