



MANDATORY Parent Meetings will be held on August 21 for Handel, Concert, and Cantabile parents and August 22 for Schubert. Please make every effort to be there.

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Rehearsals begin on August 21 and 22nd. See inside for the fall rehearsal schedule.

Our sons and daughters are on the lookout for moral (as well as psychological, cognitive, and intellectual) direction. Babies need to learn 'no' and 'yes'; elementary school children need to learn how to get along with others; teenagers need to figure out how to regard their new and various interests, preferences, and attitudes constantly being thrust upon them by friends, by advertisements, by actors and actresses, announcers, singers and musicians, and by sports heroes. How ought we - you and I - as parents or teachers to do the best possible job of handling our principles, convictions, and values to this next generation, which belongs to our children?

Robert Coles, *The Moral Intelligence of Children* (Penguin, 1998)

I know what you're thinking - another successful year has just passed, and now here we are, already on the eve of another new season! Like so many summers before them, the past few months have just seemed to vanish. The CBC is aware that the jobs of parenting never take a vacation and, in a similar manner, the choir never stops working to plan for every chorister's unmatched experiences for growth and advancement. Already, the 2006-2007 season is shaping up to have several memorable events that will take the choir to new performance experiences, new musical ideals, and more opportunities to learn of the CBC principles that are so dear to this organization's mission.

This year's summer camp was a perfect example to witness those qualities our boys possess that run throughout the fabric of our choir, making the organization much stronger. There were countless examples of older boys assisting younger boys in rehearsal, guiding them through the difficult language of music. Adults couldn't walk anywhere without having a door opened for them, and greeted by "hello," "good morning," or a firm handshake. The entire week was filled with boys making good, informed choices about everything from what to eat to what note should come next in a song composition project. While music was certainly the primary focus of our time together, it also served as a vehicle for learning so much more.

These summer camp examples are fine metaphors for the choir throughout the year. The self-confidence, teamwork, self-discipline, critical thinking, prioritizing, and problem-solving skills (among others) that each boy gains from his time in the choir are plentiful and long-lasting. Fortunately for the rest of us, these skills combine and result in the beautiful music we hear at over thirty performances each season. The way that these boys learn these lessons - in an environment of achievement balanced with humility - is very much unlike any other organization. Thank you for all you do to support these choristers through this journey. I'm looking forward to a wonderful 2006-2007 season!

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Summer Music Camp

This year's Chattanooga Boys Choir Summer Music Camp was another wonderful success! The week was filled with all sorts of exciting activities for the nearly ninety boys and over twenty camp staff members in attendance. From composing original melodies to learning new breathing and vocal warm-up techniques, the boys continued to gain more knowledge in their musicianship sequence. Activities in music theory class and the CBC Computer Music Theory Lab augmented the boys' learning about the building blocks of musical language. Rehearsals on music for the fall went quite well, with the boys having ten pieces almost "concert-ready" by the end of the week! Movie nights, Frisbee golf, basketball, swimming, recreation time, art classes and projects, and evening activities rounded out the boys' very busy schedules!



Poking fun at Mr. Oakes during skit night

A highlight of the week was the opportunity for the boys to work with Dr. Rollo Dilworth, a renowned music composer and educator. Dilworth is the director of choral studies at North Park University in Chicago, and is the arranger of some of the CBC's most favorite pieces. After working with the Concert Choir on some of his own compositions, he had a lengthy question-answer session with all the campers about performing, writing, and appreciating music in all its forms.



Taking direction from Dr. Dillworth

Parents, please join the choir in a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to CBC Summer Camp Coordinators Peggy and Galen Bell, and their wonderful staff of teachers, coaches, nurses, and staff. As a result of their hard and dedicated work, choir members enjoyed an enriching and unforgettable camp experience.

CBC sings for Kiwanis Convention

The CBC Concert Choir has accepted a very important invitation to perform for the District Convention of the Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis International on Sunday, August 20. Of course, each member's participation is very important for a successful appearance by the choir. Please note the following details:

- **Tuesday, August 15** - Required Rehearsal, 5:10pm - 6:30pm
Brainerd United Methodist Church - choir room
Note: this is before the start of regular rehearsals, which begin August 21
- **Sunday, August 20** KY-TN Kiwanis International Convention, 7:30am - 9:30am
Chattanooga Convention & Trade Center
One Carter Plaza (beside the downtown Marriot)

Every Concert Choir member is expected to be present. Please contact the office immediately if your son is unable to attend due to a pre-existing conflict.

Calendar

August

- 15 Concert Choir rehearsal for KY-TN Kiwanis Convention, 5:10pm - 6:30pm
- 17 Orientation for new parents and new choristers
- 20 **KY-TN Kiwanis Convention**, 7:30am, Chattanooga Convention Center (Concert)
- 21 Rehearsals begin for Mozart, Handel, Concert
Parent Meeting for Handel, Concert, Cantabile
- 22 Rehearsals begin for Schubert
Parent Meeting for Schubert
- 29 Cantabile Rehearsal

September

- 4 Labor Day; No Rehearsals
- 5 Cantabile Rehearsal
- 18 Picture Day for Mozart and Handel
- 19 Picture Day for Schubert and Concert
Cantabile Rehearsal

October

- 9-10 Fall Break; No Rehearsals
- 14 Fall Picnic at Stephenson Park Pavilion, Fort Oglethorpe
- 16 Singing Christmas Tree tickets on sale in CBC office
- 17 Cantabile Rehearsal
- 20 **DEADLINE FOR ALL SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM AD COPY**

November

- 6 Pecans scheduled to arrive (may be a couple days earlier or later)
- 7 Cantabile Rehearsal
- 11 Mozart Choir Rehearsal and costume fitting
- 13-14 Parent Meetings
- 21 Cantabile Rehearsal

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WARDROBE UPDATE

The CBC handbook outlines the performance wardrobe expectations for all choirs. In general, the CBC provides Handel and Concert Choirs with their full attire (tuxedo shirt, pants, vest, bowtie, shoes) and Schubert and Mozart with bowties and cumberbunds. Over the last several years we have lost a large number of vests and bowties costing the choir a considerable amount of money. In addition, with the large number of choristers in Handel and Concert Choirs this year (a great thing!!) we do not have enough vests for everyone. The choir will be purchasing new vests this year and at the same time will be implementing a new wardrobe policy to ensure that these vests will be available for choristers in the years to come.

- ▼ Beginning with the 2006-2007 season, all choristers in the Handel and Concert Choirs will be required to make a \$60 cash wardrobe deposit before any wardrobe pieces will be issued.
- ▼ \$50 of the deposit is refundable upon the return of all wardrobe items in good condition at the end of the season
- ▼ \$10 of the deposit is non-refundable and will be used for the maintenance and alterations of the cassocks and surplices
- ▼ Should any wardrobe item be lost, the value will be deducted from the deposit before any item is replaced
- ▼ Should items be outgrown during the year they must be returned before new items will be issued. The choir will no longer reimburse choristers for items purchased to replace outgrown clothing.

In addition to these changes, we will be emptying the wardrobe room of non-tuxedo items (black pants, white shirts, khaki shorts, etc). These items will be available for purchase at the parent meetings while they last. Once these items are gone we will implement an exchange program:

- ▼ If you have items that are outgrown contact the office with the details (what items, what size). Do not bring them in.
- ▼ The office will post available items on the website and on the bulletin board
- ▼ If you need an item, check the website and the bulletin board to see what is available. Contact the person who has the items to arrange an exchange.

The details will be in the new CBC handbook that you will receive at the first parent meetings. Let us know if you have any questions!

Volunteer Program Changes

Volunteers are the heart of this organization. Anyone who has been backstage during the production of the Singing Christmas Tree knows very well that the show would not be the same (or more likely would not exist!) without the countless hours into which family and friends generously pour their time. The same is true during the rest of the year—greeters and those who help with receptions contribute tremendously to a concert evening. We have listened to feedback and are making some changes to the volunteer program. The following changes in the box below will be implemented.

While the volunteer requirement has increased by 30 points from last year, points are now being awarded for the time you spend in mandatory parent meetings as

well as for turning in forms and tuition on time. So, just by attending the first parent meeting, turning in the forms and tuition you will have earned 25 points already! And that's before the season officially starts! We know that many people do WAY more than 5 hours (50 points) at the Tivoli. Up to 5 additional hours (50 points) will now be credited toward your general volunteer hours. Finally, points are being awarded for your recruiting efforts. We will be holding auditions this fall for choristers to start in January—look for recruit forms in the office.

We appreciate your feedback and hope that you will be pleased with the changes we have made. Most of all, we THANK YOU for your time!

The Changes in a Nutshell

- ▼ 120 general volunteer points required per family
- ▼ 50 Singing Christmas Tree points required per family
- ▼ up to 50 additional SCT points can be counted towards general point requirement
- ▼ 10 points per family for attendance at mandatory Parent meetings (4 per year)
- ▼ 5 points for turning in volunteer for
- ▼ 5 points for turning in information form
- ▼ 10 points for 2 doz. baked goods brought in for receptions
- ▼ 40 points for hosting a chorister from a visiting choir
- ▼ 25 points for the referral of a boy who auditions
- ▼ 50 points for referral of boy who joins

Time to (Pool) Party!

Calling all choristers!! The CBC Parent Organization is sponsoring a swim party for all CBC members on August 19th from 5 till 7 pm. Join us at the pool at the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home located at 6623 Lee Hwy. Each chorister attending is asked to bring something based on their last name.

- Last Name Begins With Please Bring**
- A - H 1 pack of hotdogs and buns
 - I - M Chips
 - N - R Drinks
 - R - Z Desserts

At the Lookouts Game

On Monday, July 3rd members of the Concert and Schubert Choirs gathered to sing the National Anthem at the sold-out game against the Jacksonville Suns. Baseball games are a great opportunity to be visible in the community and to have a lot of fun! We are looking forward to more of these appearances next season!



2006-2007 Rehearsal Schedule

Please note the rehearsal schedule for the 2006-2007 year. There are some slight changes from last season

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| Mozart I | Mondays, 4:30-5:30 |
| Schubert | Tuesdays, 4:30-6:00 |
| Handel | Monday/Tuesday 4:30-5:50 |
| Concert | Monday/Tuesday 5:10-6:30 |

Financial Corner

We have received several questions lately regarding finances and the CBC. During the coming year you will see a Financial Corner section in every other newsletter. This section will answer questions such as: Why do I pay tuition? Where does my tuition go? What other sources of funding does the CBC have? What kinds of operating expenses does the CBC have? What does it take to produce the Singing Christmas Tree?

We hope that you will find this section informative. If you have any questions that you wish to see addressed in this section, please let us know!

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to **Josh Davis** (8/18) and **Drew Craig** (8/26)

Parent Meetings

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| Handel, Concert & Cantabile | August 21 at 5:30pm |
| Schubert | August 22 at 5:30pm |

Communications

There are several modes of communication that the CBC uses to inform you of events, performances, and other important information.

▼ **Parent Meetings** are held twice each semester. The dates for these meetings can be found in the calendar section of the manual and **attendance is mandatory**.

▼ **Weekly Memos** are published every Monday and are posted for review on the bulletin board in the hallway outside of the CBC office and on the CBC website in the member's section. They are also emailed weekly to everyone who has provided the office with an email address.

▼ **Monthly Newsletters** are published the first Monday of every month and are posted on the CBC website, emailed to everyone who has provided the office with an email address, and sent home with those choristers who do not have access to the internet.

▼ **Website** (www.chattanooga.org) The front page of the website contains information for the general public including the performance schedule, pictures of performances, and past and current newsletters. The members section is password protected (**p3canz**) and contains information pertinent to choristers and their families. In this section you will find all of the weekly memos (past and current), forms (camp, tour), directions and maps for upcoming concerts and much more. This is the first place you should look for information.

▼ We understand that there are some people who do not have access to the internet. If this is the case, please contact the office and we will make arrangements to get important information to you by other means. Please keep in mind that all information on the web can also be found on the weekly memos which are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway outside of the CBC office.

