



Concert Choir and Encore!

February 13, 2012

From the Directors Chair:



Rehearsals continue to go well but time will fly by after Mardi Gras holiday and we will be very close to our performance times. Please review your music during your week off. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE CHOIR'S SUCCESS!!

Please have these pieces memorized when your return from break:

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

I'm Goin up a Yonder

When in our music God is glorified

Ride the Chariot

VERY IMPORTANT!!! 35th ANNIVERSARY SPRING CONCERT

Please keep Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12th free from 6:00 - 8:30. This will be our [dress rehearsal](#) and performance. Our dress rehearsal will be run a little different this year. Everyone will wear their casual uniform because we will have guests attending this rehearsal. We will try to make it run just like a performance.

I hope everyone has a safe and fun holiday!

NEW PERFORMANCES

We've added two additional performances to our schedule. Check the performance details below, and report any conflicts by sending an email to mobilesingingchildren@mail.com. Remember, conflicts should be reported within ONE week from today.

ANJANETTE'S GETTING MARRIED!!!!

Saturday, June 30 at 6:00 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church

This is during the summer when we are not meeting. Please be sure to check your calendar and let me know if you cannot attend by next week. Anjanette did so much for MSC and I am excited that she has asked you to sing at her wedding.

Hope for Healing – FUNDRAISING BANQUET TO BENEFIT VICTORY HEALTH PARTNERS

Thursday, May 3 – Call time 4:45; Performance 5:30 – 6:30; Dismissal 6:45

PERFORMANCE REMINDERS!

CARMINA BURANA

Performance: April 14 and 15

This is a required performance for everyone and has been on the schedule. We are really looking forward to this performance with Mobile Symphony and University of South Alabama Choirs. This is an experience that you will never forget. **EXCITING MUSIC!** Be sure to note that Public schools will have spring break the following week and some private schools will have it the previous week, so plan accordingly. Please check for rehearsal schedule soon.

Spring Hill Performance
Sunday, April 29th

Spring Concert
Saturday, May 12th



ALABAMA TOUR (June 3 – 5)

****Please note the change in dates****

The Alabama Tour is going to be amazing as we give back to our state. Check last week's flyer for all of the current details. Please continue to watch the newsletter for updates and new information.

OUT OF THE HOUSE FUNDRAISER

Each MSC family should begin turning in donations for this fundraiser. 1 Donation required per family. Donations can be gift or gift certificates and can be anything such as doughnuts, hair products, restaurants, spas, nail salons, coffee, golfing etc. When you turn in your donation please make sure it is in an envelope with your singer's name on it as well as who made the donation. We have letters available for businesses making donations. If you have any questions feel free to contact Tracy Womack 370-3686. All donations due NO later than the May 7th rehearsal. Tickets will go on sale April 1st.

PROGRAM ADS

Program ads are still available for sale. Please email mobilesingingchildren@gmail.com with any questions.

Happy Birthday!

Lydia Henry 2/18
Peyton Wyndham 2/26

Kristina Swearingen 2/18

Congratulations to these Concert Choir members for their recent accomplishments:

- Ibby Morris won the state Spelling Bee
- Taylor Emmertson was selected as a student ambassador for Clark-Shaw Magnet School.
- Elizabeth Bemis, Catherine Bemis, and Ben Hightower all placed 1st in their division in the MMTA Sonata Contest.
- Bentley Odom was selected to represent Phillips Preparatory School at the Mobile County Science Fair in the Physics category.

Please send your accomplishments to annie_emmertson@yahoo.com. We want to be able to recognize you in future newsletters.

Concert Choir Schedule: (This does not include Carmina Burana and Turandot extra rehearsals. We will add those as they are given to us) Rehearsals will continue through all Spring Breaks. Please let Mrs. Hoitt know if you will be out of town and cannot attend that rehearsal. As usual, all performances are required. Please note the Carmina Burana performance dates.

2/20/2012	No regular rehearsal due to Mardi Gras holiday week
2/27/2012	Regular rehearsal
3/5/2012	Regular rehearsal
3/12/2012	Regular Rehearsal
3/19/2012	Regular Rehearsal
3/26/2012	Regular Rehearsal
3/30/2012	Turandot Performance
4/1/2012	Turandot Performance
4/2/2012	Regular Rehearsal
4/9/2012	Regular Rehearsal
4/14/2012	Carmina Burana Performance with Mobile Symphony
4/15/2012	Carmina Burana Sunday Performance
4/16/2012	Regular Rehearsal
4/23/2012	Regular Rehearsal
4/29/2012	Performance at Spring Hill Presbyterian 10:00 warm up
4/30/2012	Regular Rehearsal
5/3/2012	**New Performance** Victory Health Partners 5:45 Call time
5/7/2012	Regular Rehearsal
5/11/2012	Dress rehearsal for concert 6:00 – 8:30
5/12/2012	Spring Concert 6:00 call



Tour Commitment

June 3 – 5, 2012

*Giving Back
to Southern Alabama Tour*

\$350 per person*

Three full days – two nights including....

- Two night hotel stay
- Breakfast Each Morning
- Two group dinners
- ***Day at Waterville with Lunch included***
- Performances (so far)
 - Sunday morning worship service performance
 - First UMC Troy, Alabama (sponsored by the ***Troy Arts Council***)
 - First UMC Atmore, Alabama
 - Rachel Patterson Jump Start Program
 - Poarch Creek Indian Reservation (tentative)
 - Assisted Living Facility

Payment Schedule

Due Date:	3/1 Commitment Deposit	3/15	4/15	5/14 Tentative MSC End of Year Banquet Date	Total
Amount Due:	\$50	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$350*

Understandings and Notes:

- Tuition Account must be current (or arrangements made) to be eligible for tour.
- Payments are non-refundable
- Reservation is non-transferrable.

MSC Singer(s) _____ will participate in the tour.

Parent _____ will chaperone the tour.

I agree to make all payments by their respective due dates. Late payments will result in cancellation of reservations and forfeiture of previously paid fees.

Parent Signature

Date

****Pricing is based on 75% concert choir participation plus 8 paid chaperones.****

If participation is below that number, the price per person may increase slightly. This will be determined after the March 1 commitment date. Any additional amount due will be divided equally between the installments due 4/15 and 5/14.

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Our annual tour is a very important part of being in Concert Choir and should be considered a priority and an honor. While it is not mandatory, the benefits to the choir and individual singers cannot be ignored.

Touring opens doors for our group as a whole, in the form of publicity, recognition and grants. For individual singers, tour experiences can be a key factor when making application to future music programs, colleges and for scholarships.

The group as a whole benefits and relies on each singer, and this is even truer with tour! Make your commitment to participate today! Besides being an incredibly fun way to kick off the summer, *your co-choir members are counting on YOU!* If finances are an issue, we encourage you to pursue fundraising opportunities, and seek out tour sponsors! We will help in any way we can!

Reminders from the MSC Handbook....

TOUR

In keeping with our mission statement of "artistic excellence through education and performance" our Concert Choir participates in an annual tour.

*Concert Choir **is the main touring group** of Mobile's Singing Children. There are numerous benefits of touring, both to singers individually and for the group as a whole.*

Our group tour is hugely important to the solidarity of the choir, fostering camaraderie among the choir members and providing an unparalleled team building opportunity. As representatives of Mobile, touring provides opportunities for outreach and ambassadorship through performance to varying audiences. Individually, the opportunity to perform for varying audiences, with other conductors and in new venues enhances a singer's individual artistic growth and promotes independence.

Because of the many benefits to singers and the choir, all singers in Concert Choir to are expected to participate in tours. Singers who cannot participate in tour will be excused, however please see Mrs. Hoitt early in the season.