



Preparatory & Intermezzo Choirs

November 29, 2011

From the Directors Chair:



I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Break! We are now in concert time!!!! Please look at call times for all performances/rehearsals and be early. This is very important. The next few days will be colder so please drink lots of water, get plenty of sleep, and bundle up. I am really looking forward to some outstanding performances with all of you. This is why you work hard so enjoy!!!!!!!

Preparatory and Intermezzo Schedule:

Don't forget that the detailed schedule is available on the website at anytime.

12/1/2011	Dickens Christmas Performance - Ben May Main Library, Mobile FORMAL UNIFORMS 5:45 - Arrive at library (Scott Street door) 6:00 - rehearsal 6:45 - pizza 7:15 - ready for performance 7:30 - performance 8:00 - dismiss
12/2/2011	Dress Rehearsal @ Cathedral of Immaculate Conception 4 - 6:30 pm Casual Uniform (Polo, jeans, tennis shoes.) **CLOSED REHEARSAL** Only parent monitors allowed.
12/3/2011	Mobile's Singing Children 35th Anniversary Concert - <i>Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception</i> FORMAL UNIFORMS - 5:15 - Call Time (PICTURES) - 5:40 - Warm-up - 6:10 - Walk to Temple - 6:15 - Doors Open for Guests - 6:50 - Walk to Cathedral - 7:00 - Concert Begins - 8:30ish - Dessert Reception at the Temple *** ALL SINGERS NEED TO COME TO THE RECEPTION FOR A GROUP PICTURE***
12/6/2011	Magic Christmas in Lights at Bellingsrath Gardens and Home - FORMAL UNIFORMS <i>Bellingsrath Gardens and Home, 12401 Bellingsrath Gardens Rd; Theodore, AL 36582</i> - 5:00 - Call Time (Singers will enter through a door just to the left of the main entrance, not through the lobby. Look for our sign / monitors.) - 5:00 -5:30 - Warm-up - 5:30 - Walk to Performance Area (Led by Bellingsrath Staff) - 6:00 - Performance time - 6:30ish - Line up to return to main entrance. Parents attending Bellingsrath for the evening MAY pick up singers at performance immediately following the performance. To minimize chaos, please wait until children are lined up, then SEE THE MONITOR AND SIGN YOUR CHILD OUT. - 6:35ish - Singers who have not been picked up will be walked back to the main entrance/exit for pick up. - 6:45 - All children should have been picked up.
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Email:

This is the busiest time of year for MSC! Last minute things come up, changes happen, information needs to be shared! **Please make sure you are checking your email often. Stay in touch!! Check with friends!!**

Dickens:

- **NEW: The Library Staff has asked if any parents would like to help with the event.** They need 4-6 additional helpers in the library area. Volunteers will be able to enjoy the buffet, but are being asked to pay \$10 (not the regular \$20) to offset the per-person catering charge. If you would like to volunteer, send an email to mobilisingchildren@gmail.com before noon tomorrow (Wed, Nov 30).
- Wear bright scarves and top hats with your formal uniform.
- Please see drop off instructions later in the email.
- Our Dickens Christmas performance is a part of a fundraiser hosted by the Mobile Public Library. Tickets are sold by the Mobile Public Library for \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. This includes all the dinner and all the activities of the evening. Parents who wish to attend the performance **MUST HAVE A TICKET** and enter the event through the library's main entrance. Our singers do not need a ticket. Call 208-7097 to reserve tickets for pickup at "will call".

Dress Rehearsal:

- Dress rehearsal will begin **PROMPTLY** at 4pm. **Dismissal time has been changed to 6:30pm.**
- Singers should arrive, and be in place, fully focused and ready to sing and follow instructions no later than 3:55. **Please have a light snack on the way to rehearsal.** Plan carefully to allow for driving time, one way streets, changing into your casual uniform, etc. **DO NOT BE LATE.**
- Dress rehearsal is **MANDATORY** and is **CLOSED**. Only performers, monitors, parent council members and instrumentalists are permitted in the Cathedral during dress rehearsal. Please don't put us in the position of having to ask you to leave. Thank You.

Concert:

- Formal Uniform. Check your shoes on a hard surface. Make sure they are **SILENT**. Rubber soles! The acoustics in the Cathedral are amazing - one set of hard soled shoes will be heard by everyone.
- Concert call time has been moved up to 5:15. (Which means you should arrive by 5:10, and be in place by 5:15). **DO NOT BE LATE.** We are going to attempt a picture outside on the Cathedral steps.
- **Check with monitors before entering.** There is a mass at the Cathedral which may not be over by 5:15. If the mass is still .This is for pictures.

Reception:

- **All choir members need to come to the Temple for a group picture, immediately following the concert!**
- **Desserts:** **All** Concert Choir, Preparatory, Intermezzo and Encore parents are asked to bring 20 - 24 servings of a dessert for our reception. See prior newsletter for specifics.
- **Decorations:** Each family is asked to bring a large **empty** box gift wrapped in **elegant** Christmas paper. We are looking for boxes around the size of one of our pecan boxes or a case of copy paper. For wrapping, please use elegant foils and papers with stripes, plaids, tone-on-tones, and classic Christmas images, like trees, stars, holly, ornaments, etc. Stay away from commercial characters, Rudolph's, Santa's, and cartoons. Don't add bows -- we will add them where needed.
- **Drop off:** Decorations and desserts can be dropped off at the Temple during Dress Rehearsal.

Bellingrath:

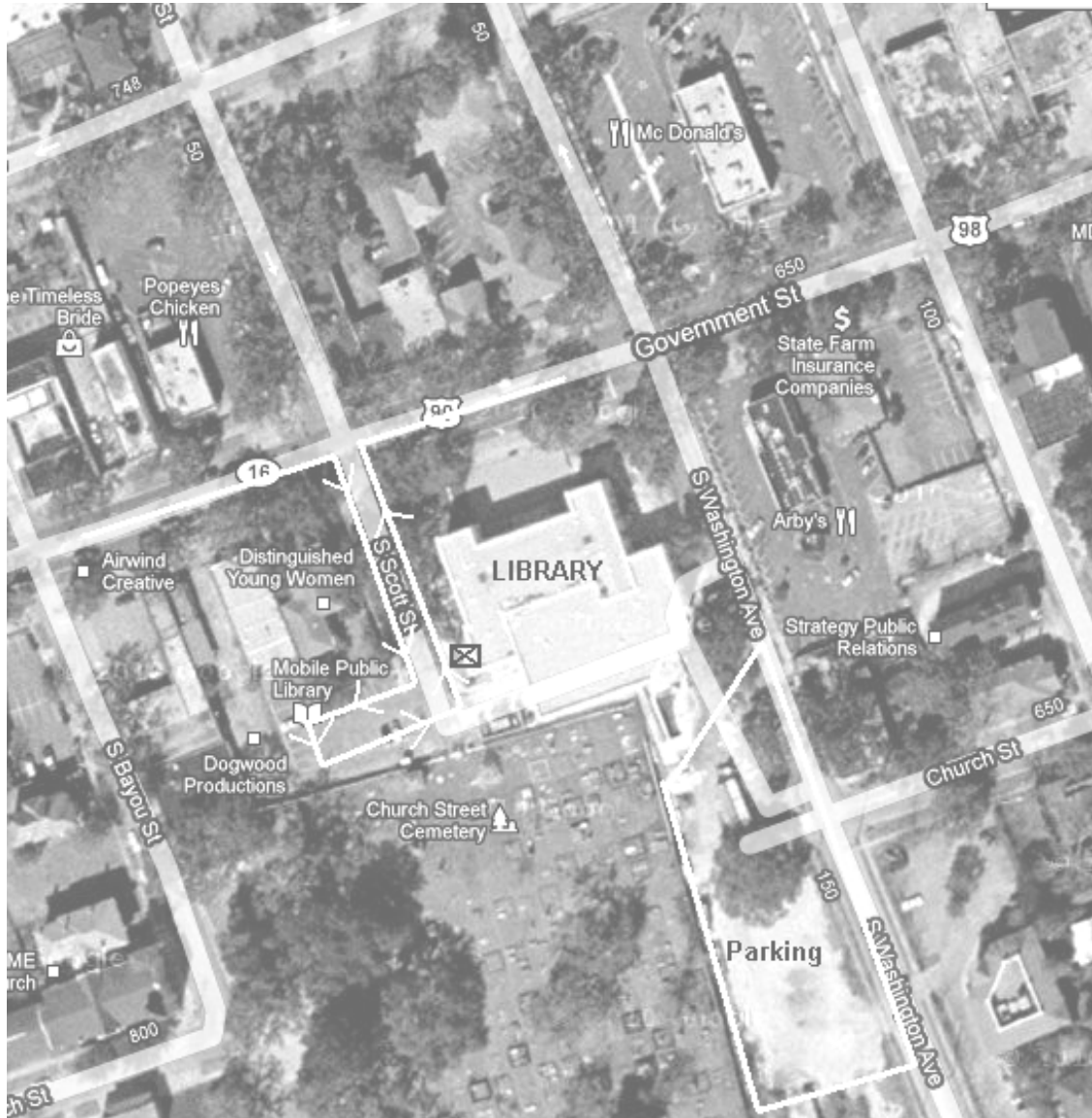
- Please see specifics later in the newsletter.
- This is an outdoor performance!! If the weather is cold, singers may wear coats over their formal uniforms.
- It is imperative that you check email prior to this performance. Any weather related announcements will be made via email.

35th Annual Christmas Concert CD:

We have arranged for our concert to be professionally audio recorded. CD's will be available for pre-order for \$18. (CD's not preordered will be \$20). We expect to have CDs in for pickup before Christmas.

Uniforms:

- Make sure your uniforms are ready!! Alterations, all pieces located, etc.
- Formal Uniform for Dickens, MSC Christmas Concert and Bellingrath.

Directions for Dickens Christmas – Thursday, 12/1/2011

The Ben May Branch of the Library is located at 700 Government Street in downtown Mobile. If you need directions, please call or email Tish Odom. (mobilesingingchildren@gmail.com or 251-751-4289)

Singers should arrive at the Scott Street Entrance (marked by X above) by 5:40 (call time is 5:45). Pick-up is at the same entrance at appx. 8:00. Note: **ONLY** singers can be admitted through the Scott Street door. Ticket holders must be admitted through the main entrance, off of Washington Ave. The parking area is located behind the library and is accessed from Washington Ave. Due to the traffic issues, for those who are able, it is suggested that you park in the Washington Ave parking lot, and WALK to the Scott Street door for drop off and pick-up. For those who do not wish to walk to the door, be aware that Scott Street is very narrow. (Please be conscious of not blocking traffic.) Parents should use the parking lot adjacent to Scott Street to make a “loop” for drop off and pick up. This is NOT where parents should park.

Parents who are attending the event will be able to pick up your singer inside, and the singer can join you for the remainder of the event without a ticket.

DRESS REHEARSAL:

Dress rehearsal is onsite at The Cathedral of Immaculate Conception. Casual Uniforms ARE required for this rehearsal. This is a closed rehearsal.

**Directions from Spring Hill Presbyterian:**

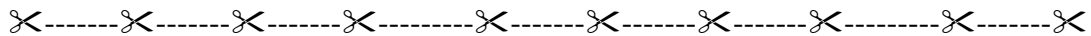
- Exit the church campus by turning right onto Old Shell Road. Continue South on Old Shell Road appx. 6.8 miles. Turn Right at N. Broad Street. Travel appx. 360 feet to the 2nd cross street. Turn left at the 2nd cross street onto Dauphin Street. Travel appx. .6 miles to S. Claiborne St. Turn right on S. Claiborne.
- **SINGER DROP OFF and PICK UP** is in front of the Cathedral. Look for the MSC sign and monitors. Please try to pull to the right so you do not block traffic while dropping off. At pickup, if your child isn't immediately ready, please circle the block so that we can keep traffic flowing. (If you prefer to park and walk up, DO NOT enter the rehearsal. Please wait outside.)
- Dessert and Wrapped Box/Present Drop Off is at the Temple.
- Note that downtown street parking requires paying the meter on Friday (only before 5pm, I believe), but is free on Saturday. All parking lots require payment. There is a paid parking lot right in front of the Temple.

MSC 35th Anniversary Christmas Concert CD

Our concert will be professionally audio recorded. CD's can be preordered for \$18 each.

Please complete the form below, and drop it in the "bucket", along with your payment no later than the November 28th rehearsal. Orders can also be placed at our reception or mailed to:

**Mobile's Singing Children
PO Box 91841
Mobile, AL 36691**



CD Order Form

Singer Name: _____

Choir: Preparatory Intermezzo Concert

I understand that every effort will be made to have finished CDs available for pickup before Christmas; however, *this cannot be guaranteed.*

Number of CD's Ordered: _____ times \$18 each = \$ _____

Check Number: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Phone Number: _____

1 CD = \$18 2 CDs = \$36 3 CDs = \$54 4 CDs = \$72 5 CDs = \$90

Please write "CD" and your Singer's Name on your check. Thanks!