



Milwaukee Children's Choir

Building Noteworthy Character

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Cantabile News

Hello, Cantabile Families!

There are only a few more rehearsals until our concert on November 19. Please continue encouraging your singer to practice outside of rehearsal – it really makes a difference! Things to work on:

- 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

This 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 shirt 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, you **must** 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. Please remember that our dress rehearsals are closed to audience.

NUTCRACKER SINGERS

Availability forms are due on Saturday if you haven’t already sent them in. Singers received practice CDs with a full orchestra/chorus track as well as their individual parts. Please use these! We won’t be spending much time on *Nutcracker* in rehearsal since not everyone is participating, so it’s important that students keep practicing on their own.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday at 8:50am!

Sincerely,
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Don't stress over breakfast on Sat., Nov. 5th. 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
Cantabile East	Tuesdays	5:30-7:00 PM
Cantabile West	Wednesdays	6:00-7:30 PM
Cantabile North	Thursdays	5:30-7:00 PM

Milwaukee Youth Arts Center (MYAC, downtown)
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Mt Carmel Lutheran (84 th and Center Sts.)
Mequon United Methodist

Upcoming Rehearsal Schedule:

November

- 5th -** (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 7th- Regular Rehearsals
- Week of 14th - Regular Rehearsals
- 15th** MCC's Annual Meeting, Milwaukee Youth Arts Center, 6:30-7:00 PM. All are invited to attend.
- 19th- (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 21st - No Regular Rehearsals this week-- Happy Thanksgiving!
- Week of Nov. 28 - Dec. 2 Regular Rehearsals

Office News

MCC Season Tickets: Mailed to homes the week of November 7th.

Individual November 19th Concert Tickets: Available from rehearsal assistants at all rehearsal sites. Also available during the dress rehearsal.

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!

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. 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!

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 has a basket at their check-in table ready to collect a donation from each choir family. Read on for your site's theme!

- **Cantabile North** □ **Family Game Night:** Great family gift! Possible items to include—Board and card games, snacks, gift certificates to an arcade, 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 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.

See you tomorrow at dress rehearsal!