August 6, 2010

Dear Con Brio Singer and Family,

Welcome to the 30th season of Angelica Cantanti! This email includes lots of important information about our upcoming season. Please read through everything carefully and let us know if you have questions.

30th Anniversary Celebration
The directors and staff have been working all summer on some very exciting and special events, including

- The Bloomington "Everybody Sing" Choir Festival featuring choirs and singers of all ages
- A fundraiser concert and CD release event featuring our favorite songs of the past 30 years
- A workshop and performance with internationally known hammer dulcimer player, composer, and Angelica friend, Malcolm Dalglish
- Performance with special guest CANTUS at our Spring Concert

We are so glad that you will be part of the celebration!

UPDATED -- Angelica Website
To simplify the beginning of the choir season, we have linked all Back to Choir information on the Angelica Cantanti Singer and Family page on the website at http://www.angelicacantanti.org/Singers&Families.html and then click on the Choir Registration Page. 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.

Con Brio Rehearsals
We are looking forward to having you sing with Con Brio! Con Brio will rehearse on Mondays from 4:45pm to 5:45 p.m. at St. Michael's Lutheran Church at 9201 Normandale Boulevard in Bloomington. The first rehearsal for the Con Brio will be Monday, September 13. Check the Con Brio Calendar link for important dates. http://www.angelicacantanti.org/CalendarConBrio.html

Tuition
The tuition for the 2010-2011 Con Brio season is $405.00 + $12 for a 30th Anniversary t-shirt that we will be wearing at performances this year. A tuition statement follows this letter. Please review the statement carefully and return your tuition payment by **August 18, 2010**. Or, you can pay your tuition at Back to Choir Night.

Back to Choir Night
Plan to join us at Back to Choir Night on Sunday, **August 29 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m**. at the Bloomington Fine Arts Center, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road. 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, meet some new friends and join in on our first sing-a-long of the season!

Forms Online!
All forms are linked on the 2010-11 Registration 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 2010 (a copy of this letter)
- Medical Form – bring completed form to Back to Choir Night
- Volunteer Form – bring completed form to Back to Choir Night
- Choir Coordinator Application – due by August 18
- Financial Assistance/scholarship Application – due by August 18
- New and used uniform information
- 2010/11 Calendar, Member Handbook with updated attendance policy, Singer Registration form
- Tuition information
- Personal Account Fundraising information

Uniforms/Performance Attire
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 29. Please call the choir office or email us at contacts@angelicacantanti.org if you can donate liters of root beer or gallons of vanilla ice cream , 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 are required to attend every rehearsal for their choir, assist the director, help singers during rehearsals, answer questions from parents and other misc. duties. 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 and send to the office by **August 18, 2010**. 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.

2010/11 Calendar Highlights
Please write a few important dates on your calendar. More dates will be announced soon and all dates/times are subject to change.

Sunday, August 29 – **Back to Choir Night** 6:30 p.m.
Monday, September 13 – **First Rehearsal** 4:45 p.m.
Monday, September 20 – **Parent meeting** 5:15pm
Saturday, October 16 – **Feed My Starving Children** 7:00 p.m. *optional
Late October – **Con Brio trip to St. Olaf College** TBA
Saturday, December 4 – **Living Nativity Concert**
Sunday, December 5 **– Performance in lobby of BCA before Nutcracker Ballet**
Tuesday, December 7 **– All Choir Rehearsal** 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 12 – **Winter Concert** 2:00 p.m.
Friday, February 25 – **CD Release Concert Rehearsal**
Sunday, February 27 – **CD Release and Fundraising Concert** 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 20 – **Bloomington Everybody Sing Choir Festival** 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 1 – **Spring Concert** 2:00 p.m.
Monday, May 2 – **Awards Concert** 4:45 p.m.

Additional Rehearsals
As we get nearer to concert performances, extra rehearsals will be necessary to ensure the success of the concert. We will try to get these rehearsals on the calendar as soon as possible. Email announcements will be sent out, but please check the online calendar often for important changes.

Participation Guidelines
Below are the guidelines for participation in Angelica Cantanti:

Guidelines for Participation in Angelica Cantanti

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.

6. Please review out new Attendance Policy on the website.

Contact Information
If you have any questions, please contact the Choir Manager, Andrea Dittmer, at 952-563-8572 or email manager@angelicacantanti.org. If you choose not to participate in Angelica Cantanti this season, please notify the Choir Manager no later than August 18, 2010.

We are looking forward to a great season!

Sincerely,

Angelica Cantanti Staff and Board of Directors

SEE TUITION STATEMENT BELOW

CON BRIO CHOIR TUITION

The Con Brio tuition due for the 2010-11 Angelica Cantanti season is $405.00 + $12 for a 30th Anniversary T-Shirt

The following are your payment options:

1) **Lump Sum:** If you wish to pay in a lump sum, please select that option on the tuition payment form below and mail your payment by **August 18, 2010**. If you prefer to pay by credit card, please contact Andrea in the choir office on how to proceed.

2) **Installment Plan:** If your financial situation warrants it, you may request to pay tuition in 3 installments due August 18, September 15, and October 15. Please select that option on the tuition payment form below and mail the form, along with your first payment **due August 18, 2010**.

3) **Scholarships:** Based on financial need, you may request a scholarship toward your tuition. Please complete the Financial Assistance Application, which you can download from the website at www.angelicacantanti.org, from the 2010-11 Choir Registration Page. *Funds are limited, so please send in your application on time.* Mail your completed scholarship application by **August 18, 2010**.

Overdue Tuition Payments: It is your responsibility to make all tuition payments on time. Singers whose tuition is not paid in full (whether by lump sum, installment plan, or scholarship) by October 15, 2010 will be notified in writing that they cannot participate in rehearsals until their outstanding tuition is paid. ***There will be no exceptions to this policy.***

Questions: If you have any questions regarding tuition payments or scholarships, please contact the Choir Manager, Andrea Dittmer, at 952-563-8572 or e-mail manager@angelicacantanti.org .

Con Brio Tuition Payment

Amount Due: **$405.00 + $12 for the 30th Anniversary t-shirt**

Singer's Name_____
(Please print singer's first and last name)

☐ **Lump Sum:** I am enclosing a check for $417 made out to "Angelica Cantanti." (Mail by Aug. 18, 2010.)

☐ **Installment Plan:** Enclosed is a check for $135 made out to "Angelica Cantanti" to pay my first installment. (Mail by August 18, 2010.) Please send me coupons for the remaining two installments due September 15 and October 15, 2010. I understand that it is my responsibility to make each payment on time.

☐ **Scholarship:** I am requesting a scholarship. Please see my attached Financial Aid Application.

Mail to:
Angelica Cantanti Youth Choirs, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431