



**Milwaukee  
Children's Choir**  
*Building Noteworthy Character*

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## MYC News

### MCC Fall Concert – Tomorrow, Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Here are the details:

- 12:00pm – Call room # 171
- 1:00 – Curtain
- 2:30 ish – Concert ends, Clean up and dismissal

### Important Milwaukee Youth Chorale Holiday Pops Information:

Thank you all for terrific rehearsal Tuesday night! You really sound great and I look forward to an outstanding performance on Saturday. As you know, our next project is the opportunity to sing with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra and Chorus for the Holiday Pops program. It is an intense concert week with three performances, two rehearsals and a dress rehearsal all over seven days. This endeavor will be a lot of work but a great opportunity and tons of fun. Please check your schedules to be sure of your responsibilities. Below please find the details regarding our collaboration.

MYC and Milwaukee Symphony Chorus rehearsals are on the following dates; these are all in Helfaer Hall at Mount Mary College (the same place we went last year). **I've attached directions for both singers getting dropped off, and those who are driving themselves (they are different). See them at the end of this newsletter:**

- Monday, Nov. 21 7:00 - ? (I am estimating MYC will be done at 8:15 p.m.)
- Monday, Nov. 28 7:00 - (same as above)
- Tuesday, Nov. 29 7:00 - (same as above)

Pieces we will rehearse together: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel, Silent Night, Star Carol, Home Alone Choruses, Hallelujah Chorus, Holiday Sing-Along*. The link to the cyberbass site for your Hallelujah Chorus preparation is at the link below.

[http://www.cyberbass.com/Major\\_Works/Handel\\_GF/Handel\\_Messiah.htm](http://www.cyberbass.com/Major_Works/Handel_GF/Handel_Messiah.htm)

The dress rehearsal and performances listed below will take place in Uihlein Hall at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts. MYC will meet and warm up in Rehearsal A with the MSC. You should arrive at the stage door on the north side of the building where you will enter through security. All performances will be done in your formal concert attire (the same as you are wearing for Saturday's concert). Additionally, you will all need black choralyres, which I will get and bring to rehearsal Monday. Please be sure you get your music in order in them as soon as possible.

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| Dress rehearsal | Thursday, Dec. 1 | 7:30 p.m. | (6:30 call) |
| Performance 1   | Friday, Dec. 2   | 8:00 p.m. | (7:00 call) |
| Performance 2   | Saturday, Dec. 3 | 8:00 p.m. | (7:00 call) |
| Performance 3   | Sunday, Dec. 4   | 2:30 p.m. | (1:30 call) |

See you tomorrow!  
Mr. Clark

## Milwaukee Ballet's *Nutcracker*

Yikes! Treble singers, 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!

**Gently Used Uniforms:** MYC Singers, we'd love to have your Jubilate (and perhaps even Prelude/Cantabile) uniforms donated back to MCC so we can issue them to other children! Please check your closet and drawers for MCC uniform pieces you're no longer wearing. Make sure they're washed before returning them to your rehearsal assistant. Thank you.

## Upcoming Rehearsal Schedule:

### November

- 19 - (Saturday) MCC Autumn Concert "A Stroll Through the Countryside." 1:00 pm concert, Singer call time 12:00 p.m., Hales Corners Lutheran Church
- Monday, Nov. 21 7:00 - ? (I am estimating MYC will be done at 8:15 p.m.). Helfaer Hall at Mount Mary College
- 22 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt with Mrs. Egger 6:30-7:00
- Monday, Nov. 28 7:00 - (same as above). Helfaer Hall at Mount Mary College
- Tuesday, Nov. 29 7:00 - (same as above). Helfaer Hall at Mount Mary College

### December

- Thursday, Dec. 1, Dress rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. (6:30 call), Uihlein Hall, Marcus Center
- Friday, Dec. 2, Performance 1, *Holiday Pops* Concert with MSO, 8:00 p.m. (7:00 call), Uihlein Hall, Marcus Center
- Saturday, Dec. 3, Performance 2, *Holiday Pops* Concert with MSO, 8:00 p.m. (7:00 call), Uihlein Hall, Marcus Center
- Sunday, Dec. 4, Performance 3, *Holiday Pops* Concert with MSO, 2:30 p.m. (1:30 call), Uihlein Hall, Marcus Center
- 6 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt with Mrs. Egger 6:30-7:00, Choir party tentatively scheduled last 30 minutes, watch for details from Mr. Clark. Parents welcome.
- 9 - (Friday) Possible *Nutcracker*<sup>2</sup> (TREBLE SINGERS ONLY) 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*<sup>2</sup> Performances (see flyer for more details) (TREBLE SINGERS ONLY)
- 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

**Sing-A-Thon Materials:** Will be sent home with all singers after the concert tomorrow. Please review the packets with your family and begin talking with relatives and friends about sponsoring your singer.

**MCC Season Tickets:** Were mailed home Friday, Nov. 11. Season ticket seats are first-come first-served within the reserved season ticket section. Arrive early for the best seats!

**Individual November 19<sup>th</sup> Concert Tickets:** Available 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](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! **Please make sure your friends pre-register for this rehearsal through the MCC office. Thanks!**

**How Do We Ensure a Successful Silent Auction Tomorrow?** 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!

**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](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.

*See you at the concert tomorrow!*

*See directions for Holiday Pops Rehearsals at Mt. Mary on the following pages.*

**DIRECTIONS TO THE MSC REHEARSAL SITE (Helfaer Hall in Mount Mary College) – DROP-OFFS ONLY**

From downtown Milwaukee, take I-94 west toward Madison, until you reach I-45.

Take I-45 north to the Watertown Plank Road exit (about  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile). When you get to the stoplight at the bottom of the ramp, keep going straight (on Swan Blvd.).

Continue on Swan Blvd. for about 1 mile (the road will curve quite a bit). At the first stoplight, turn left (west) on Menomonee River Parkway.

Continue west/northwest on Menomonee River Parkway (also twists and curves), for about 1-1/2 to 2 miles. When you get to a break in the residential area, you will see Mount Mary College on your right (if you reach Burleigh Avenue, you've gone too far).

When you get to Mount Mary, turn right onto the LONG drive leading up to the campus.

The first building you'll see on your right is the Library (newer construction), which is connected to the older (Lannon stone) parts of the college.

As soon as you get to the first part of the old buildings (a 2-story section that juts out like a giant bay window), stop. You can stop there to drop off singers. They will enter through the door you will see to your right (next to the "giant bay window" section).

Once you enter the building, go up 3 stairs and turn right -- the first room on your right is Helfaer Hall, where the MSO Chorus rehearses.

**DIRECTIONS TO MSO CHORUS REHEARSAL SITE – approved parking (Helfaer Hall, Mount Mary College)**

From downtown Milwaukee, take I-94 west toward Madison, until you reach I-45.

Take I-45 north to the Watertown Plank Road exit (about  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile). When you get to the stoplight at the bottom of the ramp, keep going straight (on Swan Blvd.).

Continue on Swan Blvd. for about 2 miles (the road will curve quite a bit, then straighten out at the first stoplight). You will continue on Swan Blvd. through 3 stoplights (Swan will turn into 92<sup>nd</sup> Street). After you pass the 3<sup>rd</sup> light (Center Street), you will see an entrance to Mount Mary College on your left.

Turn left into the college, and make an immediate left into the student/visitor parking lot. Once you are parked, walk up the sidewalk until you reach a covered walkway connecting the two closest buildings. Turn left to enter Caroline Hall.

Turn right as soon as you are inside the building, and walk down a long hallway. Helfaer Hall will be the room at the end of the hall, on your right (down a couple of stairs).