



Milwaukee Children's Choir

Building Noteworthy Character

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MYC News

Hello Youth Chorale,

Thank you for your flexibility with this week's rehearsal. I appreciate your cooperation and leadership. Please review our prior work and keep up the fine preparation. Also please continue 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 You Tube some of the songs as some of them are available there too, especially *Banks O' Doon*. Good luck preparing.

Silver Lake College mini tour and New Orleans Trip

The deadline for turning in your trip paperwork was two weeks ago. 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 let me know. We want to 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. Please see www.milwaukeechildrenschoir.org members only page, for the forms you need.

Make up Rehearsal

We have had terrific attendance this fall. Since that is the case I think we will only need one make up rehearsal. We are taking a poll to make best use of a rehearsal make up for those who will need it prior to the fall concert. The two available dates are:

- Thursday, November 10 from 7-9pm at Shorewood High School, 1701 E. Capitol Drive in Shorewood, Room 273 Performing Arts Building.

OR

- Saturday, November 12 from 10am to noon at Shorewood High School, 1701 E. Capitol Drive in Shorewood, Room 273 Performing Arts Building.

I will be passing out a survey on Tuesday so you can let me know your preference. The date in which the most singers are available will be the make up date.

Rehearsal Plan – November 1

1. Run our program of lit memorized
 - a. *Just as the Tide*
 - b. *Banks O' Doon*
 - c. *Bill Baily*
 - d. *Ma Navu*
2. Work on and correct any problems in that lit.
3. Work on two (or more) pieces for the Holiday Pops

Dress Rehearsal will be on Saturday, November 5 and is REQUIRED

Please don't forget the Fall Concert Dress Rehearsal will be on Saturday, November 5. **You will need to come in your concert attire!** We are asking you to do this so we have time to correct any problems with your concert attire in time for the concert and so none of us has to scramble at the last minute.

The details of your Dress Rehearsal participation are as follows:

- 9:45 AM – Call time
- 9:45-10:30 - Parent Meeting—at least one parent should attend
- 10:00-10:20 - All Choirs *Ma Navu*
- 10:20-11:45 - MYC Rehearsal (Bring all lit., including Holiday Pops stuff)
- 11:45-12:30 - MYC on stage alone
- 12:30-1:00 - Clean up and dismissal

*Don't stress over breakfast on Sat., Nov. 5th.
MCC volunteers will have continental breakfast
concessions available for sale in the Hales
Corners Lutheran Church lobby—coffee, juice,
baked goods, fruit and more—Arrive early, eat
a nutritious breakfast AND support MCC!*

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 to all treble singers and are due by November 5. The paperwork was also sent out in an earlier MCC e-news. 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:

November

- 1 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt with Mrs. Egger 6:30-7:00
- 5 - (Saturday) Dress Rehearsal, Hales Corners Lutheran, 12300 West Janesville 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. Continental breakfast concessions available for sale.
- 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, Also, MCC's Annual Meeting, Milwaukee Youth Arts Center, 6:30-7:00 PM. All are invited to attend.
- 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*

Have a great weekend. I look forward to our progress on Tuesday and Saturday.

Mr. Clark

Office News

MCC Season Tickets: Orders are due today, Friday, October 28. Season tickets will be mailed to homes the week of November 7th.

Individual November 19th Concert Tickets: Available from rehearsal assistants at all rehearsal sites!

Do You Know A Child Who Loves to Sing? MCC artistic staff members have decided to open MCC membership for ONE rehearsal the week after Thanksgiving. If you know a child who loves to sing and is interested in joining Milwaukee Children's Choir, please have them phone or email our office at 414-221-7040 or membership@milwaukeechildrenschoir.org. We will invite them to a rehearsal the week of November 28th and, if they are in 4th grade or above, allow them to audition immediately after that rehearsal!

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. 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!

Rehearsal Site Auction Gift Basket Competition: Join the fun. Here's 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. Each site's rehearsal assistant will have a basket at their check-in table ready to collect your donations of themed items. Read on for your site's theme!

- **Milwaukee Youth Chorale** ▯ ***Bed, Bath and Body***: Traditionally given to women but also enjoyed by men. Great for Christmas, birthdays, Mother's Day! Possible items to include—Rolled up towels, aromatherapy candles, bath salts, body lotions, shampoos, soaps, inflatable bath pillow, loofah sponge, bath mitt, massage oil, gift certificate to a spa or massage.

MSO Holiday Pops, Enjoy MCC's Concert Ticket Discount! MCC's Jubilate and the Milwaukee Youth Chorale are, once again, joining the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra and the Symphony Chorus in the annual sell-out *Holiday Pops* concerts this December. Contact Stacy Mills at 414-226-7811 or millss@mso.org to order your *Holiday Pops* 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!**

Milwaukee Ballet's *The Nutcracker*! Once again this year, Milwaukee Children's Choir's senior treble and select Cantabile singers have been given the great honor and opportunity to sing with the Milwaukee Ballet in ***The Nutcracker***. To order tickets for this holiday favorite, phone the Milwaukee Ballet box office at **414-902-2103** between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. **Tell Tracy or Leslie you are a friend of Milwaukee Children's Choir**, and you'll receive the MCC **20% discount!** They will be happy to place your order using any of the following credit cards: MasterCard, Visa, American Express or Discover. Tickets including tax and the 20% MCC discount range from \$23 - \$60 and will be mailed to the address you provide over the phone. MCC friends may also order tickets online at www.milwaukeeballet.org. **Use the promotional code "MCC"** to receive your discount. However, note that there is a Ticketmaster fee of \$6.75 per ticket and a handling fee of \$4 per order when ordering online.

Have a terrific weekend!