

The Treble Voice

Raising Young Voices In Song for 25 Years!

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From the Director

Dear Parents and Singers:

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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

Wardrobe Measuring

It's time to measure the wardrobe again! Girls and boys, try on your vest to check that it is not too short or tight. If it is short or tight, bring the vest in for an exchange. Girls bring in your skirt **with your concert shoes (black, plain, FLAT shoes, no clogs, patent leather, high-heeled or platform shoes)** so that we can measure your skirt on you. Also, check that your blouse/shirt still fits. Boys check that your dress pants and shoes fit. If they are too small, please get new ones before the concert. You may call Darleen Husson, Wardrobe Chair at 301-698-6176 with questions. The wardrobe measuring schedule is as follows:

April 13th - Last names beginning A - L

April 20th - Last names beginning M - Z

April 27th - For anyone who missed the above dates.

Mandatory Concert Rehearsals-Final

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

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 Report for concert!

Arrive at Cultural Arts Center dressed in concert attire – 2:00

Reminder.....

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 Posters

We have posters available for distribution. Most students took them home last week. Please visit local businesses, libraries, 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 bedroom, please wait until after the concert, then take down a poster from a local business to put in their room. 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!

It's Evaluation Time!

Every year we "evaluate" the progress each singer has made so we can make the best placement decision for the coming year. The evaluation is designed to be as positive and as comfortable as possible and give us the ability to gauge each singer's personal growth. On the attendance table this month, you will find this spring's evaluation schedule. The dates of evaluations this year are Tuesday, May 18th, 25th and June 1st. Training Chorus singers have been sorted by age. Intermediate and Concert Chorus students have been grouped according to their skill. Therefore, if any student needs to reschedule their evaluation, we would like them to only swap with other students in their skill level grouping. The schedule is color coded, each age grouping in Training Chorus and each sight reading class for Intermediate and Concert choruses have been assigned a color. When looking for a spot to switch with, please stick to the same color and voice part to assure appropriate evaluation groupings. Also, keep in mind that you can only switch with other students who sing the same voice part. We realize this limits the available switching times, so if there are any singers who need to switch outside their color or voicepart, please come see Ms. Lee at rehearsal or send her an email at officemanager@fredcc.org and we will try to accommodate you as best we can.

All 8th grade girls have been grouped together, and all older boys have been grouped together. We would like to maintain these particular groups, since they will be tested for Chamber Singer level skills. We also realize that some siblings have been asked to come to evaluations on different days in order to maintain appropriate skill level groupings. We hope you understand that singers are much more successful in their evaluations when all the students in a time slot are on approximately the same skill level. If you have questions or concerns regarding these time assignments, please contact Ms. Lee. We put a lot of time and thought into this schedule to encourage everyone to have a successful evaluation, so if there is any way you can make your assigned time, we would greatly appreciate it. We are looking forward to this year's evaluations, and we hope you are too!

Event - Summer Chorus Camp

Major news!! Please note that the dates for both weeks of this summer's Chorus day camp were incorrect in your March Newsletter! Please update your calendars. We apologize for any inconvenience and hope all our singers can work around the change.

*****New Dates*****

June 21 - June 25 - Tuscarora Recreation Center

July 5 - July 9 - Oakdale Recreation Center

This year we will be exploring the Roots of Jazz! Please don't miss this wonderful opportunity to learn the history, culture and diversity of this very dynamic style of music. Fun and good times are guaranteed to be had by all!!

Enrollment forms are included in this month's newsletter packet. Please remember that your tuition includes your child's camp fees and although these camp opportunities are listed in the Frederick County Recreator, FCC members register through the chorus and do not require any additional fees. If your singer has a friend he or she would like to invite to camp, please have them register through the Recreator.

Chorus members are to turn in camp registration, annual payment, and membership forms to the Children's Chorus by June 1st.

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 Children's Chorus

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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.

Calendar of Events

April 2010

Regular Tuesday Rehearsal Schedule

Little Music Makers 5:00-6:00 - Trinity Chapel
Musicianship 101-102 and 201 6:00-7:00 - Trinity Chapel
Training Chorus 6:00-7:00 - Social Hall
Intermediate Chorus 7:15-8:30 - Social Hall
Concert Chorus 7:15-9:00 - Social Hall

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 - 6:00pm

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 3:00pm, Call time 2:00 pm at the Cultural Arts Center.

Concert Location: Weinberg Center

Rehearsal Dates and Times: See Schedule page 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 - 10 with changed (mature) or changing voices by appointment.

Event - Evaluations

Date: May 18 and 25, June 1 - See Schedule For Your Date

Time: (Individual times on handout)

Event - Summer Chorus Camp

June 21 - June 25 - Tuscarora Recreation Center

July 5 - July 9 - 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!!



FCC Spring/Summer Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April						
4 - FCS 4-6	5	6 - Rehearsal Little Music Makers Concert - 5:30 PM	7	8	9	10
11 - FCS 4-6	12	13 - Rehearsal	14	15	16	17
18 - FCS 4-6	19	20 - Rehearsal	21	22	23	24
25 - FCS 4-6	26	27 - Rehearsal	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 noon
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 ----->	25 -----	26
27	28	29	30	1 July	2	3
4	5 ----->	6 OAKDALE CHOURS CAMP	7 ----->	8 ----->	9 -----	10