



Milwaukee Children's Choir

Building Noteworthy Character

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Cantabile News

Hello, Cantabile Families!

Wow! What a great week of rehearsals we had! The work that the singers did at the retreat really paid off. As we continue to practice our Fall music, we're moving beyond simply singing the right notes to things like phrasing, interpretation, and proper technique. There's a lot more to singing than just...singing!

Nutcracker auditions will be held after rehearsals the weeks of October 11 and 18. Students will need to be able to hold their own part against another part in a small group setting.

Reminders

As we move into the fourth week of rehearsals, please keep the following in mind.

- Folders (and a pencil!) need to accompany your singer to every rehearsal. Water bottles (closed top) are optional, but encouraged.
- Arrive at your site 5-10 minutes before rehearsal starts. Students not ready to begin at the rehearsal start time will be marked tardy.
- Cantabile East families – Parking is usually a bit of a headache at MYAC. Please allow extra time in your schedule/travel plans so your singer can still make it to rehearsal by 5:25. There is always parking available in the Golda Meir lot at the corner of Galena and 4th Streets. The lot is surrounded by a black wrought iron fence.
- All MCC singers are expected to put time into learning their music outside of rehearsal. Encourage your singer to be responsible for his/her own choral education!

By having high expectations of singer responsibility, punctuality, and commitment, we're not only able to get more accomplished in rehearsals, we're also teaching valuable life skills.

Thank you for sharing your singers with us. They're sounding great!

Sincerely,

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Cantabile Rehearsal Sites

Cantabile Central	Tuesdays	2:45-4:15 PM	Milwaukee Youth Arts Center (MYAC)
Cantabile East	Tuesdays	5:30-7:00 PM	Milwaukee Youth Arts Center (MYAC)
Cantabile West	Wednesdays	6:00-7:30 PM	Mt Carmel Lutheran (Tosa)
Cantabile North	Thursdays	5:30-7:00 PM	Mequon United Methodist

Upcoming Rehearsal Schedule:

September

Week of 19th -

Regular Rehearsals (There is no combined rehearsal at MYAC this week as was originally scheduled. A new ORANGE version of the calendar was sent out last week indicating the change). We've also included the new version of the calendar at the end of this newsletter.

Week of 26th-

Regular Rehearsals

October

Week of 3rd -

Regular Rehearsals / Open to Parents

Week of 10th -

Regular Rehearsals (*Nutcracker* auditions after each rehearsal)

Week of 17th -

Regular Rehearsals (*Nutcracker* auditions after each rehearsal)

Week of 24th -

NO Regular Rehearsals this week. Instead we will have a COMBINED rehearsal on Tuesday, October 25th (see below)

25th

(Tuesday) COMBINED Cantabile Rehearsal, 5:30-7:00 p.m., MYAC

Week of 31st -

Regular Rehearsals

Office News

Enrollment: MCC open enrollment closed Saturday, Sept. 17. If you have a friend at school, church, or in the neighborhood that loves to sing, they will have another opportunity to join MCC after Thanksgiving or at the beginning of January (depending on the choir site). Please have your friends contact the MCC office at 414-221-7040 or membership@milwaukeechildrenschoir.org to learn more.

Choir Handbook: Please see the link on this week's eNews message to download your very own copy of MCC's choir handbook. A link for the handbook is also posted...you guessed it...on the Members Only page of our website: www.milwaukeechildrenschoir.org.

Roundy's We Care Program is No More! Roundy's (Pick 'n Save) has discontinued their We Care fundraising program for non-profits. Please send suggestions about other community fundraising programs our way as the MCC staff would love to consider alternative options (414-221-7040 or membership@milwaukeechildrenschoir.org). Thanks for all the great feedback!

Reporting Attendance: In order to be excused, your MCC Rehearsal Assistant must be notified via the absence button on the Members Only page of the MCC website (www.milwaukeechildrenschoir.org). Families without internet access may phone the MCC office at 414-221-7040 to report their child's absence. Failure to notify the Rehearsal Assistant of an absence will cause the absence to be unexcused.

See the next pages for the updated version of the Cantabile Calendar!

Have a terrific weekend!

Please replace the calendar you received at the parent meeting with this one!

Cantabile Choir Calendar

2011-2012 Season (as of 8-19-11)

Calendar subject to change (please read weekly newsletters for up-to-date info)

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September

Week of 5 th -	Regular Rehearsals / Bring a Friend / Open Rehearsal (Cantabile Central and East on Tuesdays, Cantabile West on Wednesdays, Cantabile North on Thursdays)
Week of 12 th - 17 th -	Regular Rehearsals / Bring a Friend / Open Rehearsal (Saturday) Cantabile Retreat at MYAC, 9 am – 12 pm Parent Meeting for all Cantabile Families 11:00 am - 12:00 pm New Auditions at MYAC, 12:00p-1:00p This is the final call for new singers to join MCC for the 1 st semester.
Week of 19 th -	Regular Rehearsals
Week of 26 th -	Regular Rehearsals

October

Week of 3 rd -	Regular Rehearsals / Open Rehearsal
Week of 10 th -	Regular Rehearsals (<i>Nutcracker</i> auditions after each rehearsal)
Week of 17 th -	Regular Rehearsals (<i>Nutcracker</i> auditions after each rehearsal)
Week of 24 th -	NO Regular Rehearsals this week Instead we will have a COMBINED rehearsal on Tuesday, October 25 th (see below)
25 th	(Tuesday) COMBINED Cantabile Rehearsal, 5:30-7:00 p m , MYAC
Week of 31 st -	Regular Rehearsals

November

5 th -	(Saturday) Dress Rehearsal at Hales Corners Lutheran, 9 am – 1 pm <i>Exact call time for Cantabile TBD. Cantabile will attend 90 minutes of this rehearsal</i>
Week of 7 th -	Regular Rehearsals
Week of 14 th - 19 th -	Regular Rehearsals (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 st -	NO Regular Rehearsals this week - Happy Thanksgiving!
Week of 28- Dec 2	Regular Rehearsals

December

Week of 5 th -	Regular Rehearsals
10 th -	(Saturday) Solo Auditions at MYAC, 9am-12pm, 3pm-6pm
Week of 12 th -	Regular Rehearsals
Week of 19 th -	Winter Break - No rehearsals
Week of 26 th -	Winter Break - No rehearsals

January

Week of 2 nd -	Regular Rehearsals / Bring a Friend / Open Rehearsal
Week of 9 th - 14 th -	Regular Rehearsals / Bring a Friend / Open Rehearsal (Saturday) New Auditions at MYAC, 9:30a - 11:00a This is the final call for new singers to join MCC for the 2 nd semester New Parent Meeting 9:45a-10:45a. Vocal Coaching and Soloists work with accompanist at MYAC, 12p-3p
Week of 16 th -	Regular Rehearsals
Week of 23 rd -	Regular Rehearsals
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Week of 30 -Feb. 3	Regular Rehearsals

February

Week of 6 th -	No Regular Rehearsals this week Instead, we will have a COMBINED rehearsal on Tuesday, Feb. 7 in preparation for the Sing-a-Thon (see below)
7 th	(Tuesday) COMBINED Cantabile Rehearsal, 5:30-7:00 pm, MYAC.
11 th -	(Saturday) MCC Sing-a-Thon, Bayshore Towne Center, 10:30-4:30 <i>Specific call time TBD.</i>
Week of 13 th -	Regular Rehearsals
Week of 20 th -	Regular Rehearsals
Week of 27-Mar 2	Regular Rehearsals

March

Week of 5 th -	Regular Rehearsals / Open Rehearsal
Week of 12 th -	Regular Rehearsals
Week of 19 th -	Regular Rehearsals
Week of 26 th -	Regular Rehearsals

April

Week of 2 nd - 3 rd -	No Regular Rehearsals - MCC Spring Break (see ACE dress rehearsal below) (Tuesday) Dress Rehearsal for Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra ACE Concert, 2p-4p
Week of 9 th -	No Rehearsals - MCC Spring Break
Week of 16 th - 18 th -	Regular Rehearsals Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra ACE Concert, noon, Uihlein Hall, Marcus Center for the Performing Arts
Week of 23 rd -	Regular Rehearsals
Week of 30-May 4	NO Regular Rehearsals this week Instead, we will have a COMBINED rehearsal on Tuesday, May 1 (see below) PLUS Audition Day (see below)

May

1 st -	(Tuesday) COMBINED Cantabile Rehearsal, 5:30-7:00 p m , MYAC
5 th -	(Saturday) Re-Audition Day and Auditions for New Students
Week of 7 th - 12 th	Regular Rehearsals (Saturday) Re-Audition Day and Auditions for New Students
Week of 14 th - 18 th -	Regular Rehearsals PLUS Dress Rehearsal PLUS Concert (see below) (Friday) Dress Rehearsal at UWM Zelazo Hall, 5:00-9:00 pm <i>Exact time for Cantabile TBD</i> <i>Cantabile will attend 90 minutes of this rehearsal</i>
20 th -	(Sunday) MCC Spring Concert "And All That Jazz" 3:00 p.m UWM Zelazo Hall Singer Call Time 2:00 p m.
Week of 21 st -	Regular Rehearsals - includes Year-End Parties Parents welcome

June

12 th -	(Tuesday) Re-auditions and New Auditions, 4:00-6:00
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One additional community performance may be added to this schedule