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MYC News

Hello Youth Chorale,

Thanks for your work at rehearsal Jan. 3rd. I am looking forward to hearing our improvement on the 10th!

Tuesday, January 10th is the last open rehearsal for BRING A FRIEND!

Do you know other high school students who love to sing? MCC members are invited to bring a singing friend or friends who are interested in joining MYC second semester. Invite your friends to rehearsal the week of Jan. 9, 2012. Please make sure to introduce your friends to your rehearsal assistant when they arrive.

Sing-a-Thon Reminder: All January donations should be turned in with your pledge log sheet by Tuesday, January 31st. Let's shoot for 100% participation.

Auditions for Sing-A-Thon and the Florentine Opera Master Class were held last Saturday, January 7th, at the Steinway Piano Gallery in Wauwatosa. If you were not able to come on Saturday, please contact me immediately to schedule an alternate audition.

Silver Lake College Mini Tour Has Been Changed a Wee Bit!

We are still in need of a group to perform on Sunday, February 19th and are hoping to make this event possible for you per the following final adjustment--Silver Lake is now a Sunday Only event. The schedule is as follows:

11:00am - Depart via Car Pool in comfortable travel clothes (bring bag lunch to eat on the way)
1:00pm - Arrive at Silver Lake College
1:15pm - Dress Rehearsal
2:15pm - Change into concert Attire
3:00pm - Concert (combination of fall concert rep. and Sing-A-Thon rep.+ solos?)
4:15pm - Concert ends (change back into comfortable travel clothes)
5ish - Eat Dinner as a group—be sure to bring cash to pay for your own dinner.
6:30 (at the latest) Depart for home via Car Pool
8:30 - Arrive home

Mrs. Bell and I have made personal phone calls to each of your homes verifying your availability for this Sunday-only trip. The only cost to you for this trip is dinner Sunday which will likely be a step up from fast food something like Noodles or Qdoba. I am hopeful this final adjustment will make it possible for you to join us and allow us to make this work. I appreciate your flexibility and dedication especially considering your amazingly busy schedules.

Thanks again for all your work and commitment. Because this trip has changed significantly from its original format, we ask that all participating singers please have their parents sign a NEW permission slip complete with updates. This new permission slip is attached to the end of this newsletter and is due no later than Tuesday, January 17th.

Cyberbass Web Site for Preparation regarding *Dona Nobis Pacem*.

The link to the cyberbass site for your *Hallelujah Chorus* preparation is at the link below.

http://www.cyberbass.com/Major Works/Williams RV/williams_rv_DonaNobi.htm

Florentine Opera Master Class/Sing-A-Thon Solos: Saturday, Jan. 7th was the audition day for both Sing-a-thon and the Florentine Opera Master class. Much to my surprise, and that of the other directors, there were only three auditions from Youth Chorale members. I am sure that for some of you the change in procedure from years past through you for a loop.

I am aware however, that many of you take private voice lessons or are preparing pieces for solo & ensemble festivals. Furthermore, seniors, I know many of you are preparing auditions for college in the fall. That means that many of you already have repertoire prepared and ready to go for any occasion that needs it. Furthermore, since I know of only two of you who will not be joining us for our performances at Sing-a-thon I know there is a large pool of talented singers from our group that should be able to benefit from the opportunities both Sing-a-thon and the Florentine Opera Master class provide.

In summary, we would love to fill remaining times for both of the above events with talented singers from MYC. To that end I am asking that each of you respond to the following questions. Furthermore, I will give time in rehearsal on Tuesday to hear you on your music so that we can finish up that audition process and plan both days' schedules with more of our most talented high school participants involved.

As a reminder, the dates for the events are as follows:

Florentine Opera Master class - Saturday, January 28th, 9am-3pm
Florentine Opera Rehearsal Studio, at 926 E. Burleigh, Milwaukee

Sing-a-Thon – Saturday, February 11, 10:30am-4:30pm
Bayshore Town Center

Please answer the following questions prior to Tuesday's Rehearsal. In addition be sure to bring the necessary number of copies of your piece(s) for you to perform. One for Mrs. Koester and the other for yourself if you need it:

Now the questions.....

1. Will you be singing with the choir for Sing-a-thon Yes _____ No _____

2. Are you willing to sing a solo piece for the Florentine Master Class on Saturday, January 28th?
Yes _____ No _____ Yes but I have time restrictions (please list) _____

3. Are you willing to sing a solo piece for the Sing-a-thon on Saturday, February 11th?
Yes _____ No _____ Yes but I have time restrictions (please list) _____

Thank you!
Mr. Clark

Upcoming Rehearsal Schedule:

January

- 10 - Regular Rehearsal / **Bring a Friend** / Vocal Coaching by appt. with Ms. Lukic 6:00-7:00 / Open Rehearsal
- 14 - (Saturday) New Auditions at MYAC, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. This is the final call for new singers to join MCC for the 2nd semester. New Parent Meeting 9:45-10:45 a.m. Vocal Coaching and Soloists work with accompanist at MYAC, 12-3 p.m.
- 17 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt. with Ms. Lukic 6:30-7:00
- 24 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt. with Ms. Lukic 6:30-7:00
- 28 - **(Saturday) Florentine Opera Studio Artists have master classes (30 minute sessions) with MYC soloists. Singers must audition January 7th to participate or have recommendation of MYC Director. ALL MYC singers are expected to attend this invaluable master class.**
- 31 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt. with Ms. Lukic 6:30-7:00

February

- 7 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt with Ms. Lukic 6:30-7:00
- 11 - MCC Sing-a-Thon, Bayshore Towne Center, 10:30-4:30. *Specific call time TBD.*
- 14 - Regular Rehearsal
- 19 **MINI Sunday-Only TOUR: Silver Lake College (SLC), Manitowoc. Depart by carpool at 11 a.m., dress rehearsal, concert, dinner and back to Milwaukee via carpool.**
- 21 - Regular Rehearsal
- 27 - (Monday) *Milwaukee Youth Music Celebration* Rehearsal, MYAC, 5-9 p.m. *Call time TBD.*
- 28 - Regular Rehearsal

March

- 5 - (Monday) *Milwaukee Youth Music Celebration* Rehearsal, Elmbrook, (singer call time TBD)
- 6 - Regular Rehearsal
- 9 - (Friday) *Milwaukee Youth Music Celebration* Rehearsal, Elmbrook, time TBD
- 10 - (Saturday) Tentative MYMC Rehearsal, MYAC
- 11 - (Sunday) *Milwaukee Youth Music Celebration* Concert, 3:00 p.m., Elmbrook (call time TBD)
- 13 - Regular Rehearsal
- 20 - Regular Rehearsal
- 27 - Regular Rehearsal

Office News

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 Florentine Master Class
Information and Permission Slip AND the
Updated Silver Lake College Permission Slip.

MILWAUKEE YOUTH CHORALE
SILVER LAKE COLLEGE DRESS REHEARSAL AND CONCERT
Sunday, February 19, 2012
Manitowoc, WI

*Please sign the new permission slip attached and return
no later than Tuesday, January 17th.*

Schedule for Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012:

- 11:00am - Depart via Car Pool in comfortable travel clothes (bring bag lunch to eat on the way). Car pool departure and arrival locations will be determined once we have a confirmed list of singers.
- 1:00pm - Arrive at Silver Lake College
- 1:15pm - Dress Rehearsal
- 2:15pm - Change into concert Attire
- 3:00pm - Concert (combination of fall concert rep. and Sing-A-Thon rep.+ solos?)
- 4:15pm - Concert ends (change back into comfortable travel clothes)
- 5ish - Eat Dinner as a group—be sure to bring cash to pay for your own dinner.
- 6:30 - (at the latest) Depart for home via Car Pool
- 8:30 - Arrive home

What to Bring:

- Complete formal uniform in a garment bag labeled with your name.
- Bag lunch with drink to eat on the way to Manitowoc.
- Cash for dinner (approx. \$15).
- Music
- Closed, labeled water bottle.



***Please sign this
new permission slip and
return by Tues., Jan 17th.***

**MYC PERMISSION SLIP
SILVER LAKE COLLEGE GUEST ARTIST SERIES
Dress Rehearsal and Concert
Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012**

Singer's Name _____

_____ Attending rehearsal and concert

_____ Cannot attend (reason for absence) _____

_____ Must deviate from the schedule (please describe below)

Each Youth Chorale singer is asked to bring a bag lunch to eat on the way up to Manitowoc AND enough cash (\$15?) for dinner at a restaurant such as Noodles or Qdoba.

I give my child permission to carpool to Manitowoc and back in order to attend the Silver Lake College rehearsal and concert on Feb. 19, 2012.

_____ (parent's signature)

PARENT CHAPERONES/CARPOOLS NEEDED! We will need carpool drivers and chaperones for Feb. 19th. PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING IF YOU ARE INTERESTED! Chaperones will assist with keeping an eye on the singers, keeping the singers on schedule, etc. The MCC office will contact you to confirm you as a chaperone/carpool driver.

_____ I am happy to be a carpool driver and chaperone for the Youth Chorale Sunday, Feb. 19.

_____ In addition to my own child, I have space in my car with seatbelts for _____ singers.

Parent's Name _____

Parent's Email _____

Parent's Cell Phone _____



**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 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a 30-minute lunch. Singers should bring a bag lunch and drink. 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 a.m.-3 p.m. I understand that I need to list any scheduling conflicts I have on that day so the ensembles can be scheduled. I also understand that I need to bring a bag lunch and drink.

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: _____