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Jubilate News

Dear Jubilate Singers,

Great job during full rehearsal and in sectionals on Tuesday. Thank you for your ability to be flexible with Maestro Delfs and the Symphony this week as well. I'm SO proud of you!

DRIVE CAREFULLY TO THE MARCUS CENTER FOR OPENING NIGHT OF *CARMINA BURANA*! It's Friday, January 20 and the snow if falling, but we'll go on with the show! Please make sure you allow extra time for traveling so you are not late for your call times. Be aware that your call times are when the show STARTS for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Traffic will be extra challenging during this time as will parking.

FLORENTINE OPERA MASTER CLASS is on SATURDAY, JANUARY 28:

This master class will be from **9:15 am - 12:30 pm**. Call time for all Jubilate members except Jason Tan, Hilary Merline and Rachel Soliday, is 9:15 a.m. (The three singers just listed should arrive by 8:45 a.m. to begin the Florentine coaching session at 9 a.m. Note the time change! It is no longer an all-day event. All Jubilate singers are to be there during that master class, even if you are not singing a solo, you will learn so much from being there! Since we have shortened the day a bit you no longer need to bring a bag lunch. But please still bring a closed water bottle labeled with your name! Scroll to the end of this newsletter to see our final master class schedule!

Click here for directions to the Wayne and Kristine Lueders Florentine Opera Center in the Riverwest neighborhood.

<http://q.co/maps/9xjh4>

Sing-a-Thon Reminder: Please remember to talk with family, friends and neighbors about sponsoring your efforts during the Sing-A-Thon Feb. 11th. All January pledges are due with your pledge log sheet week after next--Tuesday, January 31st. Let's shoot for 100% participation.

Tuesday, January 24 rehearsal plan:

Warm up

Valentine Grams

Peace on Earth . . . and lots of little crickets

Denn in Seiner Hand

A Tisket, A Tasket

Review old material: Between Two Hills, A Girl's Garden, and Joyful Mozart Canon.

Carmina Burana reminders: All of the following will take place in Uihlein Hall at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts. Parents may drop their singers off at the Stage Door on State Street. Singers will check in with a parent volunteer inside the stage door entrance. Parents may pull up to the loading zone area at dismissal time to wait for their children. Please remind your singer to wear their full formal concert uniform, carry their black dress shoes so they're clean for the new stage floor and wear boots or other shoes en route, and bring a closed water bottle with name label to keep hydrated!

Friday, Jan. 20, 8:00 p.m. call time for chorus warm-up. **Please note that this is the concert start time, so parking at this point will be limited. *Carmina* is on the second half of the concert, which should be around 9:00 p.m.** Concert end time is approximately 10:00 – 10:10 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 21, 8:00 p.m. call time for chorus warm-up. **Please note that this is the concert start time, so parking at this point will be limited. *Carmina* is on the second half of the concert, which should be around 9:00 p.m.** Concert end time is approximately 10:00 – 10:10 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 22, 2:30 p.m. call time for chorus warm-up. **Please note that this is the concert start time, so parking at this point will be limited. *Carmina* is on the second half of the concert, which should be around 3:30 p.m.** Concert end time is approximately 4:30 – 4:40 p.m.

Mrs. Egger

Upcoming Schedule:

January

- 20 - (Friday) *Carmina Burana* concert with MSO, 8:00 pm concert. 8:00 pm call time. Uihlein Hall.
- 21 - (Saturday) *Carmina Burana* concert with MSO, 8:00 pm concert. 8:00 pm call time. Uihlein Hall.
- 22 - (Sunday) *Carmina Burana* concert with MSO, 2:30 pm concert. 2:30 pm call time. Uihlein Hall.
- 24 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt. with Ms. Lukic 6:30-7:00
- 28 - **(Saturday) Florentine Opera Studio Artists coach Jubilate soloists and hold a master class (30 minute sessions). Singers must audition January 7th to participate or have recommendation of Jubilate Director. ALL JUBILATE MEMBERS SHOULD ATTEND.**
- 31 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt. with Ms. Lukic 6:30-7:00. **Sing-A-Thon January pledges and pledge log due!**

February

- 7 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt with Ms. Lukic 6:30-7:00
- 11 - (Saturday) 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 at the Silver Spring Park and Ride near Bayshore Mall and will return Sunday at 5:30 pm to the same location.**
- 21 - Regular Rehearsal
- 28 - Regular Rehearsal

March

- 6 - Regular Rehearsal / Open Rehearsal
- 13 - Regular Rehearsal
- 20 - Regular Rehearsal
- 27 - Regular Rehearsal

Office News

Rehearsal Cancellation Policy: With the snow finally upon us, we'd like to take this opportunity to remind you of our rehearsal cancellation policy. Please read through it below so everyone is prepared:

Rehearsal Cancellation Policy

It is very unusual for Milwaukee Children's Choir to cancel rehearsals due to inclement weather. That said, let's review MCC's closing procedures.

If you feel the roads are unsafe for travel, please know that your opinion is the one that counts. MCC staff members don't want anyone getting hurt on the way to a rehearsal. An absence due to slippery or unsafe road conditions will never be counted against your singer. ***Please follow standard absence procedures, however, and notify your rehearsal assistant that you will not be bringing your child to rehearsal.***

If MCC staff members feel that a rehearsal should be cancelled, we will do the following to get the word out:

- Post a notice of cancellation on the MCC website Members Only page at www.milwaukeechildrenschoir.org.
- Send out an email cancellation notice to all current families with email addresses registered in our system.
- Run public service announcements on Milwaukee's main TV channels – 4, 6, 12 and 58 under “Milwaukee County.”

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!

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 millss@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 the Florentine Master Class
Schedule and Permission Slip.*

Florentine Opera Master Class, Saturday, January 28, 2012
FINAL SCHEDULE APPROVED BY LISA AT FLORENTINE 1-19-12

TIME	Lesson Room A (Olga Voloda, MCC)	Lesson Room B (Maria Koester, MCC)	Lesson Room C (Addy Stoiber, FOC)	Performance Area (Anne Van Deusen, FOC)
9:00-9:30	Jason Tan <i>Lascia ch'io pianga</i> Dan Richardson	Hilary Merline <i>Die Lotosblume</i> Kristen DiNinno	Rachel Soliday <i>Gia il sole dal gange</i> Matt Richardson	
9:30-9:35	Transition Time			
9:35-10:05	Billy Krager <i>Come Away, Come Away Death</i> Matt Richardson	Deme Hellwig <i>Von Ewiger Liebe - Brahms</i> Dan Richardson	Lauren Smrz <i>Les Berceaux</i> Kristen DiNinno	Jason, Hilary, Rachel Erica Schuller
10:05-10:10	Transition Time			
10:10-10:40	Charlene Dykstra <i>Ave Maria</i> Erica Schuller	Brandon Pahule <i>Salley Gardens</i> Matt Richardson	Lorna Gray <i>Ich gehor nur mir</i> Dan Richardson	Billy, Deme, Lauren Kristen DiNinno
10:40-10:45	Transition Time			
10:45-11:15	Hannah Fichtner <i>Caro Mio Ben</i> Kristen DiNinno	Alicia Beiler <i>Sure On This Shining Night</i> Erica Schuller	Katie Koester <i>The Singer</i> Matt Richardson	Charlene, Brandon, Lorna Dan Richardson
11:15-11:20	Transition Time			
11:20-11:50				Hannah, Alicia, Katie Matt Richardson
11:50-11:55	Break			
12:00-12:30	Studio Artist Performance			
12:30	DISMISSAL--Students DO NOT need to bring a bag lunch but should still bring a closed water bottle.			



**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 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with a 30-minute lunch. Singers should bring a closed water bottle labeled with their name. 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 9:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. I understand that I need to list any scheduling conflicts I have on that day so the ensembles can be scheduled.

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: _____