



High Notes!

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Cantilena Choir Edition

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 haven't turned in your borrowed Red CGC t-shirt or Navy CGC t-shirt, please do so ASAP. Please stop by the rehearsal desk if you have not received your periwinkle t-shirt. (If you ordered a Winter Concert t-shirt but did not receive it, please see Cecilia)

Volunteer Hours- On the choir message board, there is a list 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 riverside of the High Notes for more volunteer information.**

Fundraising-

Cantilena & Novelina Choir- Attached to the High Notes today is the Flower Bulb Sales packet. Inside is product information and sales forms. The due date for completed forms and payments is Monday, February 11th. We are hoping to have the flower bulbs in at the end of March. The orders are shipped according to the recommended spring planting season in Tennessee.

The choir hopes to net \$1,000 from this fundraiser-approximately \$35 worth of product sold per family. Money from this fundraiser goes towards specialty programs.

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!!!

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 1st.

The original \$100 fee has been broken down in this manner to make the maintenance of the music library, the maintaining 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, 4th through 12th graders.
- 4- As there is limit to the number of members per choir, the \$80 deposit needs to be paid no later than July 1st to reserve your membership. If made the deposit is made later then July 1st, 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
- 1st Annual Spring Tea
- Applebee's Fundraiser
- 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 2 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

28th **Regular Rehearsal** 4:45 to 7pm
Flower Bulb Sales Forms sent home with Cantilena & Novellina Members

February

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

4th **Regular Rehearsal** 4:45 to 7pm

11th **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

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

March

1st **Concert Choir Rehearsal** 10am to noon
possible audition day

3rd **Regular Rehearsal** 4:45 to 7pm

10th **Regular Rehearsal** 4:45 to 7pm

17th **No Rehearsal**- Spring Break

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

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

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

April

5th **Concert Choir Rehearsal** 10am to noon
Possible audition day

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

14th **Regular Rehearsal** 4:45 to 7pm

19th 1st Annual Spring Tea Concert
(information TBA)

21st **Regular Rehearsal** 4:45 to 7pm

26th Novellina, Cantilena & Bella Voce
Public Concert at St. Andrew's Center

28th **Regular Rehearsal** 4:45 to 7pm

May

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

5th **Last Rehearsal**

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

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

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

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

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