

August 3, 2009

Dear Singer and Family,

Welcome to the 29<sup>th</sup> season of Angelica Cantanti! We hope your family is enjoying the summer.

**UPDATED -- Angelica Website**

To simplify the beginning of the choir season, we have linked all Back to Choir information on the Angelica Cantanti website at [www.angelicacantanti.org](http://www.angelicacantanti.org), click the Back to Choir icon. If you cannot view and download forms from the website, please contact Andrea at the choir office, and she will leave forms for you to pick up during office hours. Please check the website often throughout the season for updates, concert details, and for links to our weblog and Facebook page.

**Cantanti Chamber Singers Rehearsals – New Venue!**

We are looking forward to having you sing with the Cantanti Chamber Singers! The Cantanti Chamber Singers will rehearse on Sundays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Lutheran Church at 9201 Normandale Boulevard in Bloomington. The first rehearsal for Cantanti Chamber Singers is Sunday, September 13.

**Tuition**

The tuition for the 2009-2010 Cantanti Chamber Singers season is \$540.00. A tuition statement is enclosed. Please review the statement carefully and return your tuition payment by **August 17, 2009**. Or, you can pay your tuition at Back to Choir Night.

**Back to Choir Night – FREE Sloppy Joe Dinner & Meet the New Director!**

Plan to join us at Back to Choir Night on Sunday, August 30 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Lutheran Church. Come and meet Philip Brown, the new director of the Cantanti Chamber Singers, our choir for high school singers. And, enjoy a free sloppy joe dinner! Back to Choir Night is an important opportunity for you to purchase a used uniform, turn in forms, make your tuition payment, find out about procedures for getting a new uniform, say hello to old friends and meet some new friends!

**Forms Online!**

All forms are linked on the Back to Choir page on the website. Please download and complete the Medical Form and the Volunteer Help Form and send it with your tuition statement or bring forms to Back to Choir Night.

- Letter to families, August 2009 (a copy of this letter)
- Medical Form – bring completed form to Back to Choir Night on 8/30/09
- Volunteer Form – bring completed form to Back to Choir Night on 8/30/09
- Choir Coordinator Application – due by August 17
- Financial Assistance/scholarship Application – due by August 17
- Uniform information
- 2009/10 Calendar
- Tuition information
- 2009/10 Member Handbook
- 2009/10 Singer Registration Form
- Personal Account Fundraising information

**Uniforms**

Used uniforms will be available for purchase at Back to Choir Night. Singers are responsible for purchasing, measuring, and shortening their own uniforms. If you have a uniform to sell, refer to the uniform information on the website. Please note: bring your checkbook to the used uniform sale. Checks will be the only form of payment accepted.

### **Volunteers Needed**

We need lots of help on Sunday, August 30. Please call the choir office or email us at [contacts@angelicacantanti.org](mailto:contacts@angelicacantanti.org) if you can donate food or supplies for dinner, help with serving, check-in choir families, or assist with the uniform sale.

### **Choir Coordinators**

We are in need of Choir Coordinators for all of our choirs. These volunteers attend every rehearsal for their choir, and assist the director, help singers during rehearsals, and answer questions from parents. This special volunteer position offers a scholarship of ½ off the tuition for one singer. If you are interested in applying for a Choir Coordinator position, download the application from the website. Note: because this job involves working with children, we are required to run a background check on all applicants.

### **Communication**

All communication will be done this year by email. At Back to Choir Night, please make sure we have your primary email address(es) so we can reach you with important information. Information is available on where to find free email; please contact us for more information.

### **2009/10 Upcoming Concerts**

Please write a few important dates on your calendar. More dates will be announced soon.

Friday, October 23 – **Concert with Cantus** at St. Olaf Catholic Church 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 13 – **Winter Concert** 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 2 – **Spring Concert** 2:00 p.m.

### **Participation Guidelines**

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Because the success of a choir is dependent on the full participation of each member of the choir, we expect singers (and their parents/guardians) to adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Singers are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances except in cases of illness, school conflicts, or family emergencies. Parents must notify the choir office of any absences. Poor attendance may result in the child being asked to leave the choir.
2. Singers are expected to arrive on time and prepared to sing for all rehearsals and performances. Singers who arrive late or leave early miss important rehearsal time and disrupt the rehearsal for the other singers.
3. Parents must pick up their child promptly at the end of each rehearsal and performance.
4. Singers must exhibit appropriate behavior at all times.
5. Singers who decide to drop out of choir before the end of the season must inform the director immediately and turn in their music. Tuition and fund-raising profits will be forfeited.

### **Contact Information**

If you have any questions, please contact the Choir Manager, Andrea Dittmer, at 952-563-8572 or email [manager@angelicacantanti.org](mailto:manager@angelicacantanti.org). If you choose not to participate in Angelica Cantanti this season, please notify the Choir Manager no later than August 17, 2009.

We are looking forward to a great season!

Sincerely,

Angelica Cantanti Staff and Board of Directors