



Milwaukee Children's Choir

Building Noteworthy Character

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Cantabile News

Hello, Cantabile Families!

We had a great week of rehearsals! The polishing that we've been doing is really starting to pay off. Keep up the good work! Review the notes below (they're the same as last week) and keep practicing!

- Memorize "Good Cheer" verses. We need crisp, clear diction. Can someone who doesn't know the song understand your words?
- Long, tall vowels on "Manx Lullaby" – especially when we sing "cadul gu lo." Also remember to lighten up the top note of that phrase.
- Really pay attention to the dynamics (louds and softs) in "Autumn Vesper." Your director will be showing you the dynamics with her conducting, but you need to know them on your own too. ☺
- The Hebrew section of "Ma Navu" should be done all in one breath.

CONCERT IS NEXT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19!!!

Cantabile call time is 12:00 noon at Hales Corners Lutheran Church, 12300 W. Janesville Rd., Hales Corners. Please plan to arrive by 11:50 to allow time for parking in the lot East of the church, finding your way in, etc. Please make sure you have all necessary pieces for your singers' uniform; contact the office if you have any immediate problems. If your child plans on wearing a headband or other hair accessory for the concert, please make sure it matches their hair color. No big jewelry of any kind. We want a uniform look. Thank you!

NUTCRACKER SINGERS

Availability forms are due on **Saturday, November 19** if you haven't already sent them in. Singers received practice CDs with a full orchestra/chorus track as well as their individual parts. Please use these! We won't be spending much time on *Nutcracker* in rehearsal since not everyone is participating, so it's important that students keep practicing on their own.

Cantabile East singers, we rehearse in Hansberry Hall at MYAC this week. Keep following the hallway you normally go down to Discovery and turn right at the end of the hall. Thanks for your flexibility!

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday the 19th at 11:50am! (Reminder: there is NO rehearsal the week after the concert. Happy Thanksgiving!)

Sincerely,

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Cantabile Rehearsal Sites:

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| 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) |

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| 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:

November

Week of 14th - Regular Rehearsals

15th MCC's Annual Meeting, Milwaukee Youth Arts Center, 6:30-7:00 PM, Discovery Hall. All are invited to attend.

19th- (Saturday) MCC Autumn Concert "A Stroll Through the Countryside." 1:00 Concert, 12:00 p.m. singer call time, Hales Corners Lutheran Church, 12300 W. Janesville Rd., Hales Corners

Week of 21st - No Regular Rehearsals this week-- Happy Thanksgiving!

Week of Nov. 28 - Dec. 2 Regular Rehearsals

December

Week of 5th - Regular Rehearsals

10th - (Saturday) Solo Auditions at MYAC, 9am-12pm, 3pm-6pm

Week of 12th - Regular Rehearsals

Week of 19th - Winter Break - No rehearsals

Week of 26th - Winter Break - No rehearsals

Office News

MCC Season Tickets: Mailed home Friday, Nov. 11. Please watch your mailbox for their arrival (that is, if you ordered season tickets! 😊) Season ticket seats are first-come first-served within the reserved season ticket section. Arrive early for the best seats!

Individual November 19th Concert Tickets: Available from rehearsal assistants at all rehearsal sites and at the door the day of the concert. ALL tickets are general admission.

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! **Please make sure your friends pre-register for this rehearsal through the MCC office. Thanks!**

Holiday Trees and Wreaths for the Nov. 19th Silent Auction: Each year, MCC hosts a silent auction at its first big concert of the season to help support MCC programming. If you have decorated a tree or wreath or put together a gift basket for the silent auction, please take your completed item(s) to this week's rehearsal. Mary Murphy will pick up the items at each rehearsal site and deliver them to the concert. Questions? Contact Mary at mmurphy@milwaukeechildrenschoir.org or 414-221-7040.

How Do We Ensure a Successful Silent Auction Next Saturday? Bring lots of guests to the concert to hear how accomplished our singers have become, enjoy the festive autumn atmosphere, and be prepared to bid high and bid often—it's for a wonderful cause!

Rehearsal Site Auction Gift Basket Competition: This is the last week to make a donation to your rehearsal site auction gift basket. Each site's rehearsal assistant has a basket at their check-in table ready to collect a donation from each choir family. Read on for your site's theme!

- **Cantabile North** ☐ **Family Game Night:** Great family gift! Possible items to include—Board and card games, snacks, gift certificates to an arcade, etc.
- **Cantabile East** ☐ **Movie theme:** Great for birthdays! Possible items to include—Video, popcorn or pretzels, soda, or movie passes and coupon for free babysitting.

- **Cantabile West** ☐ **Badgers:** Great for Birthdays, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Father's Day! Possible items to include—Items with team logo such as hats, mugs, trading cards, coasters, beer or sports drink, snacks such as nuts, chips, microwave popcorn, sweatshirts, t-shirts, and maybe tickets.
- **Cantabile Central** ☐ **Table Setting:** Great for Hostess Gift, Birthdays! Possible items to include— Items with winter or Christmas theme such as placemats, cloth napkins, candles, wall hangings, center pieces, serving bowls,

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 Wonderful Weekend!