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Cantabile News

Hello, Cantabile Families!

Thank you to everyone who brought in friends the past few weeks. We've added many new aspiring musicians to our ranks! Welcome! New members, you will receive your folder, music, MCC T-shirt and other materials once your registration paperwork is processed.

To prepare for Sing-A-Thon (which is on February 11), we have a **combined Cantabile rehearsal on Tuesday, February 7**. ALL Cantabile sites will rehearse at MYAC from 5:30-7:00 pm. For Cantabile Central, West, and North, this takes the place of your normal rehearsal (Cantabile East, yours is the same.) The combined rehearsal is our only chance to have everyone sing together before the day of Sing-A-Thon, so it's crucial that all singers attend. Per the MCC handbook (everyone received either a hard copy or a link to an electronic copy), students who miss one of the last two dress rehearsals just before a concert may not be able to perform in that concert (see page 29 in your handbook.) Parking can be an issue at MYAC, especially on combined rehearsal days, so please allow extra time in your travel plans and park in the Golda Meir parking lot on the corner of 4th and Galena Streets. Students should be in their seats in Discovery Hall at MYAC ready to begin at 5:30, not just coming in the door. We have such little time together that we need to make each second count! Thank you for your punctuality!

Please continue your at-home practicing. "Be Kind to Your Parents," should be memorized by next week! We've decided to save "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree" until the Spring concert, so you don't need to practice that one, just maybe look it over once or twice so we don't forget everything. Again, if you haven't received a practice CD, please let me know. **All music must be memorized by January 30!** See you next week!

All the best,

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Cantabile Rehearsal Sites:

Cantabile Central	Tuesdays	2:45-4:15 PM	Milwaukee Youth Arts Center (MYAC, downtown)
Cantabile East	Tuesdays	5:30-7:00 PM	Milwaukee Youth Arts Center (MYAC, downtown)
Cantabile West	Wednesdays	6:00-7:30 PM	Mt Carmel Lutheran (84 th and Center Sts.)
Cantabile North	Thursdays	5:30-7:00 PM	Mequon United Methodist

Upcoming Rehearsal Schedule:

January

Week of 16 th -	Regular Rehearsals
Week of 23 rd -	Regular Rehearsals
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Week of 30 -Feb. 3	Regular Rehearsals

February

Week of 6 th -	No Regular Rehearsals this week. Instead, we will have a COMBINED rehearsal on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at MYAC in preparation for the Sing-a-Thon (see below)
7 th	(Tuesday) COMBINED Cantabile Rehearsal, 5:30-7:00 pm, Discovery Hall, MYAC.
11 th -	(Saturday) MCC Sing-a-Thon, Bayshore Towne Center, 10:30-4:30. <i>Specific call time TBD.</i>
Week of 13 th -	Regular Rehearsals
Week of 20 th -	Regular Rehearsals
Week of 27-Mar. 2	Regular Rehearsals

March

Week of 5 th -	Regular Rehearsals / Open Rehearsal
Week of 12 th -	Regular Rehearsals
Week of 19 th -	Regular Rehearsals
Week of 26 th -	Regular Rehearsals

Office News

Sing-a-Thon Reminder: Please remember to talk with family, friends and neighbors about sponsoring your efforts during the Sing-A-Thon Feb. 11th. All January pledges are due with your pledge log sheet week after next. Let's shoot for 100% participation. 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!

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."

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!