



# Milwaukee Children's Choir

*Building Noteworthy Character*

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## MYC News

See yellow highlighted calendar change below!

Dear Youth Chorale,

Thank you for your work Tuesday night. You really are singing well and making tremendous progress on this music. My best estimate is that we have two-thirds of every piece pretty much memorized. That is terrific! I hope to get *Bill Baily* and *Band O Doon* finished regarding memorization next week. In addition, work on that third section of *Just as the Tide*. You will find a more detailed plan listed below. It seemed to me that many of you worked on this rep. last week and I appreciate those efforts as it makes out time together more fun as we then get to work toward artistry.

We will work to solidify a modified mixed formation next week (probably in two rows). And try to get all of our music into that mixed formation as soon as possible. Keep working toward independence and accuracy on all of your lit.

In the next few weeks we should be getting our December lit. for the Holiday Pops with the MSO. As that comes in we will look ahead and try to be prepared in advance. It will be great to have that lit. so early this year!

Don't forget that you can use the reference recordings I have provided on my Shorewood site <http://bit.ly/shorewoodvox> under the MYC tab. You may also You Tube some of the songs as some of them are available there too, especially *Banks O' Doon*. Good luck preparing.

### MYC and MCC Facebook Pages

Please remember to become a friend of MYC and MCC on Facebook, as we will be posting these notes and other important information there each week to keep you informed.

### Make – Up Rehearsals & Attendance

We are still working on trying to arrange a couple make up rehearsals for you. Once I have those dates confirmed I will send them out to you. Remember that in order to perform in any concert you need to attend at least 75% of rehearsals. Thank you to those who have been letting me know of your absences. It really helps me plan.

### Rehearsal Plan – October 4

#### 1. *Just as the Tide*

- Work the third section for accuracy and independence without the piano.
- Continue to work on memorization and artistry on verses one and two.
- Be able to sing through first three verses without piano, in mixed formation with strong part independence.

#### 2. *Bill Baily*

- Review memorization of the first half.
- Focus on Details of style, dynamics, balance, blend and work toward memorization of the last half.
- Bases you need to work on improved accuracy of the last half. Right now you are only approximating the pitches and that simply won't cut it.
- Everyone have the whole piece memorized and able to sing in mixed formation without piano help.

### 3. *Banks O' Doon*

- Work from the back for more accuracy of pitch and rhythm throughout with special focus on ensemble and balance in times of dissonance.
- Stronger independence and sensitivity to phrasing, text, dynamics and artistry
- Sing the whole piece memorized in mixed formation.

### 4. Start to learn the Finale piece.

Have a great end to your week and weekend. I look forward to our progress on Tuesday.

Mr. Clark

**Reminder:** Mrs. Egger will again be offering assistance to singers who are interested in singing a solo for the Sing-a-Thon or the Florentine Opera Master Classes. We will not, however, pull singers out of choir rehearsals to work on solos this year. Instead, we ask singers to please make an appointment with Mrs. Egger to rehearse their solo piece between 6:30-7:00 on choir nights. This will begin in October. Also, if a singer would like some individual help on their choir music, they are encouraged to meet with Mrs. Egger individually to get help. As indicated on the calendar, we will begin offering vocal coaching in October. To make an appointment with Mrs. Egger, simply email her at:

[eegger@milwaukeechildrenschoir.org](mailto:eegger@milwaukeechildrenschoir.org)

## Upcoming Rehearsal Schedule:

### October

- 4 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt with Mrs. Egger 6:30-7:00 / Open Rehearsal
- 11 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt with Mrs. Egger 6:30-7:00
- 18 - Regular Rehearsal, Vocal Coaching by appt with Mrs. Egger 6:30-7:00
- 25 - Calendar Change: MYC will rehearse *Ma Navu* with Jubilate from 7-8 p.m. in Debut. MYC will be excused an hour early this evening (8 p.m.), Vocal Coaching by appt with Mrs. Egger 6:30-7:00

## Office News

**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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.

*Have a terrific weekend!*