



# High Notes!

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## Bella Voce & Concert Choir Edition

**ALL CHOIRS-** Several emails have been sent over the past couple of weeks. If you have not received them, please check with the office to make sure we have your correct address. This may also mean that your email Spam blocker may be automatically sending our emails to your trash can/spam folder.

Please read the calendar on the reverse side as there are several performances each choir needs to be aware of. More information for each performance will be supplied two or more weeks prior to that concert.

**If your black dress needs any type of mending,** please see someone on the wardrobe committee. Please do NOT wait until the last minute. (If you ordered a Winter Concert t-shirt but did not receive it, please see Cecilia)

**Tour Choir News:** Tour Statements are being issued today, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Invoices reflect the payments made and the dates future installments are due.

The date and details for the Applebee's Tour Fundraiser are still TBA. We are trying to secure Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Once secured, two parent volunteers are needed to wash the dishes at the fundraiser while tour choir members serve breakfast.

**Hansel & Gretel Performers:** If you have e-mail, you should have received an updated rehearsal calendar the week of January 7. If you are unable to attend any rehearsals, speak with Mrs. Holden at a previous rehearsal or e-mail her at lholden@leeuniversity.edu

## Fundraising-

**Spring Auction (all choirs)** If you are interested in volunteering your time to secure donations for the spring auction, please inquire at the rehearsal desk about how you can help. The choir needs your help contacting local businesses for donations!!!

**Volunteer Hours-** Outside each rehearsal room and at the parent desks, there are lists of choir members and the number of hours volunteered last semester. Also listed is the number of hours that are still needed to meet your commitment for the year. **Please see the reverse side of the High Notes for more volunteer information.**

**Audition Changes-** The CGC Board of directors have made a few changes to the audition process that will affect returning members.

- 1- Members will have to re-audition each year for vocal changes to be addressed and to secure a position in the choir.
- 2- The deposit fee has been broken down into two installments and now represents:
  - an audition fee of \$20 due at the time of audition
  - an \$80 deposit fee due July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The original \$100 deposit fee is now broken into the two separate fees to make the maintenance of the music library, records, the repair and cleaning of uniforms, billing services, storage, rent, utilities, and other activities necessary to run a successful large organization flow smoother.

- 3- There is now a cap on the number of members accepted per choir. The choir can accommodate up to 45 girls per choir for a total of 180, 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders.
- 4- As there is limit to the number of members per choir, the \$80 deposit needs to be paid no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> to reserve your membership. If made the deposit is made later than July 1<sup>st</sup>, your membership will need to be approved by the Executive Director. Also a \$20 late fee will be applied to your account to accommodate the additional ordering of music and work that needs to be done prior to the first day of choir.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Additional volunteer opportunities are posted today.  
Opportunities include:

- Donor "Thank-you" Dinner
- 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Tea
- Applebee's Fundraiser
- Solicitation of items for Spring Auction
- Helping to set up spring auditions

One way to complete volunteer hours is to chair/co-chair one of the CGC Parent Support Organization (PSO) Committees. At the end of this year, the PSO will be seeking committee chairs/co-chairs for the following committees for the 2008-2009 season:

- **Secretary** - Takes minutes at the PSO meetings (2 to 4 meetings per year). Meetings generally last only 1 hour.
- **Wardrobe** Need two co-chairs. The position includes keeping an inventory of wardrobe items, fittings, working with chaperones and volunteers (for hemming/washing).
- **Riser Crew** – Position includes organizing parent volunteers to transport, and set up risers for different concerts and events throughout the year.
- **Fundraising**- Fundraising projects are handled through the choir office. This position includes organizing the fundraising committee meetings and keeping the committee on track with its goals.

**If you are interested in chairing/co-chairing any of these committees for 2008-2009, please talk with Martha or Nicole in the Choir Office/rehearsal desk.**

## CALENDAR

### January

**28<sup>th</sup> Regular Rehearsal** 4:45 to 7pm  
Flower Bulb Sales Forms sent home  
with Cantilena & Novelina Members

### February

**2<sup>nd</sup> Concert Choir Saturday Rehearsal**  
10am to noon  
(Possible **Cantilena rehearsal**)

**4<sup>th</sup> Regular Rehearsal** 4:45 to 7pm

**11<sup>th</sup> Regular Rehearsal** 4:45 to 7pm  
Spring T-shirt/Program Design Contest  
Audition Sign up sheets posted for the  
2008-2009 Choir Season  
Flower Bulb Sales Forms & Money Due

**18<sup>th</sup> No Rehearsal**- Presidents Day  
**22<sup>nd</sup> CGC Celebration Dinner**- information TBA  
**25<sup>th</sup> Regular Rehearsal** 4:45 to 7pm

### March

**1<sup>st</sup> Concert Choir Rehearsal** 10am to noon  
possible audition day

**3<sup>rd</sup> Regular Rehearsal** 4:45 to 7pm

**10<sup>th</sup> Regular Rehearsal** 4:45 to 7pm

**17<sup>th</sup> No Rehearsal**- Spring Break

**24<sup>th</sup> Regular Rehearsal** 4:45 to 7pm  
Announce Spring t-shirt design  
and start taking pre-orders

**26<sup>th</sup> Concert Choir**- Visiting Director/Composer  
Workshop- time TBA  
**Concert & Novellina Choir** performance in  
the Chapel at First Baptist Church- Time TBA

**31<sup>st</sup> Regular Rehearsal** 4:45 to 7pm  
Spring t-shirt pre-orders

### April

**5<sup>th</sup> Concert Choir Rehearsal** 10am to noon  
Possible audition day

**7<sup>th</sup> Regular Rehearsal** 4:45 to 7pm  
last day for spring t-shirt orders  
Flower Bulbs Ready to be picked up

**14<sup>th</sup> Regular Rehearsal** 4:45 to 7pm

**19<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Tea Concert**  
(information TBA)

**21<sup>st</sup> Regular Rehearsal** 4:45 to 7pm

**26<sup>th</sup> Novellina, Cantilena & Bella Voce**  
Public Concert at St. Andrew's Center

**28<sup>th</sup> Regular Rehearsal** 4:45 to 7pm

### May

**3<sup>rd</sup> Cantilena, Bella Voce & Concert Choir**  
**Rehearsal** 1pm to 3pm  
Possible day for auditions

**5<sup>th</sup> Last Rehearsal**

**6<sup>th</sup> Novellina & Cantilena Choirs** participate in the  
adjudicated SECKE program- Time TBA

**7<sup>th</sup> Bella Voce Choir** to participate in the  
adjudicated SECKE program- Time TBA

**8<sup>th</sup> Dress Rehearsal** (All Choirs)  
for Spring Concert-  
First Baptist Church- time TBA  
Open Bidding for the Silent Auction

**9<sup>th</sup> Spring Concert (All Choirs)**  
First Baptist Church- time TBA  
Silent Auction bidding closed at intermission  
winning bids announced at end of concert

**16<sup>th</sup> Concert Choir**- Sunset Concert Series near  
Northgate Mall- Time: 7:30pm