

Dear **Cantanti Singers** Singer and Family,

August 2, 2015

Welcome to the 2015-16 season of Angelica Cantanti! It's our 35th anniversary and we have wonderful performance opportunities for our singers scheduled this year!

- Our annual **winter concert** will be held on Sunday, December 13th at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Bloomington.
- We are delighted to present our **spring concert** at Orchestra Hall on May 15, 2016. Both concerts will be free.

This letter includes lots of important information. Please read through everything carefully and let us know if you have questions.

Cantanti Singers Rehearsals

Cantanti Singers will rehearse on Sundays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Rehearsal Hall at the Bloomington Center for the Arts at 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road in Bloomington. Rotating sectionals will begin at 5:30 p.m. The first rehearsal for Cantanti Singers will be **Sunday, August 30, 2015**. There will be a meeting for NEW member parents on September 13th at 6:00 p.m. (*Returning singer parents are welcome to attend too*)

Tuition & Payment

The tuition for the 2015-16 Cantanti Singers season is **\$595.00**. A tuition statement and payment coupons follow this letter. Please review the statement carefully and return your tuition payment by **August 23, 2015** by paying online through PayPal (look for PAYMENT under Singer/Family on the website), mailing to the ACYC office, or bringing it to the Back to Choir event on 8/23. See coupons below.

2015-16 Calendar

The Cantanti Singers rehearsal and performance calendar is on the Angelica website, on the Singer Family page. Please put all important dates on your personal calendar including our Snow Days choir day retreat and overnight on **Jan. 22 & 23, 2016**. The additional cost for this event will be \$110, due in the fall.

Aug. 22 & 23 – Welcome back mini-retreat
Aug. 30 – first rehearsal
Oct. 25 – Bloomington Sings Concert
Nov. 15 – Concert with Encore
Dec. 13 – Winter Concert
Jan. 18 – **Monday night rehearsal**
Jan. 22 – Overnight at Waterpark of America Hotel
Jan. 23 – All day choir retreat
Feb. 21 – Rita Docter Scholarship Concert
Mar. 1 – **Tuesday night rehearsal** with GTCYS
Mar 6 – Concert with GTCYS Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies
May 15 – Spring Concert at Orchestra Hall

Back to Choir Night

Back to Choir Night is Sunday, August 23. All singers will be rehearsing the National Anthem at 5:45pm for our 8/28 Twins game performance. Please watch for a separate email with more information about this event including the Used Performance Attire Sale.

Performance Attire

Check the website for important information about the required performance attire for your choir. Performance attire for this choir has not changed since last year, and a limited number of gently used items *may* be available at the Back to Choir event. New items should be purchased as soon as possible to allow enough time for delivery and any necessary alterations before our first performances. Singers are responsible for purchasing, measuring, and shortening their own items. Please consider donating any gently used attire pieces to the organization or if you want to sell your items, refer to the performance attire selling procedures on the website. **Note:** bring your checkbook to the used item sale; checks will be the only form of payment accepted.

Singer Family Page -- Angelica Website

All choir information is on the Angelica Cantanti website at www.angelicacantanti.org under the Singer Family tab. Check the website often throughout the season for updates and concert details.

Please download and complete the **Medical Form** and send it with your tuition payment or turn it in at Back to Choir Night.

Communication

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

Contact Us

Phone and email contact information for Directors, Choir Coordinators, and the Angelica office can be found at the top of the online calendar for each choir.

Attendance Policy

Every voice is important to the sound of the choir and every rehearsal is crucial to the success of the group. Since we meet just once a week, it is often accelerated and we are learning a lot of new music and instruction. If an absence is known in advance, contact Philip Brown. Parents - please arrange for doctor, orthodontist, and other routine appointments on a different day than choir rehearsal. Absence forms can be downloaded and printed from the Angelica website under FORMS.

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 from the Angelica handbook including:

1. Singers are expected to attend all rehearsals, concerts and retreats except in cases of illness, school conflicts, or family emergencies. Communication is very important. The director must be notified of any absences in advance. Those singers attending fewer than 90% of rehearsals may be unable to perform at upcoming concerts, if the conductor feels that the singer is not prepared. Singers who have continued poor attendance may be asked to leave the choir.

2. Singers must notify the conductor and choir coordinator(s) of absences in writing – via e-mail or by submitting a planned absence form (found on the website).
3. Singers are expected to arrive on time and be 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.
4. Parents must pick up their child promptly at the end of each rehearsal and performance.
5. Singers must be respectful to other singers, the choir coordinators, the rehearsal space, and concert performance venues.
6. 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 angelicamanager@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to a great season!

Sincerely,

Angelica Cantanti Staff and Board of Directors

Final Reminders - pay online, mail, or bring to Back to Choir Night on 8/23:

Tuition payment

Medical Form on website under Singer/Family - FORMS

CANTANTI SINGERS TUITION

Cantanti Singers tuition for the 2015-16 Angelica Cantanti season is \$595.00.

Payment Methods

You can pay online through PayPal (look for PAYMENT under the Singer/Family tab on the website), by mailing a check to the ACYC office, or by bringing your payment to the Back to Choir Night event on 8/23.

Payment Options

- 1) **Lump Sum:** If you wish to pay in a lump sum, please select that option on the tuition payment form below. Payment is due by **August 23, 2015**.
- 2) **Installment Plan:** You may pay tuition in 3 installments due August 23, September 15, and October 15. Please select that option on the tuition payment form below. Your first payment is due by **August 23, 2015**.
- 3) **Financial Aid:** Based on financial need, you may request financial aid toward your tuition. Please download and complete the Financial Aid Application (found on the Angelica website). *Funds are limited, so please send in your application on time.* Mail your completed scholarship application by **August 15, 2015**.

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, 2015 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, please contact the Choir Manager, Andrea Dittmer, at angelicamanager@gmail.com.

Cantanti Singers Tuition Payment

Amount Due: **\$595.00**

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

- Lump Sum:** I am enclosing a check for \$595 made out to "Angelica Cantanti." (Mail by Aug. 23, 2015.)
- Installment Plan:** Enclosed is a check for \$198 made out to "Angelica Cantanti" to pay my first installment. (Mail by August 23, 2015.) I will mail coupons for the remaining two installments due September 15 and October 15, 2015. I understand that it is my responsibility to make each payment on time.
- Financial Aid:** I am requesting financial aid. Please see my attached Financial Aid Application.

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

CANTANTI SINGERS PAYMENT COUPONS

You may pay your Cantanti Singers tuition of \$595 in 3 installments, along with your first tuition payment of \$198. Below are the remaining tuition payment coupons. Mail each coupon with the indicated tuition payment by the date due on the coupon.

Do not give tuition payments to the conductor. It is your responsibility to make each payment on time.

If you have any questions, please contact the Choir Manager, Andrea Dittmer, at angelicamanager@gmail.com.

Cantanti Singers Tuition Payment #3

Amount Due: \$199.00 Date Due: October 15, 2015

Singer's Name _____
(please print singer's first and last name)

(Make your check payable to **Angelica Cantanti** and print the singer's name, choir, and the word "tuition" on the check.)

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

Cantanti Singers Tuition Payment #2

Amount Due: \$198.00 Date Due: September 15, 2015

Singer's Name _____
(please print singer's first and last name)

(Make your check payable to **Angelica Cantanti** and print the singer's name, choir, and the word "tuition" on the check.)

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