



Milwaukee Children's Choir

Building Noteworthy Character

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MYC News

Hello Youth Chorale,

Thank you for your cooperation with Ms. Egger Tuesday night and your work when I arrived from my open house. Again, I am pleased with our progress although we still have a number of challenges ahead of us for the year. It was clear that some of you worked out some troublesome spots in *Bill Baily*, now I would like you to focus on the *Just as the Tide* as that is our most challenging piece for the fall concert. Work toward detail regarding the other pieces will happen over the coming weeks including, attention to ensemble blend, balance, tuning and nuance, as well as textual sensitivity. You are doing great work each week! I look forward to your work on Tuesday.

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.

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.

Attendance

A reminder that in order to perform in any concert you need to attend at least 75% of the rehearsals. I will be planning for a few make up rehearsals to help you reach that number, as I understand how incredibly busy you are. In addition, please take the time to let us know if you will miss a rehearsal. My knowing who will be in attendance at rehearsal from week to week does affect how I plan rehearsals. I really appreciate it when you take the time to communicate your absences in advance when you can.

Rehearsal Plan – September 20

1. Just as the Tide

- Continue to work on pitch and rhythmic accuracy.
- Work toward being able to sing through the entire piece without stopping
- Work toward the a run through accapella

2. Banks O' Doon

- Work for more accuracy of pitch and rhythm throughout with special focus on ensemble and balance in times of dissonance.

- Stronger independence and sensitivity to phrasing, text, dynamics and artistry
- Start learning the third verse

3. Bill Baily

- Review
- Focus on Details of style, dynamics, balance, blend and work toward memorization.

Have a great end to your week. I look forward to seeing you next week.

Mr. Clark

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

Please be aware we have been experiencing some glitches with our MCC emails. If you have emailed one of us and have not received a response, please call Carol Storck, Artistic Director, to let me know. Her phone number is (262) 707-5095.

Upcoming Rehearsal Schedule:

September

- 17 - (Saturday) New Auditions at MYAC, 12:00p- 1:00p. This is the final call for new singers to join MCC for the 1st semester.
- 20 - Regular Rehearsal
- 27 - Regular Rehearsal / Florentine Studio Artist Presentation, 7:15-7:45 (parents welcome). Rehearsal will end at usual time of 9:00 p.m.

Office News

MCC Website: Thanks for your patience while we did a bit of maintenance on our website last weekend. We were down for several days but are back up and running. Please see our website at www.milwaukeechildrenschoir.org for the latest information. The Member's Only page is a great place to go if you have MCC questions!

MCC Email: Our email system was also down last weekend for maintenance. If you have sent a staff member an email that they have not yet responded to, please resend now or contact the office at 414-221-7040 for assistance.

Open Enrollment: MCC open enrollment closes tomorrow (Saturday, Sept. 17). If you have a friend at school, church, or in the neighborhood that loves to sing, they will have another opportunity to join MCC after Thanksgiving or at the beginning of January (depending on the choir site). Please have your friends contact the MCC office at 414-221-7040 or membership@milwaukeechildrenschoir.org to learn more.

Choir Handbook: Our choir handbook will come to you via email by Monday. It will also be posted on our website.