



Milwaukee Children's Choir

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Cantabile News

Hello, Cantabile Families!

My name is Emily Fazio and I'm very happy to be the Cantabile Coordinator this year. Each week I'll be giving you updates about Cantabile rehearsals, announcements, and upcoming events in this newsletter. Please take a few moments each week to read it through. Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have throughout the year!

We have two Cantabile directors this year, myself and Theresa Witt. Mrs. Witt directs our Cantabile North site, and I'm the director for Central, East, and West (also Prelude West.) Our four groups rehearse separately and come together for combined rehearsals and performances (see your calendar for those dates.) In addition to the director, each site has a rehearsal assistant who handles attendance and paperwork, and generally keeps us organized. ☺ We've got excellent returning singers and lots of great new voices at all our sites, so we have high expectations for Cantabile this year!

This week in rehearsals we learned a two-part round and started two of our Fall concert pieces. We also reviewed some solfege and music reading basics. If your singer is new and feeling overwhelmed by all this, don't worry! We're going to be working on music literacy a lot this year, so he/she will have plenty of time to catch up.

Just a few reminders about our Cantabile rehearsals:

1. Please arrive 5-10 minutes before the rehearsal start time. For example, if rehearsal starts at 5:30, students should be in their seats ready to sing at that time, not just coming in. If you rehearse at MYAC, please allow extra time to find parking. We have precious little time with our singers and want every minute of it to count!
2. Singers should use the bathroom before rehearsal (another reason to come early!) Bathroom breaks aren't given during rehearsal except in the case of emergencies.
3. Students received black folders at this week's rehearsal, containing their music, reference sheets, pencil, etc. These folders need to accompany your singer to rehearsal every week!
4. Cantabile East families only – make sure your singer has their red "SINGER" badge with them at all times in MYAC. Flash your badge at the front desk worker when you enter the building to let them know you're part of our group. Parents, please plan to pick your child up from the rehearsal room (as opposed to the commons or front lobby area) and make sure you make contact with either the director or the rehearsal assistant before you leave with your child.
5. All singers should take time between weekly rehearsals to practice their music. After our next rehearsal singers will take home practice CDs with full (voice and piano) and piano-only recordings of our music. Use these to help with your at-home practice. Many people keep this CD in their cars and listen to it on the way to and from school and rehearsals. Others put it on their MP3 player – both are great options!

Please contact me with any questions you may have. E-mail is usually the best way to reach me, (efazio@milwaukeechildrenschoir.org) but you can always call me as well: (608) 386-7908.

We've got so many wonderful voices in Cantabile – Mrs. Witt and I are looking forward to a terrific year! Thank you for sharing your singers with us!

Sincerely,

Emily Fazio
Cantabile Coordinator

Mandatory Parent Meeting: Next Saturday, September 17, 11:00-12:00 at the Milwaukee Youth Arts Center.

Cantabile Rehearsal Sites

Cantabile Central	Tuesdays	2:45-4:15 PM	Milwaukee Youth Arts Center (MYAC)
Cantabile East	Tuesdays	5:30-7:00 PM	Milwaukee Youth Arts Center (MYAC)
Cantabile West	Wednesdays	6:00-7:30 PM	Mt Carmel Lutheran (Tosa)
Cantabile North	Thursdays	5:30-7:00 PM	Mequon United Methodist

Upcoming Rehearsal Schedule:

September

Week of 5 th -	Regular Rehearsals / Bring a Friend / Open Rehearsal (Cantabile Central and East on Tuesdays, Cantabile West on Wednesdays, Cantabile North on Thursdays)
Week of 12 th -	Regular Rehearsals / Bring a Friend / Open Rehearsal
17 th -	(Saturday) Cantabile Retreat at MYAC, 9 am – 12 pm Parent Meeting for all Cantabile Families 11:00 am - 12:00 pm New Auditions at MYAC, 12:00p- 1:00p. This is the final call for new singers to join MCC for the 1 st semester.
Week of 19 th -	Regular Rehearsals
Week of 26 th -	Regular Rehearsals

Office News

MCC Website & Email: Please note that the MCC website is scheduled to go down Friday afternoon, Sept. 9 for maintenance. It could be back up within two hours...or it could take two days! Please be patient with us as we make some necessary upgrades. In the meantime, if you have questions, please call the office at 414-221-7040 or Mr. Clark.

Open Enrollment: MCC has one more week of open enrollment. If you have a friend at school, church, or in the neighborhood that loves to sing, please have them contact MCC for membership at 414-221-7040 or membership@milwaukeechildrenschoir.org. Or better yet, bring them to next week's rehearsal!

Choir Handbook: Our choir handbook will come to you via email within the next week. It will also be posted on our website.