

Dear Con Brio Singer and Family,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 season of Angelica Cantanti! This letter includes lots of important information about our upcoming season. Please read through everything carefully and let us know if you have questions. We are so glad that your singer will be part of the celebration!

Con Brio Rehearsals – NEW DAY & TIME!

We are looking forward to having you sing with Con Brio! Con Brio will rehearse on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Bloomington Center for the Arts at 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road in Bloomington. (Warm-ups and music games will begin at 4:20!) The first rehearsal for Con Brio will be Tuesday, September 13. Check the Con Brio Calendar link on the Angelica website for important dates.

Tuition

The tuition for the 2011-2012 Con Brio season is \$405.00. A tuition statement and payment coupons can be found at <http://www.angelicacantanti.org/Singer%20Registration.html>. Please review the statement carefully and return your tuition payment by **August 15, 2011**. 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 28 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** at the Bloomington Center for the Arts. Back to Choir Night is a “one-stop” opportunity for you to turn in required forms, pay tuition, secure formal and informal performance attire pieces, check out Angelica spirit wear, learn about fundraising for your personal singers account and volunteer opportunities with Angelica, purchase a previous concert CD, meet and greet your director, say hello to old friends and meet some new friends!

Performance Attire – UPDATED

Con Brio girls formal performance attire may be changing this year. We are working with a vendor and we'll have more information about this change at Back to Choir Night. Used attire pieces will be available for purchase at Back to Choir Night. Singers are responsible for purchasing, measuring, and shortening their own items. If you have an attire piece to sell, refer to the performance attire information on the website. Please note: bring your checkbook to the used item sale. Checks will be the only form of payment accepted.

Singer & Family Page -- 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, click on the Singer and Family Page, and then click on the Singer Registration link. 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.

Forms Online!

All forms are linked on the Singer 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, July 2011 (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
- Financial Assistance/scholarship Application – due by August 15
- New and used performance attire information
- 2011-12 Con Brio Calendar, Member Handbook and attendance policy
- Tuition information
- Personal Account Fundraising information

Choir Coordinators

We are in need of Choir Coordinators for Con Brio. These volunteers are required to attend every rehearsal for Con Brio, assist the director, help singers during rehearsals, answer questions from parents and other miscellaneous 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 15, 2011**. Note: because this job involves working with children, we are required to run a background check on all applicants.

Communication

All choir communication is done by email. If you are not receiving emails from Angelica in the next few weeks, please contact our office at 952-563-8572 to be sure we have your correct information.

2011-12 Calendar

The rehearsal and performance calendar is on the Angelica website. Please visit that site today and put all the important dates on your personal calendar. <http://www.angelicacantanti.org/Singers&Families.html>.

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 bookmark this page and check the online calendar often for important changes.

Attendance Policy

Each singer is important to the sound of the choir and every rehearsal and concert performance is crucial to the success of the group. We rehearse just once a week and it is often accelerated - learning a lot of new music and instruction. If an absence is known in advance, an absence form must be completed and turned into the director no later than one week PRIOR to the absence. Absence forms can be downloaded and printed from the Angelica website.

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.

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 15, 2011.

We are looking forward to a great season!

Sincerely,

Angelica Cantanti Staff and Board of Directors