

Children's Chorus of Carroll County February '09 Newsletter

Saturday, March 7, 5:30 – 8:00ish, Westminster Methodist Church: FAMILY MUSIC NIGHT, including a pot-luck dinner followed by special guests Tim Gregory and his group of musicians. (Memory jog: Tim worked with our students during the November Sing-In.) This will be a great evening for everyone in your family. Admission is free to Chorus families and \$5.00 each for non-Chorus attendees, so please invite family and friends. As a fundraiser, there will be an "event-only drawing" for artwork by Jodi McConnell, local visual artist whose child is in the BC's. Several of her paintings will be on display during rehearsal on February 3, outside Grace Hall. Tickets for the drawing will be \$5.00 each, or 3 for \$10.00. As for food, Bullocks famous chicken and paper and plastic goods will be provided by the Chorus. Each Chorus family attending is asked to bring food to serve 12 as follows:

BC's: main dish (ie: mac & cheese; pasta casserole)

DB's: salad or side dish (ie: potato, macaroni salad, veggie casserole)

LPV's & MM's: dessert + 1 gallon container of iced tea, lemonade or punch

Volunteers are needed to organize the pot-luck. Please contact Connie Carbaugh: connie.c2@verizon.net. We are in need of help to set up and clean up.

RSVP by February 24th by returning the slip below to your Choir Coordinator.

NEW WEBSITE: As of March 1, 2009, the Chorus website will be CCCCnotes.com. This change was prompted by the old site's inaccessibility from some computers. Please bear with us as we attempt to change *everything in print*.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: If one of our singers receives special recognition in either the vocal or instrumental music area, please send pertinent information via email to Connie Carbaugh, connie.c2@verizon.net or Diane Jones, mismoosic@gmail.com. Such recognition would include performing in All-County or All-State groups, Eisteddfod, winning competitions or participating in awards recitals. We would like to include their names in our newsletter "Chorus Stars Column" in April.

SPRING CONCERT PROGRAM ADS: It is not too early to solicit ads to be printed in the Spring Celebration program. Russ Vriezen is the point person for this, so please get those ads and turn-in the form (available on line) and money into Russ.

CONCERT OPPORTUNITIES: The Chorus has been offered group rates to a fabulous concert on April 18: **Verdi's Requiem**, presented at 7pm at the historic Lyric Theatre in Baltimore, by the Concert Artists of Baltimore, the Symphonic Chorus and Orchestra, under the direction of Ed Polochick. Students ages 8 to 18: just \$5, accompanying adults: \$15. We need to have 25 concert-goers signed up and paid by St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday, March 17. Sign-up and payment can be handled at the sign-in tables. If there is not enough interest, you will be notified on March 24.

Trombone Concert by Board Member Jim Mayola: April 3, 2009, but, since it will be held in Alumni Hall at McDaniel (which seats over 500) I can invite ALL my friends. As a matter of fact, you can invite/bring the entire Children's Chorus and families if you wish.

Family Music Night/Pot Luck Dinner RSVP – return this slip by February 24th to your Choir Coordinator

Chorus Member: _____ **# attending:** _____
(Chorus members & families are free of charge)

Tickets needed for non-Chorus attendees @ \$5/ea: _____ **Check #:** _____

Updated Calendar of Events: please review carefully

Feb 9 Chorus Night at Westminster's Panera Bread: 6:00-9:00pm. Westminster Crossing, 200 E. Clifton Blvd. Fundraiser to benefit the BC's travel group to the Heritage Festival in New York City. **ALL CHORUS FAMILIES are invited to come out and eat at Panera and support your fellow Chorus members!**

Feb 10 Grace Hall, Grace Lutheran Church: You and your friends are invited to a special Clavinova event at 7:00pm. Guest performer and Yamaha artist Sue Downs will perform on the Clavinova, so even if you just like to listen to keyboard music, drop in Grace Hall and enjoy! This entertaining and informative evening is presented by Stu's Music Shop, a long-time supporter of our Chorus.

Feb 22 Grace Lutheran Church: LPV/DB's will participate in the 11:15 service: assemble @ 10:30am; formal uniform

Feb 24 Chorus Night at Salsarita's in Westminster: 402 Englar Rd. (in the shopping center by SuperFresh) Fundraiser to benefit the BC's travel group to the Heritage Festival in New York City. **ALL CHORUS FAMILIES are invited to come out and eat at Salsarita's and support your fellow Chorus members!**

Mar 7 Family Music Night and Pot-Luck Dinner: 5:30 pm. at Westminster Methodist Church.

Mar 21 Young Voices of Maryland Choral Festival: all day activity for **BC's:** Maryland State Boychoir Facility in Baltimore. There will be five choruses participating with world-famous guest clinician, Joan Gregoryk; informal uniform

Mar 28 Sing-In: 1:00 – 4:00pm @ Friendship Valley Elementary

Mar 29 Intergenerational Concert for DB's and Westminster Senior Singers: assemble @ 2:45; perform at 3pm; Westminster Church of the Brethren; **INFORMAL uniform.** Everyone is welcome to attend and cheer our singers on!

Mar 31 Westminster Ridge Concert: assemble at 6:30pm, perform at 7:00pm: **LPV, MM I & MM II;** informal uniform

Apr 17 Friday evening All-Chorus Rehearsal at Big Baker Chapel, 7:00 – 8:00pm. (Students not attending will be unable to sing in the Spring Celebration; do not wear uniforms – just street clothes)

Apr 18 Final rehearsal for Spring Celebration; LPV 9:00 – 10:00am; DB 10:00 – 11:00am; BC 11:00 – noon; VV noon – 12:30pm (Students not attending will be unable to sing in the Spring Celebration; do not wear uniforms – just street clothes)

Apr 19 Spring Celebration: 3:00pm: Big Baker Chapel @ McDaniel College; Call times: LPV's: 2:30pm, DB's: 2:30pm, BC's: 2:15. Formal pressed uniform

Apr 21 5:00 – 7:00pm Registration and placement for all future Music Maker members
7:00 – 8:00pm Rehearsal for all New York-bound Bel Canto's: this will be at GRACE LUTHERAN, not Westminster Methodist Church.

Apr 23-26 Heritage Festival: New York City. BC's and parents

Apr 28 Awards Night for MM, LPV, DB and BC. Grace Hall, Grace Lutheran Church: all Chorus music, materials and uniforms are to be returned by this evening. All members are individually recognized, but must be in attendance to receive awards.

REMINDER: There is a container for used printer cartridges and cell phones in the common area outside of Grace Hall.