



# Milwaukee Children's Choir

*Building Noteworthy Character*

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## Cantabile News

Hello, Cantabile Families!

What a great rehearsal we had on Tuesday! It was a real treat to hear all four sites together. Based on what we heard, here are the things singers should work on before next week:

- Memorizing “Good Cheer” verses. We need crisp, clear diction. Can someone who doesn’t know the song understand your words?
- Long, tall vowels on “Manx Lullaby” – especially when we sing “cadul gu lo.” Also remember to lighten up the top note of that phrase.
- Really pay attention to the dynamics (louds and softs) in “Autumn Vesper.” Your director will be showing you the dynamics with her conducting, but you need to know them on your own too. ☺
- The Hebrew section of “Ma Navu” should be done all in one breath.

### DRESS REHEARSAL – NOVEMBER 5

Next week Saturday is our dress rehearsal at Hales Corners Lutheran Church (12300 West Janesville Road, Hales Corners.) Cantabile rehearses from 9:00am-10:30am (*please plan to arrive at 8:50.*) **Singers should wear their full formal uniforms: (Red MCC polo and black dress shoes; girls: black skirt and white ankle socks; boys: black pants and black dress socks).** Office staff will be on hand to address any issues with uniforms. The dress rehearsal is our only chance to practice on the stage and risers before the concert, so it is crucial that all singers attend. If for some reason your singer can’t make it, be sure to contact his/her director and fill out the online absence form on our website. **There is also a parent meeting from 9:45-10:30, which at least one parent must attend.**

Thanks again for a great combined rehearsal. Have a wonderful, productive week of rehearsals, and we’ll see everyone at 8:50 AM on Saturday, November 5. Enjoy the long weekend!

Sincerely,  
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*Don't stress over breakfast on Sat., Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. MCC volunteers will have continental breakfast concessions available for sale in the Hales Corners Lutheran Church lobby—coffee, juice, baked goods, fruit and more—Arrive early, eat a nutritious breakfast AND support MCC!*

### Cantabile Rehearsal Sites

Cantabile Central	Tuesdays	2:45-4:15 PM	
			Milwaukee Youth Arts Center (MYAC, downtown)
Cantabile East	Tuesdays	5:30-7:00 PM	Milwaukee Youth Arts Center (MYAC, downtown)
Cantabile West	Wednesdays	6:00-7:30 PM	Mt Carmel Lutheran (84 <sup>th</sup> and Center Sts.)
Cantabile North	Thursdays	5:30-7:00 PM	Mequon United Methodist

### Upcoming Rehearsal Schedule:

#### October

Week of 31<sup>st</sup> - Regular Rehearsals

#### November

**5<sup>th</sup> - (Saturday) MCC's mandatory dress rehearsal at Hales Corners Lutheran Church, 12300 West Janesville Rd., Hales Corners, WI. Cantabile 9:00-10:30 a.m., please arrive by 8:50 AM, parent meeting 9:45-10:30 a.m., breakfast concessions available for sale**

Week of 7<sup>th</sup>- Regular Rehearsals

Week of 14<sup>th</sup> - Regular Rehearsals

**15<sup>th</sup> MCC's Annual Meeting, Milwaukee Youth Arts Center, 6:30-7:00 PM. All are invited to attend.**

19<sup>th</sup>- (Saturday) MCC Autumn Concert “A Stroll Through the Countryside.” 1:00 Concert, 12:00 p.m. singer call time, Hales Corners Lutheran Church

Week of 21<sup>st</sup> - No Regular Rehearsals this week-- Happy Thanksgiving!

## Office News

**MCC Season Tickets:** Orders are due today, Friday, October 28. Season tickets will be mailed to homes the week of November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Individual November 19<sup>th</sup> Concert Tickets:** Available from rehearsal assistants at all rehearsal sites!

**Do You Know A Child Who Loves to Sing?** MCC artistic staff members have decided to open MCC membership for ONE rehearsal the week after Thanksgiving. If you know a child who loves to sing and is interested in joining Milwaukee Children's Choir, please have them phone or email our office at 414-221-7040 or [membership@milwaukeechildrenschoir.org](mailto:membership@milwaukeechildrenschoir.org). We will invite them to a rehearsal the week of November 28<sup>th</sup> and, if they are in 4<sup>th</sup> grade or above, allow them to audition immediately after that rehearsal!

**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 19<sup>th</sup> concert, *A Stroll Through the Countryside* and raise money for MCC. 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](mailto: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!

**Rehearsal Site Auction Gift Basket Competition:** Join the fun. Here's 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. Each site's rehearsal assistant will have a basket at their check-in table ready to collect your donations of themed items. Read on for your site's theme!

- **Cantabile North** □ **Scrapbooking:** Decorate your memories! Fun paper, crazy scissors, photo safe tape and glue. Decorating stickers: Beach, prom, high school friends, family vacation, weddings, babies, etc.
- **Cantabile East** □ **Movie theme:** Great for birthdays! Possible items to include—Video, popcorn or pretzels, soda, or movie passes and coupon for free babysitting.
- **Cantabile West** □ **Badgers:** Great for Birthdays, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Father's Day! Possible items to include—Items with team logo such as hats, mugs, trading cards, coasters, beer or sports drink, snacks such as nuts, chips, microwave popcorn, sweatshirts, t-shirts, and maybe tickets.
- **Cantabile Central** □ **Table Setting:** Great for Hostess Gift, Birthdays! Possible items to include— Items with winter or Christmas theme such as placemats, cloth napkins, candles, wall hangings, center pieces, serving bowls,

**MSO Holiday Pops, Enjoy MCC's Concert Ticket Discount!** MCC's Jubilate and the Milwaukee Youth Chorale are, once again, joining the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra and the Symphony Chorus in the annual sell-out *Holiday Pops* concerts this December. Contact Stacy Mills at 414-226-7811 or [millss@mso.org](mailto:millss@mso.org) to order your *Holiday Pops* 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!**

**Milwaukee Ballet's *The Nutcracker!*** Once again this year, Milwaukee Children's Choir's senior treble and select Cantabile singers have been given the great honor and opportunity to sing with the Milwaukee Ballet in *The Nutcracker*. To order tickets for this holiday favorite, phone the Milwaukee Ballet box office at **414-902-2103** between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. **Tell Tracy or Leslie you are a friend of Milwaukee Children's Choir**, and you'll receive the MCC **20% discount!** They will be happy to place your order using any of the following credit cards: MasterCard, Visa, American Express or Discover. Tickets including tax and the 20% MCC discount range from \$23 - \$60 and will be mailed to the address you provide over the phone. MCC friends may also order tickets online at [www.milwaukeeballet.org](http://www.milwaukeeballet.org). **Use the promotional code "MCC"** to receive your discount. However, note that there is a Ticketmaster fee of \$6.75 per ticket and a handling fee of \$4 per order when ordering online.

*Have a terrific weekend!*