



# Milwaukee Children's Choir

*Building Noteworthy Character*

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## Prelude News

Dear Prelude Families,

**Our combined rehearsal is this Tuesday, Nov. 1st at MYAC from 6pm-7pm in Debut Hall.** We ask that all singers please plan to arrive and check-in by 5:50 so we may actually start the rehearsal at 6pm. We have a lot to accomplish in this one-hour rehearsal so we thank you in advance for planning ahead and being on-time. Singers should make sure they visit the restroom prior to checking-in because we will not be sending children for restroom and drink breaks during our rehearsal. We are so excited to hear the entire Prelude choir sing together on Tuesday! Please make every effort for your child to be there. There will be no rehearsals on Wednesday (at Mt. Carmel) or Thursday (at Mequon United Methodist Church) this week.

Next week Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, we have our dress rehearsal at Hales Corner Lutheran Church, 12300 W. Janesville Rd., Hales Corners. The Prelude singers' call time is 9:45am and we will be finished by 11:20am. Make sure the kids get a good breakfast that morning. We will run our pieces in concert order on the stage where our concert will be performed. **Singers should wear their concert uniforms (Red MCC polo and black dress shoes; girls: black skirt and white ankle socks; boys: black pants and black dress socks).** This rehearsal is mandatory. Please see your child's director with any conflicts with this rehearsal.

Looking forward to seeing all of the Prelude singers next week!

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### **Mandatory Dress Rehearsal and Parent Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 5, Hales Corners Lutheran Church, 12300 West Janesville Rd., Hales Corners, WI.**

**9:45 a.m.- Prelude singer call time, in full concert dress**

**11:20 a.m.- Prelude dismissal time**

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

*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!*

#### **Prelude Rehearsal Sites**

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

#### **Upcoming Rehearsal Schedule:**

##### **November**

1 <sup>st</sup> -	(Tuesday) COMBINED Prelude Rehearsal, 6:00-7:00 p.m., MYAC. No regular rehearsals this week.
5 <sup>th</sup> -	(Saturday) Dress Rehearsal at Hales Corners Lutheran Church. Prelude Choir- 9:45-11:20 a.m., 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 PLUS Concert
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 pm concert, 12:00 singer call time, Hales Corners Lutheran Church
Week of 21 <sup>st</sup> -	NO Regular Rehearsals this week-- Happy Thanksgiving!
Week of 28-Dec. 2	Regular Rehearsals

## 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!

- **Prelude North** ▯ **Book theme:** Great for birthdays, Christmas, Mother's Day, Father's Day! Possible items to include—Book, decorative bookmark, book light, snacks, candle.
- **Prelude East** ▯ **Cookie baker's basket:** Christmas, Birthdays, Halloween! Possible items to include—Seasonal cookie cutters (e.g. shaped like snowmen or stars for Christmas), Cookie Recipe - handwritten on a recipe card or printed on nice paper, rolled up and tied with a ribbon around it. Choose between a basket, mixing bowl, cookie jar or large tin for the container and stuff with color coordinated kitchen towel. Optional: Add special ingredients needed for recipe such as almond extract, mint chocolate chips, colorful sprinkles, etc.
- **Prelude West** ▯ **Chocolate gift basket:** Great for Valentines Day, Easter, Anniversary, Birthdays! Possible items to include—Truffles, assorted chocolate covered anything, hot chocolate, chocolate stir sticks or spoons, goes nice with gourmet coffee.

**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!*