



Children's Chorus of Carroll County

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Next Season: As you plan for next year, please consider that the second year in any organization is typically much more fun and satisfying than the first year. This concept was reinforced for me as I listened to several of the Bel Canto's talk about their experiences in Choir. More than one member mentioned how much more they loved Chorus after their first year. Seeing familiar and friendly faces, knowing the routine and expectations, enjoying personal vocal and musical growth, and feeling like an integral part of the group are aspects that are heightened for returning members.

CONCERT DONATIONS: In anticipation of the Spring Celebration, please know that we will be asking the audience to make a voluntary donation to the Chorus. Over the last 25 years we have tried several approaches to raising monies to support our actual performances; including selling concert tickets to everyone and having the children pass baskets during and after the concert in the lobby. Recognizing that our own young families comprise most of the audience and are already spending money to have their children enrolled in the Chorus program, we also experimented with giving each Chorus family free admission tickets. The funds we raised with these other approaches did not meet our expenses and the time expended on the free-ticket program was not deemed to be worthy of the effort. Therefore, we have decided to invite people to *voluntarily* contribute on the day of the concert.

Please know how very much we appreciate all support. Also know that your gifts submitted by check are income tax deductible.

Voce Viaggio News: Beginning this summer, *Wee Women*, with a touch of the Irish, will be preparing for next year. I am really excited about the potential for fun and musical growth inherent in this group. An all-male group is also in the works and that will definitely be fun...*and energetic!*

AUDITIONS...WE COUNT ON YOUR HELP! As we approach a new season, one of our biggest challenges is to get the word out about the Chorus. You can help us by telling other parents and having your Chorus members extend invitations to their friends. We all know kids who love to sing--and that's what we are all about! If you are part of a home-school network or other organization that could publish an audition announcement, please give the information to General Manager, Celia Bechtel: bbechtel@qis.net. In April, we will distribute "invitations" that our members can give out. Please encourage your child to use them.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LPV AND DB CHORUS MEMBERS! You did a wonderful job at the Westminster Ridge Senior Center. You brought a lot of joy to this elder community!

AWARDS NIGHT: Please join us for Awards Night on Tuesday, May 4th. The children have worked hard all year and this is the perfect time to recognize each child's significant contribution to making our year successful. There will be a short concert by our MMI and MMII groups, certificates and awards for every member and refreshments. Please note that members must be present to receive their awards.

Bring all Chorus music and uniforms (vests and ties) to be turned in that night. We look forward to seeing you.

CALENDAR

Music Maker Calendar Reminder

April 27 Last class for MM1 & MM2, regular class times

May 4 Awards Night - MM2's report at 6 PM; MM1's report at 6:30 PM

Registration for Music Makers 2010-2011

1) If you have a Music Maker 1 who is currently in Kindergarten this year, and you wish to continue with Music Maker 2 for 2010-2011, you may fill in a registration form at Awards Night. These children do not need to attend choir auditions.

OR

2) If you currently have a Music Maker 1 or 2 who will be in second grade or higher next year and you wish to try out for LPV's, your child must audition on either May 17th or 18th at the regular auditions. If your child is not accepted into LPV's they are most welcome to register for Music Maker 2 and re-audition the following year.

OR

3) If you currently have a child in Music Maker 1 or 2 that will be in second grade next year but they do not want to audition for LPV's, your child may register for Music Maker 2 if you wish to continue with our program. You may register them at Awards Night and you do not need to attend the auditions

Apr 9 BC Friday night rehearsal with Dr. Boudreaux 7:00 – 8:30pm, Grace Lutheran Church

Apr 11 Intergenerational Concert, presented by the **DB's** and Westminster Senior Singers, Westminster Church of the Brethren. Assemble @ 2:45; perform at 3:00 p.m. Informal uniform

Apr 16 Friday evening rehearsal, BC only: 7:00-9:00pm, Baker Chapel, McDaniel College; with Masterworks Chorale.

Apr 17 Final rehearsal for spring concert: Baker Chapel, McDaniel College.

LPV 9:00 – 10:00am; DB 10:00 – 11:00am; BC 11:00 – noon; VV noon – 12:30pm.

Students not attending will not be able to sing in the spring concert.

Apr 18 Spring Celebration 3:00pm. “Mass of the Children”, John Rutter will be the featured work. Call times: LPV's: 2:30pm; DB's: 2:30pm; BC's: 1:30pm. Formal uniform

Apr 20 and 27 7:00 – 8:30pm Rehearsal for BC members who are going to Chicago

Apr 29 – May 2 BC's trip to Chicago: Heritage Festival with Henry Leck

May 4 Awards Night: 7:00pm Grace Hall, Grace Lutheran Church

May 15 Rehearsal BC's only: 2:00 -4:00 in Baker Chapel, McDaniel College.

May 16 Masterworks Concert, BC's: 7:00pm performance, Baker Chapel, McDaniel College. Call time: 5:30 pm. "Mass of the Children", John Rutter, with orchestra;
Formal uniform

May 17 and 18 Auditions: Cranberry Station Elementary: **help us recruit new members.**