



Milwaukee Children's Choir

Building Noteworthy Character

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REGISTRATION PACKET 2010 - 2011

Thank you for your interest in Milwaukee Children's Choir –
and welcome to MCC "paperwork central"!

Attached are the Registration Forms for MCC's 2010-2011 season (8 pages total).

RETURNING SINGERS:

- For current 3rd grade Prelude singers and returning senior choir singers (Cantare, Jubilate, Youth Chorale): You must audition in order to register. If you don't have an appointment, please call 414.221.7040 or email membership@milwaukeechildrenschoir.org.
- Returning Prelude: Simply mail or drop off the completed registration forms with your payment to the MCC office – 158 N. Broadway, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

NEW SINGERS: The next step for most singers is to set up an audition. We are child-centered and age appropriate, so don't let the word "audition" scare you! Indeed, singers in grades 1-3 going into Prelude Choir are asked to simply preview the choir and meet a director. You can read more about the audition process on our website. If you are new, please contact us by email (membership@milwaukeechildrenschoir.org) or by phone (414-221-7040) to set up a time to audition/preview.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!

According to the Chorus America 2009 Impact Study:

- 70% of parents said their child has become more self-confident, more self-disciplined, and has developed better memory skills since joining a choir;
- 80% of educators surveyed agree with parent assessments that choir participation can enhance numerous aspects of a child's social development and academic success, including better grades.





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REGISTRATION FORMS 2010-2011 (1 of 8) REGISTRATION AGREEMENT

(4/12/10)

Office use only: ___ DB
 ___ QB
 ___ Distribution List

Singer Name: _____

Choir Level: _____ Choir site: _____

FOR PARENT/GUARDIAN: I am a parent or guardian of the singer named above. I have discussed MCC membership with the singer and want the singer to participate in MCC programming for the 2010-2011 season.

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:

- MEMBER INFORMATION FORM (4/12/10, page 2 of 8)
- TUITION AGREEMENT (4/12/10, page 3 of 8)
- TUITION SCHEDULE (4/12/10, page 4 of 8)
- MEDIA RELEASE (4/12/10, page 5 of 8)
- MEDICAL RELEASE (4/12/10, page 6 of 8)
- CODE OF CONDUCT (4/9/09, pages 7 and 8 of 8)

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name _____

FOR SINGER: I have discussed MCC membership with my family, including the Code of Conduct, and want to participate in MCC programming for the 2010-2011 season. I will do my best to help MCC be successful.

Child's Signature _____ Date _____

Child's 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 _____

T-shirt Size *Each singer will receive one t-shirt on the first day of rehearsal. Note: Youth-sized shirts run a bit short.*

Circle one size below:

Youth Small (6/8)	Youth Medium (10/12)	Youth Large (14/16)		
Adult Small	Adult Medium	Adult Large	Adult XL	Adult 2XL



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REGISTRATION FORMS 2010-2011 (2 of 8)
MEMBER INFORMATION

(4/12/10)

Office Use Only: Choir Site: _____

Singer's Name _____ Home Phone (____) _____
(as you would like it to appear in concert programs)

Address _____
street address city state zip

Parent and Older Singer Email address(es) _____
(for receipt of weekly newsletters & other MCC communications)

Lives with: ___both parents ___mother ___father ___other _____
(please list relationship)

Gender (Circle one) M F Grade in Fall 2010 _____ Child's Date of Birth _____

School Name _____ School Music Teacher _____

School Address _____
street address city state zip

The following information is confidential and will be used only if we need to contact you in an emergency. Please fill out the following information as it applies to your situation. In the event that the child lives with a guardian, please revise the information to indicate the relationship.

Father's Information:

Name _____
Address (if different than above):

Occupation _____

Employer _____

Emergency Contact Numbers:

Cell _____

Work _____

Mother's Information:

Name _____
Address (if different than above):

Occupation _____

Employer _____

Emergency Contact Numbers:

Cell _____

Work _____

Emergency Contacts *Must be completed. However, used only if a parent cannot be reached as listed above.*

Name _____ Home Phone (____) _____

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

Name _____ Home Phone (____) _____

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

Choice of Physician _____ Phone (____) _____

Preferred Hospital _____

Insurance Company _____ Number _____

List any special health problems (including allergies, medications, and/or dietary requirements): _____

Notify MCC office if information changes during the choir season.

AS A CONDITION OF MCC MEMBERSHIP FOR THE CHILD LISTED ABOVE, THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A MEDICAL RELEASE FORM DATED 4/12/10, INCLUDING AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT, A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONSENT FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT OF A MINOR, WERE AGREED TO BY THE

FOLLOWING PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ (sign)

_____ (print)



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REGISTRATION FORMS 2010-2011 (3 of 8)
TUITION AGREEMENT
 (4/12/10)

We, the parents/guardians of _____ wish to enroll him/her in MCC's 2010-2011 season.
MCC TUITION IS CHARGED FOR THE FULL SEASON AND IS NON-REFUNDABLE AFTER JUNE 1, 2010, EVEN IN THE EVENT THE CHILD LEAVES THE PROGRAM BEFORE THE END OF THE SEASON.

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:

CHOIR SELECTION & TUITION ► Please indicate the appropriate choir level, choir site, tuition, and uniform fee for your child.
 See *Tuition Schedule (page 4 of 8)* for details.

CHOIR LEVEL _____ **CHOIR SITE** _____

TUITION FEE _____

\$30 ENROLLMENT FEE (one time payment for new members only) _____

MCC parents are expected to volunteer (approximately 10 hours a season) as a part of choir membership. If you do not wish to volunteer, add \$75 waiver fee. _____

UNIFORM PURCHASE (Jubilate thru MYC uniforms only, as needed) _____

DONATION: Tuition covers less than half the cost of MCC programming. Can you donate to MCC today? (tax deductible) _____

Less Sibling Discount (if applicable, \$25 per singer) (_____) _____

Less Deposit (_____) _____

TOTAL DUE _____

Office Use Only			
Ck #	Date	Amt	Balance
Deposit _____			
1st pymt _____			
2nd pymt _____			
3rd pymt _____			

TUITION PAYMENT PLAN ► Choose Payment Plan 1 or 2

_____ Plan 1: 1 payment in full due by 6/1/2010, OR	7/1/10	\$ _____	
_____ Plan 2: 3 payments of one-third of the balance due*	9/1/10	\$ _____	}
	11/1/10	\$ _____	

*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.
 If you have chosen Payment Plan #2 (three equal tuition payments), your credit card listed above will be charged for the second and third payments on approximately September 2 and November 3, 2010.

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

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

Card member signature is above.

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: _____

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL AID: Check here if your enrollment is subject to financial aid and an application will be sent to you.
 All financial aid applicants must pay a \$30 non-refundable fee with their registration forms.



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REGISTRATION FORMS 2010-2011 (4 of 8)
TUITION SCHEDULE AND
OTHER INFORMATION

(4/12/10)

AUDITIONS:

Returning 09/10 Singers: Returning Cantabile through Youth Chorale singers must reaudition and register for MCC membership. Prelude singers (students up to 3rd grade) do not need to audition. Simply turn in your registration forms with payment.

New Singers: Prelude singers are encouraged to attend a Prelude Preview. Cantabile through Youth Chorale singers must audition with a choir director. Contact membership@milwaukeechildrenschoir.org or call 414-221-7040 to inquire about the next Prelude Preview or to schedule an audition.

REHEARSAL SITES AND TIMES—see chart below

<u>Choir Level</u>	<u>Rehearsal time/day</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Full Year Tuition</u>
Milwaukee Youth Chorale	Tuesday 7:00-9:00 PM	MYAC	\$500
Jubilate	Tuesday 7:00-9:00 PM	MYAC	\$500
Cantabile	(East) Tuesday 5:30-7:00 PM	MYAC	\$500
	(West) Wednesday 6:00-7:30 PM	Mt. Carmel Lutheran (Tosa)	\$500
	(North) Thursday 5:30-7:00 PM	Mequon United Methodist	\$500
Prelude Choir	(East) Tuesday 6:00-7:00 PM	MYAC	\$400
	(West) Wednesday 4:45-5:45 PM	Mr. Carmel Lutheran (Tosa)	\$400
	(North) Thursday 5:15-6:15 PM	Mequon United Methodist	\$400

Early Bird Discount: Prelude singers who register on or before June 1, 2010 will receive a \$40 discount . All other singers will receive a \$50 discount.

Membership in the Milwaukee Children's Choir is a commitment to faithful, consistent and punctual attendance. It is expected that rehearsals will take a very high priority in each child's life. The success of MCC depends on the support of music teachers and choral directors in the Milwaukee area. MCC singers should be leaders in their school music ensembles and are expected to be active participants in their school choir if one is available.

MCC aims to represent the entire Greater Metropolitan Milwaukee area. We encourage participation from children of all races, religions and economic backgrounds. Financial aid is available to qualified applicants.

NEW UNIFORM FEE:

Milwaukee Youth Chorale: \$70 (women) / \$136 (men)

Jubilate: \$82 (girls) / \$66 (boys)

NOTE: Senior choir (Jubilate through Youth Chorale) uniforms are paid with registration and ordered through the MCC office. NEW FOR 2010-2011 - senior choirs will NO longer need *casual uniforms* through Lands End.

Prelude Choir and Cantabile: Uniform bottoms are purchased by families from JL Marcus (www.jlmarcuscatalog.com) or Lands End (www.landsend.com). Uniform tops are purchased by families through Lands End only.



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MEDIA RELEASE

(4/12/10)

This document affects your and your child's legal rights. Please read it carefully.

Before we or others audio record, video record, film and/or photograph the Milwaukee Children's Choir, Inc. and its members, we would like to first obtain permission from each participating child's parent or legal guardian. When your child joins MCC you acknowledge that you understand and agree to each of the following:

- You are the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the participating child.
- You are granting permission to MCC and MCC authorized Third-Parties to audio record, video record, film and/or photograph MCC events and performances.
- You are granting permission to MCC and MCC authorized Third-Parties to publish and distribute any current or future audio recordings, television/video recordings, film and/or photographs in any format (collectively referred to as "Recordings"), including those involving your child.

CLAUSE I: MCC Recordings

Neither you nor your child will receive any payment or other form of compensation in connection with any current or future MCC Recordings. In exchange for your child's opportunity to be included in MCC events and Recordings, you authorize MCC to: (i) audio record, film, video record and/or photograph your child on CD, cassette, film, video, digital media, internet media or otherwise (the "Media"); (ii) edit the Media at the discretion of MCC; and (iii) distribute MCC Recordings publicly for purposes of musical entertainment, education, publicity, fund raising, and otherwise as MCC in its sole discretion deems appropriate.

You further acknowledge that MCC shall own all rights to MCC Recordings and Media and all proceeds therefrom. Due to the nature of the MCC Recordings and Media, there is no guarantee your child will be recognizable on the Recordings, audibly or visually. MCC reserves all rights to make final decisions concerning the use of and the content of MCC Recordings and Media.

CLAUSE II: Third-Party Recordings

You understand that neither you nor your child is entitled to any payment or other form of compensation in connection with any future or current third party Recordings (i.e. a Recording authorized by MCC but made by a person or entity other than MCC). You also authorize MCC to allow third parties, their licensees, assignees, and other successors-in-interest (collectively referred to as "Producers") the right to: (i) audio record, film, video record and/or photograph your child's performance with MCC on the Media; (ii) edit the Media at such third party's discretion and to include with it other content including but not limited to performances of others, sound effects, special effects and music; (iii) broadcast the contents of the Media on network television, cable television, video recorded programs, or the internet ("Programs"); (iv) use the Media or Programs in any manner whatsoever; and (v) use your child's likeness and voice in such Programs. If from time to time you or your child do receive payment for such services, it shall not detract from the enforceability of this clause in all other cases.

Due to the nature of the Programs, there is no guarantee that your child will appear in the final edited Programs, audibly or visually, and the Producers of such Programs shall have the right to make all decisions as to the broadcasted content of the Programs. You further acknowledge that the Producers shall own all rights of every kind and character whatsoever in perpetuity in and to the Programs including your child's appearance and/or voice and the results and proceeds thereof in connection with the Programs, subject to the above use restrictions.

CLAUSE III: Restrictions on Third-Party Use

MCC shall approve of and/or reject any use of the Media in Programs or other third-party Recordings in its sole discretion. MCC reserves the right to restrict use of the Media for any Programs that are unrelated to the purpose and objectives of MCC.

As used herein, "MCC" includes Milwaukee Children's Choir Inc., its board of directors, staff, volunteers, licensees, assignees, and any third parties authorized by any of the foregoing. This Release applies to all MCC and Third-Party Recordings, existing and/or created in the future. This Release shall last in perpetuity, and can be terminated only after 60 days' written notice to MCC at the address listed above, in which case the Release shall continue to cover all MCC and Third-Party Recordings made until the date of termination.

This Media Release Form is effective from this day forward unless and until this Release is terminated as set forth above.



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MEDICAL RELEASE

(4/12/10)

Includes Acknowledgment, Release of Liability,
and Consent for Medical Treatment

This document affects your and your child's legal rights. Please read it carefully.

Acknowledgment:

I, the parent/guardian of the minor named in these Registration Materials ("my child"), voluntarily agree to permit my child to participate in rehearsals, performances, auditions, tours, recording sessions, social or recreational activities, and other programs and activities of the Milwaukee Children's Choir, Inc. ("MCC Activities") effective the date the registration agreement is signed and continuing for as long as my child is an MCC member. I understand that my child's participation in MCC Activities may involve risks of physical injury, death, or property loss or damage which cannot be completely or precisely predicted. Such risks may include, among other things, risks arising from potential physical hazards at facilities used for MCC Activities (including without limitation risers, stairs, stage edges, tripping hazards, and backstage fixtures and equipment); risks resulting from conditions found on stages (such as bright lights and warm temperatures); risks arising from the acts and omissions of the Releasees, owners and operators of facilities used for MCC Activities, and participants in MCC Activities, including the negligent or intentional acts of other children; and risks arising from transportation, including risks arising from the acts and omissions of vehicle drivers and owners, and common carriers and their servants. The enumeration of risks in this paragraph does not limit the scope of the release of liability contained in this Acknowledgement, Release of Liability, and Consent for Medical Treatment (this "Release").

I acknowledge that no promise or inducement has been offered to me to procure my execution of this Release, that I execute this Release without reliance on any statement or representation by any of the Releasees concerning the potential injuries or damages which may arise from my child's participation in MCC Activities, and that I have carefully read this Release, understand its contents, and agree to this Release as my own free act.

Release of Liability:

As used in this Release, "Releasees" means Milwaukee Children's Choir, Inc. ("MCC") and its successors, assigns, volunteers, insurers, officers, directors, and employees.

In consideration for the MCC accepting my child's participation in MCC Activities and on behalf of myself and my child, I hereby release, forever discharge, and/or otherwise indemnify the Releasees from all claims and liabilities for expenses, damages, or injury to person or property that I or my child may have, now or in the future, for any injury or loss that I or my child sustains, foreseen or unforeseen, arising from or related to my child's participation in MCC Activities. This Release includes, without limitation, any claim based on the negligence of any of the Releasees, but does not include claims based on reckless or intentional conduct of the Releasees.

Without limiting the foregoing, I specifically release the Releasees from any and all claims arising on account of (1) first aid treatment or other similar service rendered to my child; and (2) the negligent selection or supervision by any of the Releasees of any employee, contractor, agent, common carrier, or other provider of products or services to MCC or its participants.

Consent for Medical Treatment (Minor):

As the parent or legal guardian of my child, I hereby give consent for first aid treatment to be given to my child by MCC employees, and I further give consent for medical care to be given to my child by a duly licensed health care provider. This care may be given under whatever conditions are necessary to preserve the life, limb or well-being of my child. I understand and agree that I will be liable for any expenses incurred in obtaining medical care or treatment for my child.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Background and Purpose: This Code of Conduct is meant to guide our young singers and their families as they matriculate through choir membership.

Basis: The basis for the Code of Conduct is MCC's mission: "to provide exceptional choral music instruction and performance experiences that foster creativity, personal expression and social growth."

Adult life begins in a child's imagination and with social lessons learned as a child. Perhaps NEA Chairman Gioia said it best when he stated: "The purpose of arts education is not to produce more artists, though that is a byproduct. The real purpose of arts education is to create complete human beings capable of leading successful and productive lives in a free society."

Milwaukee Children's Choir works with the first instrument – the human voice – and through child-centered and age-appropriate instruction we help children see what they can achieve with discipline, dedication and teamwork; we introduce them to great music; we use performance to teach them responsibility and grace under pressure; and we expand their horizons by exposing them to youth unlike themselves. Each year we help hundreds of youth build, within themselves, noteworthy character. And while we do this, we please tens of thousands of audience members.

Today's MCC is roughly 350 singers, grades 1-12, singing in five distinct choir levels. Members come from the seven-county area. We have rehearsal sites in suburban and urban settings, and our choir members represent more than 150 schools. We are a diverse population.

Nevertheless, each and every MCC member has a common bond: a love of song and singing. This binds us together and transcends all of our differences. We are a community of singers. We rely on one another. This code of conduct guides our community.

Code of Conduct – General:

We treat others with respect, trust, honesty, fairness and kindness. We follow the golden rule, and do unto others as we would have them do unto us. We act in a sensitive and considerate manner and respect the rights of others.

We take MCC membership seriously, are committed to MCC, and do our best to participate fully in rehearsals and performances.

We are and act as a team. When we are in rehearsals, performances, and together in public, we represent MCC and all that it is and aspires to be. We follow established rehearsal and performance practice and always try to be the best that we can be.

CODE OF CONDUCT Continued

Code of Conduct – Specifics:

While every subtlety of proper behavior cannot be detailed, the following rules must be adhered to strictly:

1. MCC members respect others. We do not exhibit verbal or physical conduct that demeans others because of age, race, gender, ethnic background, religion, or sexual orientation.
2. MCC members make a one year commitment to membership.
3. MCC members respect the property of others. This includes MCC property (music, music folders, instruments, etc.), rehearsal and performance sites and any property of others at those sites, and the property of other singers, MCC staff, and their families.
4. MCC members regularly attend rehearsals and MCC performances, are committed to being ready at the rehearsal call time, and inform MCC in the event of needed absences.
5. MCC members bring to their rehearsal seats only what they need for rehearsal. Homework, electronic devices, and other items not related to MCC remain in backpacks, bags or other places out of sight – and use – during rehearsal.
6. MCC members participate fully in rehearsals and performances. We respect rehearsal time, are not disruptive, work as a team, display our best musicianship, and respect our peers and MCC staff. We try to do our best and demonstrate pride in ourselves and MCC.
7. MCC members keep their uniforms clean and in good repair, and remember to wear them on concert days.

MCC members follow this Code of Conduct and are responsible for their own actions. Failure to abide by this Code will be dealt with immediately and may lead to reprimand, suspension or expulsion, based on the gravity of the inappropriate conduct. If a member drops membership during the year for any reason, including disciplinary action, no portion of fees or tuition will be refunded.