



**Milwaukee
Children's Choir**
Building Noteworthy Character

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Prelude News

Dear Prelude Families,

It is the last week before our opening concert of the season. We hope to see all of our Prelude singers in their rehearsal this week. The kids have worked very hard this fall and it will certainly pay off when they have a beautiful performance next week Saturday! Thank you to everyone who attended the dress rehearsal. It was a very successful practice. We were glad to see just about everyone in their uniform. Just a few reminders about the Prelude MCC uniform:

- 1) All singers should be wearing BLACK dress shoes and the girls should wear WHITE socks (ankle socks and no colored tights).
- 2) Boys should be wearing BLACK socks.
- 3) All singers should have their shirts tucked in, all buttons buttoned and no under-shirts showing.
- 4) Girls may not wear any colored accessories in their hair. Barrettes, head bands, and hair ties may only be worn if they are the same color as the child's hair. No bows please.

We ask for uniformity at our performance so that the audience is not distracted by individual singers, but rather sees and hears our groups as one sound. Thank you for your cooperation with our uniform and please see your child's rehearsal assistant with any concerns regarding the uniform.

Again, this is our last week before our concert. Please feel free to invite all friends and family, as well as your child's teachers to our performance on the 19th. We would love to sing for a full house next week! Have a great weekend and thank you for your support of MCC!

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Prelude Rehearsal Sites

Prelude East -	Tuesdays	6:00-7:00 PM	MYAC (Downtown)
Prelude West -	Wednesdays	4:45-5:45 PM	Mt. Carmel Lutheran (84 th & Center Sts.)
Prelude North -	Thursdays	5:15-6:15 PM	Mequon United Methodist

Upcoming Rehearsal Schedule:

November

Week of 14 th -	Regular Rehearsals PLUS Concert
15 th	MCC's Annual Meeting, Milwaukee Youth Arts Center, 6:30-7:00 PM. All are invited to attend.
19 th -	(Saturday) MCC Autumn Concert "A Stroll Through the Countryside" 1:00 pm concert, 12:00 singer call time, Hales Corners Lutheran Church, 12300 W. Janesville Rd., Hales Corners
Week of 21 st -	NO Regular Rehearsals this week--Happy Thanksgiving!
Week of 28-Dec. 2	Regular Rehearsals

December

Week of 5 th -	Regular Rehearsals
Week of 12 th -	Regular Rehearsals
Week of 19 th -	Winter Break - No rehearsals
Week of 26 th -	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!

- **Prelude North ☐ Book theme:** Great for birthdays, Christmas, Mother's Day, Father's Day! Possible items to include—Book, decorative bookmark, book light, snacks, candle.
- **Prelude East ☐ Cookie baker's basket:** Christmas, Birthdays, Halloween! Possible items to include—Seasonal cookie cutters (e.g. shaped like snowmen or stars for Christmas), Cookie Recipe - handwritten on a recipe card or printed on nice paper, rolled up and tied with a ribbon around it. Choose between a basket, mixing bowl, cookie jar or large tin for the container and stuff with color coordinated kitchen towel. Optional: Add special ingredients needed for recipe such as almond extract, mint chocolate chips, colorful sprinkles, etc.
- **Prelude West ☐ Chocolate gift basket:** Great for Valentines Day, Easter, Anniversary, Birthdays! Possible items to include—Truffles, assorted chocolate covered anything, hot chocolate, chocolate stir sticks or spoons, goes nice with gourmet coffee.

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!