



Milwaukee Children's Choir

Building Noteworthy Character

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MYC News

Dear MYC,

You did a fabulous job Tuesday night. Thank you for your hard work and improvement. Please keep up the fine preparation and let's keep working to have strong and focused rehearsals. Also please continue to be helpful and supportive to those around you and contribute in the most positive way possible at all times.

Don't forget that you can use the reference recordings I have provided on my Shorewood site <http://bit.ly/shorewoodvox> under the MYC tab. You may also find some of the songs on YouTube as some of them are available there too, especially *Banks O' Doon*. Good luck preparing.

MYC and MCC Facebook Pages

Please remember to become a friend of MYC and MCC on Facebook, as we will be posting these notes and other important information there each week to keep you informed.

Silver Lake College mini tour and New Orleans Trip

The deadline for turning in your trip paperwork was yesterday. Please look at your calendars and try to squeeze in the Silver Lake college tour if nothing else. If your concern is missing that Friday for school please contact the office and let them know so we can adjust our plan and include as many singers as possible. We are already committed to that event and people are already buying tickets to see you so please help us not let them down.

Rehearsal Plan – October 17

1. Ma Navu

- Finish learning this piece with the Hebrew and percussive effects.

2. Just as the Tide

- Review last section and work for independence without the piano and in mixed formation.

- Tenors please continue to practice your parts. Especially the ending of phrases on those E's. Be sure you sing them long enough to get tone and to use your head voice. Keep also working for more strength and confidence throughout.

- Everyone let's try to have the first three verses memorized before we leave next Tuesday.

3. Banks O' Doon

- The whole piece should be memorized when you arrive at rehearsal (it wasn't really last week)

- Sing the whole piece memorized in mixed formation.

- Work on better ensemble blend, balance, tuning and artistry.

4. Bill Baily

- Review memorization of the whole piece with appropriate style and artistry.

5. Hallelujah Chorus

- Learn the first half.

Have a great end to your week and weekend. I look forward to our progress on Tuesday.

Mr. Clark

Reminders from Mrs. Storck:

Milwaukee Ballet's *Nutcracker*

MCC will once again be singing for Milwaukee Ballet's *Nutcracker* performances in December. Hard copies of the sign-up form were handed out at rehearsal last week and are due by November 5. The paperwork was also sent out in an MCC e-news earlier this week. Please check your inbox if you need a copy. We hope each singer can commit to 5 *Nutcracker* performances.

Reminder: Mrs. Egger will again be offering assistance to singers who are interested in singing a solo for the Sing-a-Thon or the Florentine Opera Master Classes. We will not, however, pull singers out of choir rehearsals to work on solos this year. Instead, we ask singers to please make an appointment with Mrs. Egger to rehearse their solo piece between 6:30-7:00 on choir nights. This will begin in October. Also, if a singer would like some individual help on their choir music, they are encouraged to meet with Mrs. Egger individually to get help. As indicated on the calendar, we will begin offering vocal coaching in October. To make an appointment with Mrs. Egger, simply email her at: eegger@milwaukeechildrenschoir.org

Upcoming Rehearsal Schedule:

October

- 18 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt with Mrs. Egger 6:30-7:00
- 25 - Calendar Change: MYC will rehearse *Ma Navu* with Jubilate from 7-8 p.m. in Debut. MYC will be excused an hour early this evening (8 p.m.), Vocal Coaching by appt with Mrs. Egger 6:30-7:00

November

- 1 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt with Mrs. Egger 6:30-7:00
- 5 - (Saturday) Dress Rehearsal, Hales Corners Lutheran, 12300 West Jaynesville Rd., Hales Corners, WI, 9a-1p. MYC singer call time is 9:45 a.m. Dismissal is 12:30 p.m. Parent meeting 9:45-10:30 a.m. At least one parent should attend.
- 8 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt with Mrs. Egger 6:30-7:00
- 15 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt with Mrs. Egger 6:30-7:00
- 19 - (Saturday) MCC Autumn Concert "A Stroll Through the Countryside." 1:00 pm concert, Singer call time 12:00 p.m., Hales Corners Lutheran Church
- 22 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt with Mrs. Egger 6:30-7:00
- 29 - Regular Rehearsal (*Possible MSO Rehearsal would cause us to cancel regular rehearsal*)
- 30 - (Wednesday) Possible MSO Rehearsal for *Holiday Pops*

Office News

Share your time and talent and create a holiday tree or wreath for an auction to benefit Milwaukee Children's Choir! Each year, MCC hosts a silent auction at its first big concert of the season to help support MCC programming. Well, it's MCC holiday auction time and we are again offering miniature trees and holiday wreaths for silent auction. In this fundraiser, MCC provides a miniature tree/wreath, you supply the imagination, talent and decorations. Then we auction off the decorated trees/wreaths at our November 19th concert, *A Stroll Through the Countryside* and raise money for MCC. Undecorated trees and wreaths can be picked up during rehearsals on Tuesday, October 18th at the Milwaukee Youth Arts Center. If your child rehearses at either our Mequon or Mt. Carmel (west) site, please contact Mary to reserve your bare tree or wreath. This holiday auction has been a great success for MCC in past years, and with your help it can be an even greater success in 2011! Last year our undecorated trees and wreaths went fast, so reserve your tree or wreath now by sending Mary Murphy, Development and Finance Manager, an email. Last year we also had folks donating baskets filled with goodies for auction. If you prefer to donate a holiday gift basket, that is great. Please contact Mary Murphy at mmurphy@milwaukeechildrenschoir.org or 414-221-7040. And be prepared to bid on a tree or wreath at the concert—it's for a great cause!

Coming Next Week: Information on our second annual rehearsal site auction gift basket competition. We have a new tradition at MCC (only 1 year old) where the families at each choir rehearsal site compete to put together the best gift basket to offer for auction at our November concert. Beginning next week, each site's rehearsal assistant will have an empty basket at their check-in table ready to collect themed items from the site's members. We will unveil your site's basket theme next week so stay tuned! Have a basket theme suggestion for your site? Reply to this eNews email message and share your thoughts!

MCC Season Tickets Available Now! Orders due no later than October 28.

Find the order form at the end of this newsletter.

Why should you buy season tickets?

- *Guarantee your seat before shows sell out!*
- *Get the best seats in the house.*
- *Buy tickets now and be done with it - so convenient!*
- *Get a 15% discount!*
- *Add on tickets for friends and family at a reduced price and...*
- *Support the singers of MCC!*

Reporting Attendance: In order to be excused, your MCC Rehearsal Assistant must be notified via the absence button on the Members Only page of the MCC website (www.milwaukeechildrenschoir.org). Families without internet access may phone the MCC office at 414-221-7040 to report their child's absence. Failure to notify the Rehearsal Assistant of an absence will cause the absence to be unexcused.

Have a terrific weekend!