



Milwaukee
Children's Choir
Building Noteworthy Character

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MYC News

Hello Youth Chorale,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful, relaxing, safe and fun break! I look forward to our upcoming work Tuesday and over the next few weeks.

The first two weeks in January are **BRING A FRIEND weeks!**

Do you know other high school students who love to sing? MCC members are invited to bring a singing friend or friends who are interested in joining MYC second semester. Invite your friends to rehearsal either of the following weeks:

Week of Jan. 2 OR Week of Jan. 9, 2012

Please make sure to introduce your friends to your rehearsal assistant when they arrive.

Sing-a-Thon Reminder: Please return your December Sing-a-Thon pledge sheet complete with pledges to rehearsal this week. The MYC singer that brings in the most donations from December will receive a prize! I would also like to see a huge improvement in Youth Chorale participation in this event this year. Let's shoot for 100% participation. Stay tuned for prize-winning info!

Don't forget auditions for Sing-A-Thon and the Florentine Opera Masterclass are this coming Saturday, January 7th, at the Steinway Piano Gallery in Wauwatosa. Please email Penny Fichtner, Artistic Administrator at pfichtner@milwaukeechildrenschoir.org to schedule your audition. If you are not able to come on Saturday, please contact me immediately to schedule an alternate audition. Please remember we can't do alternate auditions for everyone so please be sure to try to make January 7th work.

Silver Lake College Mini Tour Has Been Changed a Wee Bit!

Please be sure to check your schedules and reconsider joining us for this event. We will not miss school Friday, but will leave right after school Friday. We are short of a balanced group to do this event. We simply need more people. Please consider joining us. It's going to be a blast! See the attached updated tour information and permission slip at the end of this newsletter!

Nutcracker Recap and Thank You:

Treble Singers, Thanks for your positive contribution to the *Nutcracker* this past few weeks. Parent volunteers, we couldn't have done it without you! Singers sounded stronger and more confident than ever. Kudos to you!

Cyberbass Web Site for Preparation regarding *Dona Nobis Pacem*.

The link to the cyberbass site for your *Hallelujah Chorus* preparation is at the link below.

http://www.cyberbass.com/Major_Works/Williams_RV/williams_rv_DonaNobi.htm

Mr. Clark

Upcoming Rehearsal Schedule:

January

- 3 - Regular Rehearsal / **Bring a Friend** / Vocal Coaching by appt. with Ms. Lukic 6:30-7:00 / Open Rehearsal
- 7 - **(Saturday) Solo Auditions for Florentine Master Class and Sing-A-Thon at the Steinway Piano Gallery. Email Mrs. Fichtner at pfichtner@milwaukeechildrenschoir.org for an audition time.**
- 10 - Regular Rehearsal / **Bring a Friend** / Vocal Coaching by appt. with Ms. Lukic 6:30-7:00 / Open Rehearsal
- 14 - (Saturday) New Auditions at MYAC, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. This is the final call for new singers to join MCC for the 2nd semester. New Parent Meeting 9:45-10:45 a.m. Vocal Coaching and Soloists work with accompanist at MYAC, 12-3 p.m.
- 17 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt. with Ms. Lukic 6:30-7:00
- 24 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt. with Ms. Lukic 6:30-7:00
- 28 - **(Saturday) Florentine Opera Studio Artists have master classes (30 minute sessions) with MYC soloists. Singers must audition January 7th to participate or have recommendation of MYC Director. ALL MYC singers are expected to attend this invaluable master class.**
- 31 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt. with Ms. Lukic 6:30-7:00

February

- 7 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt with Ms. Lukic 6:30-7:00
- 11 - MCC Sing-a-Thon, Bayshore Towne Center, 10:30-4:30. *Specific call time TBD.*
- 14 - Regular Rehearsal
- 17-19 **MINI TOUR (Friday after school to Sunday). Silver Lake College (SLC), Manitowoc Saturday for workshop, SLC concert Sunday, staying at Blue Harbor in Sheboygan. Bus will pick up after school Friday and return Sunday at 5:30 pm.**
- 21 - Regular Rehearsal
- 27 - (Monday) *Milwaukee Youth Music Celebration* Rehearsal, MYAC, 5-9 p.m. *Call time TBD.*
- 28 - Regular Rehearsal

March

- 5 - (Monday) *Milwaukee Youth Music Celebration* Rehearsal, Elmbrook, (singer call time TBD)
- 6 - Regular Rehearsal
- 9 - (Friday) *Milwaukee Youth Music Celebration* Rehearsal, Elmbrook, time TBD
- 10 - (Saturday) Tentative *MYMC* Rehearsal, MYAC
- 11 - (Sunday) *Milwaukee Youth Music Celebration* Concert, 3:00 p.m., Elmbrook (call time TBD)
- 13 - Regular Rehearsal
- 20 - Regular Rehearsal
- 27 - Regular Rehearsal

Office News

Sing-A-Thon: 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!

December Sing-A-Thon pledge logs and pledges are due no later than this week at rehearsals.

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 mills@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!
Scroll down for UPDATED Mini Tour
Information and Permission Slip AND
Florentine Master Class Information and
Permission Slip.



**Due from EVERY singer
on or before Tues., Jan. 10, 2012**

Florentine Master Class, January 28, 2012

On Saturday, January 28, ALL Jubilate and MYC singers are scheduled to attend an event at the Florentine Opera Rehearsal Studio, which is at 926 E. Burleigh, Milwaukee. The Studio Artists from the Florentine will give all MCC and MYC singers who have been preparing solos and ensembles a 30-minute private lesson to work on their piece. Following their lesson, they will then have an opportunity to perform for the class, and then be critiqued by a Florentine Studio Artist. This is called a master class.

During the master class, the studio artists will give musical and vocal suggestions for the singers to try and ask the singers to make these changes/ corrections in front of the class. As a result, it is a learning experience for both audience and performers alike. Singers not performing that day can take the suggestions and apply them to their own music preparation for future performances—this is why we would like all singers to attend. They will have an opportunity to watch performances throughout the day. This event will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a 30-minute lunch. Singers should bring a bag lunch and drink. Once we have all singers scheduled, we will let you know if the day will be shortened and if they can be picked up earlier. **IF YOU KNOW OF ANY SCHEDULING CONFLICTS YOU HAVE ON THIS DAY, PLEASE DISCUSS THIS WITH YOUR ENSEMBLE MEMBERS AND COME UP WITH A TIME YOU CAN ALL BE THERE. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO ACCOMMODATE YOU, BUT WE WILL NEED TO KNOW AT LEAST A WEEK IN ADVANCE. THANK YOU.**

Finally, it is important that we mention that the Studio Artists would like our singers to come prepared on their music, so they can work solely on musicality and vocal techniques. This is what will truly make it a master class. They do not want to spend their time teaching notes and rhythms. The students should already have that work completed. Therefore, we will screen all of our singers prior to this event to ensure their preparedness.

ALL SINGERS: Complete the form below & turn in to your rehearsal assistant no later than Jan. 10.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Egger and Mr. Clark

Florentine Master Class—Form due from ALL Jubilate & MYC singers on or before Jan. 10

Singer's Name _____ **Circle one:** Jubilate MYC

I understand that all Jubilate and MYC singers have been scheduled to attend a master class hosted by the Florentine Opera Studio Artists on Saturday, Jan. 28 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. I understand that I need to list any scheduling conflicts I have on that day so the ensembles can be scheduled. I also understand that I need to bring a bag lunch and drink.

Parent Signature _____

Scheduling Conflict(s) _____

Parent Chaperones Needed! I'm happy to enjoy the day with the kids and will bring a bag lunch (and perhaps a camera to capture memories?). Please contact me with details:

Parent's Name: _____ email: _____



Updated MCC SENIOR CHOIR MINI TOUR

- **For all members of MYC**
- **Food, Fun, Music, Water Park, Friends and a Concert!**
- **FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL through Sunday, Feb. 17-19, 2012**
- **Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan and Silver Lake College in Manitowoc**

Come join us for the MCC senior choirs' mini tour. Enjoy time with your choir friends and directors as we enjoy Blue Harbor Resort on Friday night, participate in a Kodaly workshop at Silver Lake College on Saturday, and conclude the weekend with a concert at Silver Lake College on Sunday afternoon.

On Friday, a bus will pick up the singers after school (specific time and location TBD). Singers should arrive in street clothes, with a water bottle, and a bag of clothes and toiletries for the weekend. We will ride the bus to Blue Harbor Resort.

"What to bring list" will be provided at a later date. We are still finalizing the activities.

Below you will find a tentative schedule for the weekend.

Friday, Feb. 17 - Schedule:

Please arrive on time.

Approx. 4:30 Exact time TBD. Meet bus for drive to Blue Harbor followed by group meeting, room assignments, luggage to rooms, dinner, rehearsal, water park, etc.

Saturday, Feb. 18 - Schedule

7:00 am	Rise and shine
7:15	Continental breakfast in condo, put on MCC t-shirt and jeans
8:30	Bus departs for Silver Lake College
9-10:45	Dalcroze Eurhythmics Workshop with Fumi Nishikiori
10:45-11:30	Lunch and bathroom breaks (bring in subs)
11:30-1	Rehearse in Chapel
1:30 pm	Bus departs Silver Lake College to return to Blue Harbor
2-4	Supervised free time (waterpark or alternate activities TBD)
5-6	Meeting rooms – (sight reading, singing games, rehearse, team building)
6:15	Bus to Highland House for Mexican dinner buffet
8:30	Return to Blue Harbor
8:30-10:15	Free time in condos—Organized activities to choose from
10:15	Pajamas on, brush teeth, wind down
10:30	Lights out.

Sunday, Feb. 19 - Schedule

9:00	Rise and shine
9:30	Breakfast in condos (pancakes, eggs, TBD)
9:30-11:00	Shower, pack up, clean condos, dress in formal uniform
11:00	Lunch - TBD
12:15	Bus departs for Silver Lake College.
1-3:00	Rehearse at Silver Lake College
3-4:15	Visiting Artist Series Concert, featuring Milwaukee Children's Choir, Silver Lake College, Manitowoc
4:45	Bus departs Silver Lake College to return to MYAC, snacks provided on bus
5:45	Bus arrives at MYAC

Approximate Cost: \$150-\$175 per singer (depends on number of participants)

Contract and Payment Plan:

Singers interested in attending our Wisconsin Mini Tour must submit the attached contract and down payment of \$100 no later than October 11, 2011.

Payment schedule for Wisconsin Mini Tour:

Tuesday, October 11, 2011- \$100.00 due

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011- \$50.00 due

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2011- final balance due

Hotel Accommodations/ Chaperones:

Blue Harbor Resort, 725 Blue Harbor Drive, Sheboygan, WI

We will be staying in the condos, which include full kitchens, dining rooms, and great rooms (see condo layouts attached).

2 Bedroom Condos will sleep 8 singers and 2 adult chaperones (adults will sleep on the pull-out sleeper/sofa in the great room).

4 Bedroom Condos will sleep 12 singers and 2 adult chaperones (adults will sleep on the pull-out sleeper/sofa in the great room).

Ticket Information for Sunday Concert

Any families who are interested in purchasing tickets for the Visiting Artist Music Series Concert featuring Milwaukee Children's Choir, at Silver Lake College, may order tickets by calling Silver Lake College at (920) 686-6173. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors.

The concert will be held at:

Silver Lake College of the Holy Family Chapel
2406 S. Alverno Rd.
Manitowoc, WI

Please see the attached brochure from Silver Lake College for more details.

Sunday Worship

If parents wish to take their child to worship on Sunday morning, we welcome you to pick your child up from the Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan and bring them directly to Silver Lake College in Manitowoc by 1:00 p.m. for our dress rehearsal before the concert. Please fill out the attached paperwork to properly check your child out of our care.



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**SILVER LAKE COLLEGE
MINI TOUR - MYC
PERMISSION SLIP**

Singer's Name _____

____ Attending Retreat

____ Cannot attend (reason for absence) _____

____ Must deviate from the Retreat Schedule (please describe on back of permission slip.)

Enclose a check payable to "MCC" for \$100.00. This will be your down payment for the Mini Tour. Your check allows us to pay for overnight lodging, pizza party, other meals, bussing and other activity expenses. Return this form BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011 to 158 N. Broadway, Milwaukee, WI 53202 or submit Mini Tour paperwork to your Rehearsal Assistant.

I give my child permission to attend the MCC Senior Choir Retreat on Feb. 17-19, 2012.

_____ (parent's signature)

PARENT CHAPERONES NEEDED! We will need overnight chaperones to make this Mini Tour possible (males and females). PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CHAPERONING! Chaperones will assist with keeping an eye on the singers, keeping the singers on schedule, and setting out and cleaning up meals (possibly some light cooking). The MCC office will contact you to confirm you as a chaperone.

_____ I am happy to chaperone the MCC Senior Choir Mini Tour Friday night through Sunday.

Select one below:

_____ I will drive my own vehicle to and from Blue Harbor.

_____ I will ride the bus to Blue Harbor and back again. (We do need chaperones on the bus.)

Parent's Name _____

Parent's Email _____

Parent's Cell Phone _____