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High Notes!

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ALL CHOIRS- Please read the calendar on the reverse side as well as the changes to the audition process. Also this week you can order photos of the Winter Concert.

The Choir would like to congratulate Grace Casagrande (Grace Moore Singers) who won first place yesterday in the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera Guild's Annual Vocal Competition.

Novellina (3rd grade) choir- Order forms for the white dress shirt were sent home last week. Additional forms are at the rehearsal desk. Please fill out the order form and return it to the rehearsal desk with either check or cash for the amount of the shirt. The due date is Monday, February 25th.

Tour Choir News: There will be a tour meeting on Saturday, March 1st from 12pm to 12:30pm. The meeting will follow rehearsal. One of the topics will be the Applebee's Tour Fundraiser that is scheduled for Saturday, March 29th, 7:30am to 11am. Please contact the choir office prior to March 1st if you are not able to attend.

Volunteer Hours- Volunteer opportunities are posted today. Opportunities include volunteers for the following events:

- **Contributor Appreciation Dinner-** A closed event organized by the Board of Directors. The event has a dual purpose: 1) to thank those who have made financial contributions to the choir and 2) to garner continued support of the choir. **We Need 10 more volunteers to help with this project!!!**
- **1st Annual Spring Tea-** Board organized fundraiser open to the public.
- **Spring Auction**
- **Helping to set up spring auditions**

Fundraising- As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization the Choir relies on parent volunteers to help with fundraising efforts as they make up \$8,000 (7%) of our current budget. Each year the choir is asked to increase our fundraising efforts to match more closely the general operating support the choir

receives from Allied Arts (24% of our budget). Please help the choir with our fundraising efforts.

Cantilena & Novellina Choir

The Flower Bulb Sales packet was attached to the *High Notes* last week. **The due date** for completed forms and checks (made out to the Chattanooga Girls Choir) **is Monday, February 11th**. Flower bulbs are expected to arrive at the end of March. The company ships the orders according to the recommended spring planting season in Tennessee. The choir hopes to net \$1,000 from this fundraiser which is approximately \$35 worth of product sold per family.

All Choirs-Spring Auction-

The choir needs your help contacting local businesses for donations!!! If interested in volunteering your time to secure donations for the spring auction, please inquire at the rehearsal desk.



February Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following CGC singers!

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| 2-Georgia Ann Ervin | 17-Haley Anderson, |
| 7-Sophie Workman Johnson | Ayana Barrett |
| 9-Lexy Chambers, | 18-Hannah Gibb |
| Katie Allison | 20-Makayla Martin, |
| 11-Claire Lacheney | Taylor Greene |
| 12-Amanda Burnett | 22-Bridgett Hall |
| | 26-Cathy Nabors |

Winter Concert Videos- Several parents and choir members have asked at the rehearsal desk about the winter concert videos. TriVision Productions who produces the CGC concert CDs and videos is a company independent from the Girls Choir. The Girls Choir does not pay TriVision and does not receive compensation for videos sold.

TriVision always sends out the videos/CDs when they have completed a quality product. Last year, the recordings were sent out in mid-February. We apologize for the length of time between the concert and the receipt of the product. You may call TriVision at (423)478-6490 or visit www.trivisionpro.com. They recently moved office locations so their phone system has been malfunctioning, and they apologize for any inconvenience.

Audition Changes- The CGC Board of directors has made a few changes to the audition process that will affect returning members. Please read the following, making note of the changes that will affect your family:

- 1- Members 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 the following:
 - o an audition fee of \$20 due at the time of audition
 - o 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- Each choir has 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- The \$80 deposit is due July 1st and is necessary to reserve a space in the choir for your daughter. If you make the \$80 deposit after July 1st, a \$20 late fee will be added to your balance. If space is no longer available, your daughter's name will be placed on a waiting list. The late fee is to cover expenses related to ordering additional music for your daughter and additional office expenses as staff members complete work that volunteers have completed for other choir members.

**Chattanooga Girls Choir
2007-2008 Rehearsal Calendar**

February

- 11th **Regular Rehearsal** 4:45 to 7pm
Audition Sign up sheets posted for the 2008-2009 Choir Season
Flower Bulb Sales Forms & Money Due
- 18th **No Rehearsal-** Presidents Day
- 25th **Regular Rehearsal** 4:45 to 7pm

March

- 1st **Concert Choir Rehearsal** 10am to noon
Pre-scheduled Auditions
- 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
- 31st **Regular Rehearsal** 4:45 to 7pm
Spring t-shirt pre-orders

April

- 5th **Concert Choir Rehearsal** 10am to noon
Pre-scheduled Auditions
- 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 Fundraiser/Concert (information TBA)
- 21st **Regular Rehearsal** 4:45 to 7pm
- 26th **CANCELED DUE TO SCHEDULING CONFLICTS-** 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
Pre-scheduled Auditions
- 5th **Last Rehearsal**
- 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
Close bidding for the Silent Auction at intermission and announce winners at the end of the concert.
- 16th **Concert Choir-** Sunset Concert Series near Northgate Mall- Time: 7:30pm

In honor of Black History Month:

Music was my refuge. I could crawl into the space between the notes and curl my back to loneliness.

~Maya Angelou, Gather Together in My Name