



Milwaukee Children's Choir

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Jubilate News

Dear Jubilate Singers,

Thanks for your work during Tuesday's rehearsal. Thanks for bringing friends along, too! Please use the practice files linked on the Member's Only page of our website to work on *Denn in Seiner Hand*. Also, just a reminder about the Florentine Masterclass in a couple weeks: All Jubilate singers are required to be present (with a drink and bag lunch) for that Saturday even if you are not singing a solo. It is guaranteed to be a fun day!

Here is our plan for next week's busy schedule.

Tuesday at MYAC:

Warm up
Valentine Grams
Carmina Burana performance mode: Memorized
Denn in Seiner Hand: Focus on text, diction, tuning
Peace on Earth . . . and lots of little crickets:
Sectionals: A Tisket, A Tasket: Soprano 1, Soprano 2, Alto
Tutti, A Tisket A Tasket

Here is the schedule of events for THIS WEEK--Carmina Burana week--with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. All of the following will take place in Uihlein Hall at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts. Parents may drop their singers off at the Stage Door on State Street. Singers will check in with a parent volunteer inside the stage door entrance. Parents may pull up to the loading zone area at dismissal time to wait for their children. Please be patient as MCC is not in charge of the rehearsals which may end a bit earlier or a later than we anticipate. Thank you! We anticipate wearing our full formal concert uniform for this event, but at this time this is subject to change.

Wednesday Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m. call time for chorus warm-up (MCC in Women's Dressing Room). 7:30 orchestra dress rehearsal. Singers should be done around 8:15 p.m., but please be flexible and patient as MCC is not in charge of this rehearsal.

Thursday Jan. 19, 6:30 p.m. call time for chorus warm-up (MCC in Women's Dressing Room). 7:30 orchestra dress rehearsal. Singers should be done around 8:15 p.m., but please be flexible and patient as MCC is not in charge of this rehearsal.

Friday, Jan. 20, 8:00 p.m. call time for chorus warm-up. **Please note that this is the concert start time, so parking at this point will be limited. Carmina is on the second half of the concert, which should be around 9:00 p.m.** Concert end time is approximately 10:00 – 10:10 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 21, 8:00 p.m. call time for chorus warm-up. **Please note that this is the concert start time, so parking at this point will be limited. Carmina is on the second half of the concert, which should be around 9:00 p.m.** Concert end time is approximately 10:00 – 10:10 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 22, 2:30 p.m. call time for chorus warm-up. **Please note that this is the concert start time, so parking at this point will be limited. *Carmina* is on the second half of the concert, which should be around 3:30 p.m.** Concert end time is approximately 4:30 – 4:40 p.m.

Sing-a-Thon Reminder: All January donations should be turned in with your pledge log sheet by Tuesday, January 31st. Let's shoot for 100% participation.

Auditions for Sing-A-Thon and the Florentine Opera Master Class were held Saturday, January 7th, at the Steinway Piano Gallery in Wauwatosa. If you were not able to come on Saturday, please contact me immediately to schedule an alternate audition.

Thanks for all you do for MCC! Happy practicing! See you on Tuesday.

Mrs. Egger

Upcoming Rehearsal Schedule:

January

- 17 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt. with Ms. Lukic 6:30-7:00
- 18 - (Wednesday) Rehearsal with MSO. 6:30 pm call time. Uihlein Hall.
- 19 - (Thursday) Rehearsal with MSO. 6:30 pm call time. Uihlein Hall.
- 20 - (Friday) *Carmina Burana* concert with MSO, 8:00 pm concert. 8:00 pm call time. Uihlein Hall.
- 21 - (Saturday) *Carmina Burana* concert with MSO, 8:00 pm concert. 8:00 pm call time. Uihlein Hall.
- 22 - (Sunday) *Carmina Burana* concert with MSO, 2:30 pm concert. 2:30 pm call time. Uihlein Hall.
- 24 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt. with Ms. Lukic 6:30-7:00
- 28 - **(Saturday) Florentine Opera Studio Artists coach Jubilate soloists and hold a master class (30 minute sessions). Singers must audition January 7th to participate or have recommendation of Jubilate Director. ALL JUBILATE MEMBERS SHOULD ATTEND.**
- 31 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt. with Ms. Lukic 6:30-7:00

February

- 7 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt with Ms. Lukic 6:30-7:00
- 11 - (Saturday) MCC Sing-a-Thon, Bayshore Towne Center, 10:30-4:30. *Specific call time TBD.*
- 14 - Regular Rehearsal
- 17-19 **MINI TOUR (Friday after school to Sunday). Silver Lake College (SLC), Manitowoc Saturday for workshop, SLC concert Sunday, staying at Blue Harbor in Sheboygan. Bus will pick up after school Friday and return Sunday at 5:30 pm.**
- 21 - Regular Rehearsal
- 28 - Regular Rehearsal

March

- 6 - Regular Rehearsal / Open Rehearsal
- 13 - Regular Rehearsal
- 20 - Regular Rehearsal
- 27 - Regular Rehearsal

Office News

Rehearsal Cancellation Policy: With the snow finally upon us, we'd like to take this opportunity to remind you of our rehearsal cancellation policy. Please read through it below so everyone is prepared:

Rehearsal Cancellation Policy

It is very unusual for Milwaukee Children's Choir to cancel rehearsals due to inclement weather. That said, let's review MCC's closing procedures.

If you feel the roads are unsafe for travel, please know that your opinion is the one that counts. MCC staff members don't want anyone getting hurt on the way to a rehearsal. An absence due to slippery or unsafe road conditions will never be counted against your singer. ***Please follow standard absence procedures, however, and notify your rehearsal assistant that you will not be bringing your child to rehearsal.***

If MCC staff members feel that a rehearsal should be cancelled, we will do the following to get the word out:

- Post a notice of cancellation on the MCC website Members Only page at www.milwaukeechildrenschoir.org.
- Send out an email cancellation notice to all current families with email addresses registered in our system.
- Run public service announcements on Milwaukee's main TV channels – 4, 6, 12 and 58 under "Milwaukee County."

Sing-A-Thon: The Sing-A-Thon is a free community concert. Make sure it's on the calendars of your relatives, neighbors and friends! And, by all means, make sure the Sing-A-Thon on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012 is on your family's calendar. It's an event you won't want to miss!

MSO *Carmina Burana*, Enjoy MCC's Concert Ticket Discount! MCC's Jubilate is joining the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra and the Symphony Chorus to sing *Carmina Burana* January 20-22, 2012. Contact Stacy Mills at 414-226-7811 or millss@mso.org to order your tickets. Mention that you are a friend of Milwaukee Children's Choir and receive a 35% discount. Seats are limited, so call as soon as possible to secure your tickets!

*See you at rehearsals this week!
Scroll down for the Florentine Master Class
Information and Permission Slip.*



**Due from EVERY singer
 on or before Tues., Jan. 10, 2012**

Florentine Master Class, January 28, 2012

On Saturday, January 28, ALL Jubilate and MYC singers are scheduled to attend an event at the Florentine Opera Rehearsal Studio, which is at 926 E. Burleigh, Milwaukee. The Studio Artists from the Florentine will give all MCC and MYC singers who have been preparing solos and ensembles a 30-minute private lesson to work on their piece. Following their lesson, they will then have an opportunity to perform for the class, and then be critiqued by a Florentine Studio Artist. This is called a master class.

During the master class, the studio artists will give musical and vocal suggestions for the singers to try and ask the singers to make these changes/ corrections in front of the class. As a result, it is a learning experience for both audience and performers alike. Singers not performing that day can take the suggestions and apply them to their own music preparation for future performances—this is why we would like all singers to attend. They will have an opportunity to watch performances throughout the day. This event will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a 30-minute lunch. Singers should bring a bag lunch and drink. Once we have all singers scheduled, we will let you know if the day will be shortened and if they can be picked up earlier. **IF YOU KNOW OF ANY SCHEDULING CONFLICTS YOU HAVE ON THIS DAY, PLEASE DISCUSS THIS WITH YOUR ENSEMBLE MEMBERS AND COME UP WITH A TIME YOU CAN ALL BE THERE. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO ACCOMMODATE YOU, BUT WE WILL NEED TO KNOW AT LEAST A WEEK IN ADVANCE. THANK YOU.**

Finally, it is important that we mention that the Studio Artists would like our singers to come prepared on their music, so they can work solely on musicality and vocal techniques. This is what will truly make it a master class. They do not want to spend their time teaching notes and rhythms. The students should already have that work completed. Therefore, we will screen all of our singers prior to this event to ensure their preparedness.

ALL SINGERS: Complete the form below & turn in to your rehearsal assistant no later than Jan. 10.

Sincerely,
 Mrs. Egger and Mr. Clark

Florentine Master Class—Form due from ALL Jubilate & MYC singers on or before Jan. 10

Singer's Name _____ **Circle one:** Jubilate MYC

I understand that all Jubilate and MYC singers have been scheduled to attend a master class hosted by the Florentine Opera Studio Artists on Saturday, Jan. 28 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. I understand that I need to list any scheduling conflicts I have on that day so the ensembles can be scheduled. I also understand that I need to bring a bag lunch and drink.

Parent Signature _____

Scheduling Conflict(s) _____

Parent Chaperones Needed! I'm happy to enjoy the day with the kids and will bring a bag lunch (and perhaps a camera to capture memories?). Please contact me with details:

Parent's Name: _____ email: _____