



Milwaukee Children's Choir

Building Noteworthy Character

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Jubilate News

Dear Jubilate Singers,

Thank you so much for your work on Tuesday night. A few reminders about some things we discussed during rehearsal:

1. On Tuesday nights, please be in the rehearsal room no later than 6:55pm so that we can start our warm-up at 7pm sharp. Thank you for your attention to this. Please remember to check in with Mrs. Fichtner so we can accurately record your attendance.
2. 75% attendance requirement is in effect for the Holiday Pops concert and the rest of this season. Please review the letter we sent home this past Tuesday. A copy of it is at the end of this newsletter.
3. A make-up rehearsal will take place next Thursday, November 17 from 7-9 at MYAC. If you're below 75% attendance, please do your absolute best to be at this rehearsal. All Jubilate singers are welcome to be there. Please bring \$5 to cover the rental costs of the room. Thanks!
4. Please EMAIL Mrs. Egger (egger@milwaukeechildrenschoir.org) if you are attending the make-up rehearsal on Thursday, November 17 from 7-9pm. It'll help me plan for that rehearsal if I know who is there.

We are well on our way with learning the Holiday Pops music and Carmina Burana! Plan on bringing all of your scores to each rehearsal.

- Please look at and rehearse: "A Girl's Garden"
- p. 9 Practice the accent on "BUT"
 - p. 9 Practice the dynamics (p) on "her not nice load"
 - p. 10 Practice this entire page for memorization
 - p. 12 Practice "CROP" with a strong "C" Consonant
 - p. 13 Fix the rhythm on "How village" It's NOT dotted.
 - p. 14 "It's as when I was a farmer" Review the harmonies
 - p. 15 practice (p) dynamics!

Thanks so much! See you Tuesday!
Sing-cereely, Mrs. Egger

Milwaukee Ballet's *Nutcracker*

Yikes! We need your *Nutcracker* sign-up forms! If you haven't handed yours in, please do so this week! We hope each singer can commit to 5 *Nutcracker* performances. It's great fun! Final schedules will be distributed to singers once we are able to compile the individual forms. You can help by making sure your form is returned!

Upcoming Rehearsal Schedule:

November

- 15 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt with Mrs. Egger 6:30-7:00. **Also MCC's Annual Meeting, Milwaukee Youth Arts Center, Discovery Hall, 6:30-7:00 PM. All are invited to attend.**
- 19 - (Saturday) MCC Autumn Concert "A Stroll Through the Countryside." 1:00 Concert, Singer call time 12:00 p.m., Hales Corners Lutheran Church
- 22 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt with Mrs. Egger 6:30-7:00

- 29 - Regular Rehearsal (Possible MSO Rehearsal would cause us to cancel regular rehearsal)
- 30 - (Wednesday) Possible MSO Rehearsal for *Holiday Pops*

December

- 1 - (Thursday) Rehearsal with MSO, singer call time TBD, Uihlein Hall, Marcus Center
- 2 - (Friday) *Holiday Pops* Concert with MSO, 8:00 pm concert, singer call time TBD, Uihlein Hall, Marcus Center
- 3 - (Saturday) *Holiday Pops* Concert with MSO, 8:00 pm concert, singer call time TBD, Uihlein Hall, Marcus Center
- 4 - (Sunday) *Holiday Pops* Concert with MSO, 2:30 pm concert, singer call time TBD, Uihlein Hall, Marcus Center
- 6 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt with Mrs. Egger 6:30-7, Choir party last 30 min.
- 9 - (Friday) Possible *Nutcracker* Dress Rehearsal, time TBD
- 10 - (Saturday) Solo Auditions by appointment for Florentine Master Class and Sing-A-Thon, at MYAC, 9a-12p, 3p-6p
- 10-26 *Nutcracker* Performances (see flyer for more details and to sign up)
- 13 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt with Mrs. Egger 6:30-7:00
- 20 - Winter Break (except *Nutcracker* performances)
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Office News

MCC Season Tickets: Mailed home Friday, Nov. 11. Please watch your mailbox for their arrival (that is, if you ordered season tickets! 😊!) Season ticket seats are first-come first-served within the reserved season ticket section. Arrive early for the best seats!

Individual November 19th Concert Tickets: Available from rehearsal assistants at all rehearsal sites and at the door the day of the concert. ALL tickets are general admission.

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. We will invite them to a rehearsal the week of November 28th and, if they are in 4th grade or above, allow them to audition immediately after that rehearsal! **Please make sure your friends pre-register for this rehearsal through the MCC office. Thanks!**

Holiday Trees and Wreaths for the Nov. 19th Silent Auction: Each year, MCC hosts a silent auction at its first big concert of the season to help support MCC programming. If you have decorated a tree or wreath or put together a gift basket for the silent auction, please take your completed item(s) to this week's rehearsal. Mary Murphy will pick up the items at each rehearsal site and deliver them to the concert. Questions? Contact Mary at mmurphy@milwaukeechildrenschoir.org or 414-221-7040.

How Do We Ensure a Successful Silent Auction Next Saturday? Bring lots of guests to the concert to hear how accomplished our singers have become, enjoy the festive autumn atmosphere, and be prepared to bid high and bid often—it's for a wonderful cause!

Rehearsal Site Auction Gift Basket Competition: This is the last week to make a donation to your rehearsal site auction gift basket. Each site's rehearsal assistant has a basket at their check-in table ready to collect a donation from each choir family. Read on for your site's theme!

- **Jubilate 📦 Packers:** 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, tickets????

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 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. **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 Wonderful Weekend!



November 8, 2011

Dear Jubilate Singers,

We are putting in place a new rehearsal attendance policy which will go into effect beginning with the Holiday Pops concert series in early December. You must attend at least 75% of rehearsals to be able to sing in an upcoming concert.

At MCC, we have high expectations of you. Part of being a successful musician is to attend rehearsals regularly so that you can be confident and successful in your performances. While this is a new policy, and will not be enforced for the November 19th concert, it has come to our attention that several singers are below 75% participation. I will be speaking to those who fall below 75% to make sure each singer is confident with their music. If you have missed rehearsals or portions of rehearsals and would like a bit more time preparing your music, please do your best to attend the make-up rehearsal so that you can polish your music and be confident in your part. The cost of the make-up session is \$5 per singer to cover the extra room rental fees at MYAC. Please bring cash or a check payable to "MCC" with you to the make-up session.

Thank you for your dedication to MCC! You are a valuable singer, and we want to make sure you have a positive experience at the performance!

Sing-cerely,

Mrs. Egger

**The Jubilate make-up rehearsal will be held on:
Thursday, Nov. 17, from 7-9 PM
at the Milwaukee Youth Arts Center.**

Name of singer: _____ Percentage of rehearsals attended: _____

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