



2011-2012 Season

WE ARE MCC!

Dear Parent,

Harmony

Songbirds

Prelude

Cantabile

Jubilate

Milw. Youth Chorale

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Thank you for your interest in the Milwaukee Children's Choir's early childhood music program entitled **Songbirds**. Milwaukee Children's Choir is Southeastern Wisconsin's premiere professional children's choir. It has programs for children of all school ages, from grades K4-12. Rehearsals are educational, child centered, age appropriate, and fun, and teach not only music but also important life skills such as poise, self-confidence, self-discipline, focus, memory, problem solving, and teamwork. Our middle and high school singers have performed with professional organizations such as Present Music, the Milwaukee Ballet, the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, and have toured in North America, Europe and Asia.

Songbirds is MCC's early childhood music program for children in grades K4 and K5. Music instruction at this level is non-performance based. Children participate in 30-minute weekly classes for 12 weeks per semester (total of 24 weeks for the season if you register for both semesters), where they are exposed to the fundamentals of music, which prepare them for music literacy. Emphasis is placed on singing, but children do not yet sing in choral formation. Children sit in a circle with the teacher, while parents observe from the back of the class, so they may reinforce the learning at home.

Music and neurological researchers agree that singing to a child during early childhood is not only an excellent means to bond with the child, it is also a necessary method to stimulate the child's brain development. In our **Songbirds** program, children sing authentic folk songs and enjoy participating in singing and reciting finger plays, action songs, pitch exploration activities, movement exploration activities, circle games, and steady beat activities. Teaching aides such as puppets, scarves, parachutes, and rhythm instruments add to the fun of learning music, which is taught in a child-appropriate, playful manner. These fun, educational activities help children with language development, small and large motor skills, and social skills. They also pave the way for the literacy-based music instruction, vocal development, and performance experiences, which will be introduced at MCC's Prelude Choir level, which is for children in grades 1-3.

Classes meet weekly for 30 minutes for total of 12 classes per semester. Our curriculum is designed to run the length of the season, which is 2 semesters and a total of 24 classes. For families registering for the fall, we highly recommend parents register for both semesters to ensure their child a spot for second semester!

If you have any questions regarding our **Songbirds** program or the Milwaukee Children's Choir, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to having you join our MCC family.

Sincerely,
Walt Boyer
Artistic Advisor



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REGISTRATION FORMS 2011-2012 (1 of 3) REGISTRATION AGREEMENT SONGBIRDS (6/15/11)

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 Distribution List

Singer Information

Name _____
Gender (Circle one) M F Grade in Fall 2011 _____ Child's Date of Birth _____
Lives with: both parents mother father other _____
(please list relationship)

Parent Information

Name _____
Address (if different than above): _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone Numbers: Home _____ Cell _____ Work: _____
Email address(es) _____
(for receipt of newsletters & other MCC communications)

Emergency Contact *Must be completed. Parents/guardians are expected to observe from the back of the class so they may reinforce the learning at home. If for some reason the parent or guardian is not present, the person indicated below will be contacted.*

Name _____ Home Phone (____) _____
Relationship to member _____ Cell or Work Phone (____) _____

FOR PARENT/GUARDIAN:

From time to time MCC provides other arts organizations with names and addresses (including email addresses) of MCC families. Names of minors are not released. And under no circumstances does MCC sell its lists to others. By signing below I agree to the release of this information.

BY SIGNING BELOW I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE TERMS OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:

- SONGBIRDS TUITION AGREEMENT (12/21/11, page 2 of 3)
- MEDIA RELEASE (3/15/11, page 3 of 3)

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name _____

The following is optional and collected for grant and reporting application purposes only:

Please indicate child's ethnicity:
 Black or African American Asian White
 Hispanic or Latino American Indian or Alaska Native
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 Two or More Races, please specify _____





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REGISTRATION FORMS 2011-2012 (2 of 3)
TUITION AGREEMENT
Songbirds
 (12/21/11)

We, the parents/guardians of _____ wish to enroll him/her in MCC's early music education program, Songbirds. **MCC TUITION IS CHARGED FOR THE FULL 12 WEEKS (second semester) AND IS NON-REFUNDABLE AFTER JANUARY 1, 2012 for the second semester, EVEN IN THE EVENT THE CHILD LEAVES THE PROGRAM BEFORE THE END OF THE 12 WEEK SESSION.**

This agreement is made with the Milwaukee Children's Choir for the benefit of the above named member with their parents/guardians on their behalf. As legal guardians we accept total responsibility for the payment of tuition for him/her for said period (September 2010-June 2011) through the following terms:

SEMESTER & CLASS LOCATION ►

You have the option to enroll your singer for one or both semesters. Please place an "X" next to the appropriate semester:

<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>Class Location</i>
_____	_____	Songbirds East: Milwaukee Youth Arts Center, 325 W. Walnut, Milwaukee Tuesdays, 5:15 – 5:45 pm. <i>Second Semester Classes:</i> Feb 7, 14, 21, 28; Mar 6, 13, 20, 27; Apr 17, 24; May 1, 8
_____	_____	Songbirds North: Mequon United Methodist Church, 11011 N. Oriole Ln., Mequon Thursdays, 4:30 – 5 pm. <i>Second Semester Classes:</i> Jan 5, 12, 26; Feb 2, 9, 16, 23; Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

TUITION

TUITION FEE (\$160 for 2nd semester) _____
 \$30 ENROLLMENT FEE (one time payment for new members only) _____
 DONATION: Tuition covers less than half the cost of MCC programming. Can you donate to MCC today? (tax deductible) _____
 Less Sibling Discount (if applicable, \$10 per singer/per semester) (_____)
 TOTAL DUE _____

Office Use Only		
Ck #	Date	Amt
pymt	_____	_____
pymt	_____	_____

*Payments can be made with cash, check, or credit card (Visa, Mastercard or Discover).
 Tuition and enrollment fees are non-refundable. A \$30.00 fee will be assessed in the case of a non-sufficient funds check.*

PAYMENT METHOD ► Circle Payment Method: **MasterCard** **Visa** **Discover** **Personal Check**

If Credit Card for full balance or any part: # _____
 Expiration Date ____/____ Three digit verification number from back of card _____
 Name as it appears on credit card _____
 Is the credit card billing address the same as your home address? _____
 If not, list credit card billing address: _____

➔ **ALL MUST SIGN:** Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____
 (If credit card is used for payment, the named credit card holder must sign.)