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Prelude News

Dear Prelude Families,

Good work this week, Prelude singers! Our lessons this week had a combination of focus on our concert repertoire as we work to fine tune our songs, and a focus on sight-reading melody notes *do, re, mi*. Very soon we'll be sending home practice sheets with these notes on them. The Prelude singers' music reading skills are improving and we are very happy with their progress. Please continue to make listening to the practice CD a priority in your home during the week. Please sit with your child and help them follow the words to our songs as you listen. Seeing the words and hearing them help with retention.

Looking ahead to our next few weeks, I'd like to draw your attention to our Prelude calendar (see below). Our next two weeks (Weeks of Oct. 17 and 24th) we do have regular rehearsals at all sites. Please note that even if your child's school is not in session, we still have rehearsals. We know many schools have days off during the last week of October but our rehearsals are still on. If your child cannot make a rehearsal on their scheduled night, they are always welcome at a different site on another night of the week.

Tuesday, Nov. 1st will be a combined rehearsal for all Prelude singers at MYAC at 6pm. That week, there will be no other Wednesday or Thursday rehearsals. All singers are expected at our combined rehearsals. We will then have our dress rehearsal for the concert on Saturday, Nov. 5th.

Mandatory Dress Rehearsal, Saturday, Nov. 5, Hales Corners Lutheran Church, 12300 West Jaynesville Rd., Hales Corners, WI.

9:45 a.m.- Prelude singer call time

11:20 a.m.- Prelude dismissal time

9:45-10:30- Parent Meeting—at least one parent should attend

If you have any questions about reporting absences or any of our upcoming rehearsal times, please see your rehearsal assistant or the director at your site. Thank you and have a great weekend!

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Prelude Rehearsal Sites

Prelude East -	Tuesdays	6:00-7:00 PM	MYAC (Downtown)
Prelude West -	Wednesdays	4:45-5:45 PM	Mt. Carmel Lutheran (84 th & Center Sts.)
Prelude North -	Thursdays	5:15-6:15 PM	Mequon United Methodist

Upcoming Rehearsal Schedule:

October

Week of 17th - Regular Rehearsals

Week of 24th - Regular Rehearsals

November

1st- (Tuesday) COMBINED Prelude Rehearsal, 6:00-7:00 p.m., MYAC, Discovery Hall

5th- (Saturday) Dress Rehearsal at Hales Corners Lutheran Church. Prelude Choir- 9:45-11:20, Parent Meeting- 9:45-10:30.

Week of 7th - Regular Rehearsals

Week of 14th - Regular Rehearsals PLUS Concert

19th - (Saturday) MCC Autumn Concert "A Stroll Through the Countryside" 1:00 pm concert, 12:00 singer call time, Hales Corners Lutheran Church

Week of 21st- NO Regular Rehearsals this week-- Happy Thanksgiving!

Week of 28-Dec. 2 Regular Rehearsals

Office News

Share your time and talent and create a holiday tree or wreath for an auction to benefit Milwaukee Children's Choir! Each year, MCC hosts a silent auction at its first big concert of the season to help support MCC programming. Well, it's MCC holiday auction time and we are again offering miniature trees and holiday wreaths for silent auction. In this fundraiser, MCC provides a miniature tree/wreath, you supply the imagination, talent and decorations. Then we auction off the decorated trees/wreaths at our November 19th concert, *A Stroll Through the Countryside* and raise money for MCC. Undecorated trees and wreaths can be picked up during rehearsals on Tuesday, October 18th at the Milwaukee Youth Arts Center. If your child rehearses at either our Mequon or Mt. Carmel (west) site, please contact Mary to reserve your bare tree or wreath. This holiday auction has been a great success for MCC in past years, and with your help it can be an even greater success in 2011! Last year our undecorated trees and wreaths went fast, so reserve your tree or wreath now by sending Mary Murphy, Development and Finance Manager, an email. Last year we also had folks donating baskets filled with goodies for auction. If you prefer to donate a holiday gift basket, that is great. Please contact Mary Murphy at mmurphy@milwaukeechildrenschoir.org or 414-221-7040. And be prepared to bid on a tree or wreath at the concert—it's for a great cause!

Coming Next Week: Information on our second annual rehearsal site auction gift basket competition. We have a new tradition at MCC (only 1 year old) where the families at each choir rehearsal site compete to put together the best gift basket to offer for auction at our November concert. Beginning next week, each site's rehearsal assistant will have an empty basket at their check-in table ready to collect themed items from the site's members. We will unveil your site's basket theme next week so stay tuned! Have a basket theme suggestion for your site? Reply to this eNews email message and share your thoughts!

MCC Season Tickets Available Now! Orders due no later than October 28.

Find the order form at the end of this newsletter.

Why should you buy season tickets?

- *Guarantee your seat before shows sell out!*
- *Get the best seats in the house.*
- *Buy tickets now and be done with it - so convenient!*
- *Get a 15% discount!*
- *Add on tickets for friends and family at a reduced price and...*
- *Support the singers of MCC!*

Reporting Attendance: In order to be excused, your MCC Rehearsal Assistant must be notified via the absence button on the Members Only page of the MCC website (www.milwaukeechildrenschoir.org). Families without internet access may phone the MCC office at 414-221-7040 to report their child's absence. Failure to notify the Rehearsal Assistant of an absence will cause the absence to be unexcused.

Have a terrific weekend!