



Rehearsals begin the week of August 20th!

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Welcome to another exciting chapter in the wonderful life of the Chattanooga Boys Choir! As we prepare to enter the choir's 53rd season, I remain grateful to all of the many choristers, parents, staff, and friends of the choir who have contributed to the life of this wonderful organization. This large and important endeavor is simply not possible without the efforts of those who perform several vital tasks throughout the year to help our boys represent the choir and our community in a most impressive way. Our innovative computer music theory lab, the incredible CBC Summer Music Camp, performance tours, artistic collaborations, and day-to-day operations do not happen by accident. They are the result of countless hours of hard work to ensure artistic quality, educational merit, organizational excellence, and the safety and well-being of our choristers.

As we begin this new year, I wish to call attention to this important facet of the choir which is led by our board of directors, office staff, artistic staff, and parent volunteers. This team of leaders and workers helped the CBC garner the highest organization rating of any state arts organization in the state of Tennessee, according to the 2007-2008 General Operating panel of the Tennessee Arts Commission. This means that the TAC determined our choir meets – and in several cases, exceeds – the goals of our educational and artistic mission, as well as our aims in the areas of arts advocacy, outreach, diversity, and organizational strength.

Thank you for your role in helping the CBC become such a strong organization. Against this backdrop, we allow our choristers to thrive on stage, and we enrich our community with unmatched opportunities and performances. As you will read in these pages, this season is again filled with more amazing opportunities to hear the choir. I encourage you to do so all you can to help make sure that this is our finest season yet!

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Parent meetings for returning families— August 27 & 28

Music Training Camp

friends? Members of the Chattanooga Boys Choir kicked off the 2007-2008 season with a great week at Summer Music Training Camp, held for the first time as a day-camp locally in Chattanooga. With an additional day and a half of classes than the overnight camp allowed, this year's choristers learned several more pieces than in years past, putting them a step closer to being ready for the Singing Christmas Tree in December.



Joint rehearsal

In art class, choristers decorated the water bottles they used for the week, learned how to make hemp keychains, and duct tape wallets. During recreation, choristers played kickball, had relay races and cooled off in the pool and on the slip-n-slide. Wednesday and Thursday were long days at camp, capped off with a display of the broad talent of the boys. Talent Show night brought performances on the piano, guitar, mandolin, and trumpet, as well as stand-up comedy, skits, and poetry recitings. Skit night brought tons of laughter with the traditional performances of Wishy-Washy, Peaches, and many others!

For the first time ever, camp was concluded with a performance and recognition program that was attended by family members and friends. Four awards were given to choristers who demonstrated the characteristics that were emphasized during this year's camp. Noah Genovesi was recognized for being **G**oal Oriented, Jordan Epperson was recognized for his **O**btivous Acts of Kindness, Drew Craig was recognized for his positive **A**



Angel enjoys a wild ride on the slip-n-slide

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ist without the generous time given by these people: camp directors Peggy & Galen Bell, Doug Albritton, Tom and Alice Black, Michele Brittingham, Dawn Caudle, Claudia Dalton, Kelly Davis, Shannon Dent, Jennifer Dockery, Stephanie Evans, Ken Fryar, Carole Haynes, Melanie Lindgren, Candy Paulson, Donna Pendergrass, Lynn Smith and Paula Zettel. Five Cantabile choristers were a tremendous help: Tad Black, Taylor Brittingham, Rudy Foster, Andrew Randall and Nick Stabile. In addition, Mark Laseter provided assistance as an accompanist and Matthew Randall assisted in the Computer Lab.

Calendar

Please use this calendar to be looking ahead to the fall.

July

- 16-20 2007 Annual Summer Music Camp
- 18-19 Summer Music Camp for incoming Mozart Choir

August

- 16 New Chorister Orientation - 7:00pm
- 20 Rehearsals resume
- 27-28 Parent Meetings (for returning parents)

September

- 3 Labor Day—no rehearsals
- 17 Picture Day—Mozart and Handel Choirs
- 18 Picture Day—Schubert and Concert Choirs

October

- 3 Hymn Festival rehearsal (Concert and Cantabile) - 7:00-8:45pm
- 6 Hymn Festival rehearsal (Concert and Cantabile) - 10:00am-1:00pm
- 7 Community Hymn Festival (Concert and Cantabile Choirs) 3:00pm
- 8-12 Hamilton County Fall Break—no rehearsals
- 20 Fall Family Picnic 10:00am-1:00pm
- 29-30 All Parent Meetings

November

- 26-29 Singing Christmas Tree rehearsals (all choirs)
- 30 Singing Christmas Tree School Performances

December

- 1 Singing Christmas Tree Public Performances

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Notes from the Office

- Tuition is due on the first day of rehearsals: August 21 for Schubert and August 20th for everyone else.
- The wardrobe deposit of \$60 (\$50 refundable) for **Handel and Concert Choir** is due September 4th. Wardrobe items will not be issued until the deposit is turned in.

Hymn Festival

In October 2005 the Chattanooga Boys Choir hosted a Community Hymn Festival with 14 churches and over 200 participants in the mass choir. Over 700 people were in attendance at the performance including a BBC reporter who used sound clips from the performance in his piece about communities coming together in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. So many people from the community have asked us when we were going to host the event again, so we have included a Community Hymn Festival in the 2007-2008 season. The concert is scheduled for Sunday, October 7th at 3:00pm at First Baptist Church and the planning is already under way with music directors from local churches.

Following the event in 2005, many of our CBC families inquired as to how their church could participate when we hosted the event again. If you think your church choir (or even members of your church congregation who are not in the choir!) would like to participate, please pass along their information to the CBC office ASAP so that we can include them in all of our upcoming Hymn Festival mailings.

Bi-Lo & Food Lion Programs

The Chattanooga Boys Choir is once again participating in the Bi-lo Booster Plus and FoodLion Shop and Share programs. Both of these grocery stores donate a percent of your grocery bill to organizations in the Chattanooga community that you designate. It's a simple way of helping the Chattanooga Boys Choir by doing what you normally do—grocery shop! To participate, follow these simple steps:

Food Lion: Fill out the Lion Shop and Share form that will be in your Choir Handbook and return it to the CBC office. Extra forms are available for your friends and family.

Bi-Lo: When you go grocery shopping, take the Bi-Lo Booster Plus form with you to the cashier **once**. They will scan it for you and the CBC will be designated as your agency for up to one year, unless you change it.

We thank you for your participation in these programs!

As you can see, Camp requires a tremendous amount of support from volunteers. If you think you be able to help during next year's camp, please be sure to mark it on your volunteer form during Orientation or Parent Meetings—it won't commit you to volunteering, however, we begin our search for volunteers with those who marked it on their volunteer interest form. In addition, we still have the position of Camp Director open for next year. If you have given any thought to it, please come see Dawn Oakes—she will be happy to review the roles and responsibilities of the position—and don't forget, the position comes with a tuition abatement!



Dominique demonstrates leadership by helping a younger chorister mark his music

Communication

The Chattanooga Boys Choir is proud to welcome sixty-three new members to the choir this year including 52 choristers in Mozart, 5 in Schubert, 3 in Handel and 4 in Concert. A growing CBC family means communication is that much more important. Here's a quick review of our methods of communication.

- **Parent Meetings** are held twice each semester and attendance is mandatory. Dates for this year's meetings are in the Choir Handbook.
- **Weekly Memos** are posted weekly on the website and the bulletin board and are emailed to those who have provided the CBC with an email address. Memos have the latest information about upcoming events and any changes that you need to be aware of.
- **Monthly Newsletters** are posted the first Monday of the month on the website and the bulletin board and are emailed to those who have provided the CBC with an email address. Newsletters include a schedule of upcoming events, a review of past events, and other important information.
- **Website** (www.chattanoogaboyschoir.org) The front page of the website contains information for the general public (upcoming performances, pictures, etc), while the Members page contains information pertinent to CBC families. You'll find memos and newsletters posted here, along with flyers, handouts, forms, maps and much more. If you have a question, this should be the first place that you check. The Members site is password protected—the password is **p3canz**.

We understand that some people do not have access to a computer or the internet. If this is the case, please contact the office to make arrangements for you or your chorister to pick up printed materials weekly in the office.

