



# Milwaukee Children's Choir

*Building Noteworthy Character*

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## MYC News

Hello Youth Chorale,

Thanks for your work at this week's rehearsal. I am looking forward to hearing our improvement next week! Have a great weekend. I really appreciate your attention to improvement! See you Tuesday.

### **Silver Lake College Mini Tour Has Been Changed a Wee Bit!**

Thank you for helping us make the Silver Lake Tour work. Your rallying really helped us out and is inspiring. It's now a Sunday-only road trip! **Please be sure to return the Silver Lake Tour form I gave you at rehearsal to rehearsal with you next week! No exceptions please!**

The repertoire for the Silver Lake gig will be:

*And the Night Shall be Filled with Music*  
*Just as the Tide Was Flowing*  
*The Banks O'Doon*  
*Dureme Negrito*  
*Cantique de Jean Racine*  
*Bill Baily*

Please be sure to keep that literature fresh and prepared. I will hear it periodically with the small group at Tuesday rehearsals to be sure we are all up to speed.

The schedule is as follows:

11:00am - Depart via Car Pool in comfortable travel clothes (bring bag lunch to eat on the way)  
1:00pm - Arrive at Silver Lake College  
1:15pm - Dress Rehearsal  
2:15pm - Change into concert Attire  
3:00pm - Concert (combination of fall concert rep. and Sing-A-Thon rep.+ solos?)  
4:15pm - Concert ends (change back into comfortable travel clothes)  
5ish - Eat Dinner as a group—be sure to bring cash to pay for your own dinner.  
6:30 (at the latest) Depart for home via Car Pool  
8:30 - Arrive home

Mrs. Bell and I have made personal phone calls to each of your homes verifying your availability for this Sunday-only trip. The only cost to you for this trip is dinner Sunday which will likely be a step up from fast food something like Noodles or Qdoba. I am hopeful this final adjustment will make it possible for you to join us and allow us to make this work. I appreciate your flexibility and dedication especially considering your amazingly busy schedules. Thanks again for all your work and commitment. **Because this trip has changed significantly from its original**

format, we ask that all participating singers please have their parents sign a NEW permission slip complete with updates. This new permission slip is attached to the end of this newsletter and is due no later than Tuesday, January 17th.

### **Dona Nobis Pacem – Study Help**

Cyberbass Web Site for Preparation regarding *Dona Nobis Pacem*.

The link to the cyberbass site for your *Hallelujah Chorus* preparation is at the link below.

[http://www.cyberbass.com/Major\\_Works/Williams\\_RV/williams\\_rv\\_DonaNobi.htm](http://www.cyberbass.com/Major_Works/Williams_RV/williams_rv_DonaNobi.htm)

**Florentine Master Class:** Please come and support your peers even if you aren't singing a solo piece for the Master Class. The event is for ALL choir members. The following students will be singing for the event.

Alicia Beiler - *Sure on This Shining Night* - Barber  
Lorna Gray - *Ich gehor nur mir* - Kunze  
Deme Hellwig - *Von Ewiger Liebe* – Brahms  
Katie Koester - *The Singer* – Head  
Billy Krager - *Come Away, Come Away, Death* – Finzi  
Lauren Smrz - *Le Berceaux* - Faure

The event's details are...

Florentine Opera Master class - Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 9am-3pm, at the Florentine Opera Rehearsal Studio, 926 E. Burleigh, Milwaukee. Bring a drink and a bag lunch.

**MSO Pops and Chorlyre Reminder:** A few of you still have not returned your MSO Holiday Pops music or Choralyres. We have been trying to collect this material since before the break (a month ago). Please be sure we have those materials from you by next week's rehearsal or you will be billed for those missing items.

### **January 17<sup>th</sup> Rehearsal Plan**

#### *Cantique de Jean Racine*

- Review beginning material on neutral syllable
- Learn new material from C-E

#### *Dureme Negrito*

- Review all and run the piece
- Start the process of memorization
- Solos will be heard next week

#### *Dona Nobis*

Review beginning of mvt. IV page 30  
New Material page 33-37

#### *Bill Baily*

Run

#### *And the Night*

Review and page 5 details  
Solidify Ending

Mr. Clark

## Upcoming Rehearsal Schedule:

### January

- 17 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt. with Ms. Lukic 6:30-7:00
- 24 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt. with Ms. Lukic 6:30-7:00
- 28 - **(Saturday) Florentine Opera Studio Artists have master classes (30 minute sessions) with MYC soloists. Singers must audition January 7th to participate or have recommendation of MYC Director. ALL MYC singers are expected to attend this invaluable master class.**
- 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 - MCC Sing-a-Thon, Bayshore Towne Center, 10:30-4:30. *Specific call time TBD.*
- 14 - Regular Rehearsal
- 19 **MINI Sunday-Only TOUR: Silver Lake College (SLC), Manitowoc. Depart by carpool at 11 a.m., dress rehearsal, concert, dinner and back to Milwaukee via carpool.**
- 21 - Regular Rehearsal
- 27 - (Monday) *Milwaukee Youth Music Celebration* Rehearsal, MYAC, 5-9 p.m. *Call time TBD.*
- 28 - Regular Rehearsal

### March

- 5 - (Monday) *Milwaukee Youth Music Celebration* Rehearsal, Elmbrook, (singer call time TBD)
- 6 - Regular Rehearsal
- 9 - (Friday) *Milwaukee Youth Music Celebration* Rehearsal, Elmbrook, time TBD
- 10 - (Saturday) Tentative MYMC Rehearsal, MYAC
- 11 - (Sunday) *Milwaukee Youth Music Celebration* Concert, 3:00 p.m., Elmbrook (call time TBD)
- 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](http://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 Florentine Master Class*  
*Information and Permission Slip AND the*  
*Updated Silver Lake College 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**MILWAUKEE YOUTH CHORALE**  
**SILVER LAKE COLLEGE DRESS REHEARSAL AND CONCERT**  
**Sunday, February 19, 2012**  
**Manitowoc, WI**

*Please sign the new permission slip attached and return  
no later than Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.*

**Schedule for Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012:**

- 11:00am - Depart via Car Pool in comfortable travel clothes (bring bag lunch to eat on the way). Car pool departure and arrival locations will be determined once we have a confirmed list of singers.
- 1:00pm - Arrive at Silver Lake College
- 1:15pm - Dress Rehearsal
- 2:15pm - Change into concert Attire
- 3:00pm - Concert (combination of fall concert rep. and Sing-A-Thon rep.+ solos?)
- 4:15pm - Concert ends (change back into comfortable travel clothes)
- 5ish - Eat Dinner as a group—be sure to bring cash to pay for your own dinner.
- 6:30 - (at the latest) Depart for home via Car Pool
- 8:30 - Arrive home

**What to Bring:**

- Complete formal uniform in a garment bag labeled with your name.
- Bag lunch with drink to eat on the way to Manitowoc.
- Cash for dinner (approx. \$15).
- Music
- Closed, labeled water bottle.

***Please sign this  
new permission slip and  
return by Tues., Jan 17th.***

**MYC PERMISSION SLIP  
SILVER LAKE COLLEGE GUEST ARTIST SERIES  
Dress Rehearsal and Concert  
Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012**

Singer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Attending rehearsal and concert

\_\_\_\_\_ Cannot attend (reason for absence) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Must deviate from the schedule (please describe below)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Each Youth Chorale singer is asked to bring a bag lunch to eat on the way up to Manitowoc AND enough cash (\$15?) for dinner at a restaurant such as Noodles or Qdoba.

I give my child permission to carpool to Manitowoc and back in order to attend the Silver Lake College rehearsal and concert on Feb. 19, 2012.

\_\_\_\_\_ (parent's signature)

**PARENT CHAPERONES/CARPOOLS NEEDED!** We will need carpool drivers and chaperones for Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING IF YOU ARE INTERESTED! Chaperones will assist with keeping an eye on the singers, keeping the singers on schedule, etc. The MCC office will contact you to confirm you as a chaperone/carpool driver.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am happy to be a carpool driver and chaperone for the Youth Chorale Sunday, Feb. 19.

\_\_\_\_\_ In addition to my own child, I have space in my car with seatbelts for \_\_\_\_\_ singers.

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_