

The Ensemble

Raising Young Voices In Song for 25 Years!

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From the Director

Dear Singers and Parents:

I am so thrilled to share with you a few more details of our upcoming concert. Also, check this newsletter for the Mandatory Rehearsal Schedule.



We have about 50 alumni confirmed to return and sing together on our program. There are several who were singers in the chorus between 1985-1990. How exciting to welcome these singers back for the twenty-fifth anniversary!

Our two premiere performances of works by Dr. David Brunner and Dr. Philip Silvey are coming along so beautifully. We've recorded each piece as we were rehearsing and sent these recordings to the composers. They have responded with suggestions for our continued improvement, and praise for the quality of our work. Recently we rehearsed with Dr. Silvey by "Skyping" him! He now lives in Cleveland, OH, but we were able to spend 45 minutes with him during rehearsal and actually participate in the editing process as he listened to the piece and responded to his inspiration spontaneously. This was very exciting for all of us. Knowing the composer, hearing his voice, and hearing about his process brings the music alive in a very special way.

We have a few solos in this concert and we have enjoyed listening to so many solo auditions. Clearly, we must select the soloists we feel will

present the most musical and confident presentation, but it has been a great process for the many others who tried out. We always encourage singers to take advantage of any opportunity to audition for a solo; even when they don't think they have the right voice for the song. It's a great learning opportunity and makes the next audition that much better for them.

As I close, please make every effort to adhere to the strict mandatory rehearsal policy.

Only one mandatory rehearsal may be missed, and only a school concert qualifies as a reason for an excused absence.

While personal circumstances can sometimes create challenges, we appreciate the effort you make to manage your schedules. Remember to provide notification of any school performance that will cause a conflict. Other conflicts will not be considered "excused", so plan in advance.

Celebrate 25 Years with us and toast our future at our post-concert reception!

Sincerely,

Mrs. DuBose

News and Notes

Final Mandatory Rehearsal Schedule

Sunday, May 2 – Chamber Singers Only 3 – 6 p.m. Chapel

Attention! Rehearsals in the Weinberg Center will be closed to parents and visitors.

Singers will meet in the front lobby of the Weinberg Center. Parents may pick up their singers in the front lobby. Singers will not be permitted to leave without a responsible adult or older sibling.

Monday, May 3 - Weinberg Center

Little Music Makers

5:45 – 7:00 p.m.

Training Chorus/Intermediate Chorus -

5:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Concert Chorus/**FCS**

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4 – Weinberg Center

Concert Run-through

LMM 5:45 – 6:30

All others 5:45 – 9:00

Wednesday, May 5 – Weinberg Center

Concert Run-through

Attire: Blue jeans, sneakers, blue 25th Anniversary chorus shirt for photo shoot

LMM 5:45 – 6:30

All others 5:45 – 9:00

Saturday, May 8 – E&R Church Social Hall – closed rehearsal/ no visitors or parents

Attire: Blue jeans, sneakers, blue 25th Anniversary chorus shirt for photos

All treble singers 8:45 a.m. – 12:00

FCS 8:45 a.m. - 12:30

Reunion Chorus 11:00-3:00

Sunday, May 9 – Weinberg Center/Cultural Arts Center

Dress Rehearsal With Reunion Chorus at 1:30

All others to arrive at Cultural Arts Center dressed in concert attire – 2:00

Parents may not double-park on Patrick Street. Please plan accordingly.

A Message from the 25th Anniversary Reunion Committee

Plans have been long underway to make the celebration of the Frederick Children's Chorus 25th Anniversary year a special one! The committee has planned a festive post-concert reception and is assembling a walk down memory lane via displays of chorus memorabilia. Alumni will have a chance to reminisce at a social gathering at La Paz on Friday night. Now it is time for chorus families to show their appreciation to Mrs. DuBose and the staff for all the chorus means to us. Whether your child is in training chorus or about to graduate from Chamber Singers, our children and our families have benefited from the dedication of these gifted people and the opportunities they have afforded our children.



As has been chorus tradition, gifts will be presented to Mrs. D. and the staff at the May 9th concert. In addition, in recognition of the 25th anniversary, we would like to provide a legacy gift to the chorus. Mrs. DuBose has asked that any contributions to such an effort go to establish a fund to cover the costs of future commissions, working with composers to write songs especially for our future choruses, and special projects, such as inviting guest clinicians to work with the singers. Your contributions to the 25th anniversary gift fund will help events like these become a reality for our singers and future singers alike.

Any amount is welcome, but if your budget allows, please consider a gift of \$25 in honor of this special anniversary year. Contributions will be collected at Mrs. Farrell's attendance table beginning March 30th through April 27th. Or you may mail your donation to the chorus office. Please make checks payable to The Frederick Children's Chorus.

Thank you,
Linda Myers, 25th Anniversary Committee Chairperson

Ticket Pre-Sales for the Anniversary Concert

The completed order forms and payment will be collected at rehearsal on April 21. If you are sick or unable to be at this rehearsal for whatever reason, please make arrangements to get your order forms to us by this date. No pre-orders can be taken after April 21. The tickets will then be available for pickup at rehearsal on April 28. Tickets for the 25th Anniversary concert will go on sale during tech week on Monday, May 3rd and Wednesday, May 5th from 6:00 until 7:00 and on Sunday from 2:00 until 3:00. Tickets, CD/DVD recordings, and chorus merchandise will be sold in the lobby during the rehearsals. Please reference the ticket and DVD portion of this newsletter for the dates and times that these items will be available for sale.

Concert Attendance

Please, please, please! be sure to put the concert dates on all your family calendars! **This year's spring concert date is May 9.** There is nothing more frustrating to our staff, and stressful to the other singers, than to find out after parts have been assigned and music is mostly learned that half the alto section "can't make it" to the concert. Even the loss of ONE VOICE can significantly alter to the balance of the voice parts as developed in rehearsals throughout the semester.

Concert Posters

We have posters available for distribution starting this week, and next Tuesday, 4/6, we will have post cards available for distribution as well. Please visit local businesses, churches and family-friendly organizations and ask if you can put a poster in their window. We have school-specific posters that we will be sending to the schools. These contain a blurb at the bottom that is required by the Board of Education on any promotional material appearing in the schools. If any parents would be willing to drive these around to their local schools, please let Lee know so she can give you those special posters (officemanager@fredcc.org). If your child would like to put a concert poster in their room, please wait until after the concert, then take down a poster from a local business to put in his/her bedroom. These posters are very expensive to print and are designed to be advertising for our concert. We want as many people from the community to see them as possible! Thank you for helping us spread the word about this special 25th Anniversary Concert!

Help Us Prepare for Summer Camp

We are in need of metal bottle caps for a project we're planning for camp this summer. We are going to need A LOT of these caps so we'd like to start collecting them now! We will have a bucket at the attendance table where you can drop them off. These caps will be pounded flat and painted so the drink that they came from will not be advertised. Thanks for your help!



The Chorus Family Has Grown!

The Jackson family is proud to introduce.....

Aurora "Rory" Alice
and
Thaddeus "Thad" James Jackson!

The babies were born on March 17th with Rory coming first at 8:50 pm, weighing 6lbs, 2 oz, measuring 19 inches long and Thad followed at 9:43 pm and weighed 6lbs, 11oz and was 19 1/2 inches long. Congratulations Jackson Family!!



The Frederick Chamber Singers

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Calendar of Events April 2010

Please arrive 15 minutes early to each event.

If you arrive late, be sure to check in with the director at the end of the rehearsal. Bring all of your music to each rehearsal.

In case of treacherous weather, call the hotline at 301-845-2451 for cancelation confirmation.

Regular Rehearsal Schedule

Chamber Singers Rehearsals in Trinity Chapel

Sundays: Rehearsal 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesdays: Musicianship 101/102/201 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Calendar of Events

Check the Calendar of Events every month for new events and mandatory rehearsals. Be sure to note these events with their times and locations on your family's calendar.

In the case of inclement weather, we may rehearse if the weather improves by late afternoon. **If you are uncertain, please call our office number (301-845-2451) and check after 4pm on Tuesdays, and after 2pm on Sunday or check the website's homepage.**

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Event - Little Music Makers Concert

Location: E&R UCC Sanctuary (15 W. Church Street)

Date: Tuesday, April 6th **Time:** 5:30 - 6:00 pm

Volunteers will be needed at this concert. We'll need Chamber Singers to video the performance, pass out programs, take photos, etc.

Event - Spring Concert

Concert Date: Sunday, May 9th at 3:00 pm, Call time 2:00 pm at the Cultural Arts Center..

Concert Location: Weinberg Center

Rehearsal Dates and Times: See Schedule on pg. 3

Event - New Member Orientation

Date: Tuesday, May 11

Location: Social Hall

Times: 6:00-6:45 p.m. - Students currently in grades 2 and 3

7:00-7:45 p.m. - Students currently in grades 4 and 5

8:00-8:30 p.m. - Boys in grades 7 through 10 with changed (mature) or changing voices by appointment.

Event - FCS Evaluations

Date: Sunday, May 23

Time: 3-6 pm (Individual times assigned.) See your handout for your time.

Event - Summer Chorus Camp

June 21 - July 5 - Tuscarora Recreation Center

July 5 - July 6 - Oakdale Recreation Center

Happy Birthday in April!

Lee DuBose Fuhr	4/03/81	Staff
Madison Martin	04/04/97	Concert Chorus
Ethan Dye	04/04/01	Training Chorus
Kendal Neel	04/07/00	Concert Chorus
Michael Barnes	04/12/97	Concert Chorus
Sarah Engle	04/14/95	Chamber Singers
Shelby Morgan	04/14/96	Concert Chorus
Elizabeth Segovia	04/15/94	Chamber Singers
Amelia Werner	04/23/95	Chamber Singers
Austin Dye	04/25/99	Concert Chorus
Michelle Sutanto	04/27/97	Concert Chorus
Ann Moreno	04/28/97	Concert Chorus

If we've missed your birthday, please let us know so we can fix it! Thanks!!



FCS Spring/Summer Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April						
4 - FCS 4-6	5	6 - Rehearsal /Musicianship Little Music Makers Concert 5:30-6:00pm	7	8	9	10
11 - FCS 4-6	12	13 - Rehearsal /Musicianship-	14	15	16	17
18 - FCS 4-6	19	20 - Rehearsal /Musicianship	21	22	23	24
25 - FCS 4-6	26	27 - Rehearsal /Musicianship	28	29	30	1- MAY
2 - FCS 3-6 Mandatory Rehearsal	3 - Mandatory Rehearsal	4 - Mandatory Rehearsal	5 - Mandatory Rehearsal	6	7 -	8 - Mandatory Rehearsal 9-12:30
9 - Spring Concert - 2:00 Concert Call 3:00 Start Time	10	11 - New Member Orientation	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 - FCC Evaluations	19	20	21	22
23 - FCS Evaluations	24	25 - FCC Evaluations	26	27	28	29
30	31	1 - JUNE - FCC Evaluations	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 -----	22 TUSCARORA CHORUS CAMP	23-----	24 -----	-----	26
27	28	29	30	1 July	2	3
4	5 -----	6 OAKDALE CHORUS CAMP	7 -----	8 -----	9 -----	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17