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Dear Parents and Singers,

January to May is going to fly by!
Please take an extra minute to check the web site and read the handouts each week. Here are a few musical highlights to take note of:

JANUARY

Concert I: Sign up to sing with the Orpheus Chamber Singers!

Prelude, Apprentice, Concert I and 2: Sign up to sing in the Outreach Chorus

FEBRUARY

All Choirs: Meyerson Concert February 28, "A World of Song". Our guest artists are the classical Indian dancers from the Arathi and Indique Dance Company.

We would love to have as many people as possible attend the Gala, "Cause for Song" preceding the concert. If that isn't possible, please attend the concert! Concert tickets will be available on the web site very soon!

MARCH

Concert 1: March 22 – 28 rehearsals and performances of Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana* with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Yan Pascal Tortelier. Tickets are going fast! Call the DSO Box Office.

APRIL

Prelude, Apprentice, Concert I and 2: Perform at the Meyerson for a fundraiser for the Vogel-Alcove, an organization that provides child care for the children of the homeless – Tuesday, April 20.

MAY

Auditions for 2010-2011 season begin.

All Choirs: Meyerson Concert May 9, "Our Lives in Song"

It is an honor, challenge and privilege to lead you in music making every Monday night!

Ms. Nott
Artistic Director

From the Associate Conductor



Dear Concert II Singers and Parents,

Your performance in December with the Arts District Chorale was beautiful. I have heard many compliments on both your singing and your behavior. I am very proud of you!

The semester brings new literature and exciting opportunities for all the choruses. Looking forward to experiencing music of the composers we have chosen to honor this spring.

Happy New Year!

Mrs. Harley

Apprentice Accolades



Apprentice Chorus "Wowed" us all at our Fall Concert at the Meyerson! I'm so very proud of each young singer – they are dedicated, enthusiastic and ready to sing each week. We are learning some really COOOOOL music for our next concert, AND we will be joined by a wonderful choir (Northwest Dallas Neighborhood Chorus directed by Monica Awbrey) for two of our numbers. Teaming up with our CCGD Neighborhood Choruses is a great way to expand

the message that beautiful singing can happen everywhere with wonderful teaching, beautiful music and excited singers.

I look forward to every Monday rehearsal with joy and anticipation to sing with these young musicians!

And don't forget our Saturday rehearsal on January 23 – 10:00 – noon at First United Methodist Church downtown (Ross @ Harwood). Molto Importante!

Blessings,

Ms. Terrie Preskitt-Brown

February 28, 2010 "A World of Song" CONCERT



[Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center](#)

8:00 p.m.

CCGD unites artists and melodies from around the world when four neighborhood choruses join the downtown choirs for "A World of Song." The evening opens with the option to attend "Cause for Song" an elegant and exciting gala in the beautiful [Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center lobby at](#)

5:45 pm.

All concert tickets go on sale January 25, 2010 online or 1-800-838-3006 or during rehearsal (grand tier and dress circle tickets only) February 22, 2010. Online ticket sales end 48 hours before the concert. Tickets will be available at the door starting at 5:30 pm.

Contact Mary Duncan 214-348-3648 if you have questions about tickets.

See www.thechildrenschorus.org/gala for information about attending the gala. Gala tickets include concert admission.

Spring Calendars

[Prelude Calendar](#)

[Apprentice Calendar](#)

[Concert II Calendar](#)

[Concert I Calendar](#)

[Youth Chorus Calendar](#)

[Women's Youth Chorus Calendar](#)

Help Us Spread the Word About Auditions

CCGD wants to be sure the word is getting out about upcoming auditions for the 2010-2011 season. You can help by providing names and addresses of singers who might be interested in auditioning. Think about the ideas below, for starters . . .

- Who auditioned for All-District or All-Region Choir from your school? Do they know about CCGD?
 - How about singers from your school's spring musical? Do they need invitations to audition for the Children's
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or Youth Choruses?

- It's pre-registration time. Do you know singers who can't fit choir into their school schedules? CCGD is a great alternative!

Please contact the Chorus office with names and addresses. Or go to www.thechildrenschorus.org to download a form to send us with names and addresses of possible recruits. We'll do the rest. Don't forget that **you can reduce your tuition by \$50 for every new singer that you recruit** who actually joins the chorus. Go to the website (<http://www.thechildrenschorus.org>) for more information. Thank you for helping us spread the word!

Chorus Merchandise - Tour Necessities

If your chorister is going on the Washington, DC tour, they must have a CCGD or YCGD black polo. Please check your child's shirt to make sure it fits properly and is still in good order. Contact Suzy Cox, suzy@catalogsolutions.net, if you need to order a new shirt. You may also place an order on the Chorus website.

From the Executive Director



FUNDRAISING NEWS

As we head into the second half of the year we continue to make progress toward our goal of \$150,000. During the last quarter of 2009 major gift commitments included;

- \$10,649 from the Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs for operating support
- \$10,000 from the Rees-Jones Foundation in support of our Neighborhood Choir Program and our Summer Singing Camp
- \$5,400 from the Hattie Mae Lesley Foundation in support of the Neighborhood Choir Program

- \$5,000 from the Mesquite Arts Council and the Dede Duson Foundation as created by Jean Rogers Winchell in support of our Mesquite Arts Center concert
- \$10,000 from 73 donors from our mail-out campaign, including \$1,000 gifts from the Spellings and Washburne families and Sandy Conrad
- \$2,500 from the Dominguez family
- \$2,000 from the Cox family
- \$1,800 from the Dallas Arts District Foundation (through the Communities Foundation of North Texas)
- Approximately \$4,700 from a variety of sources

We thank all who donated.

Our total for this Fiscal Year has reached \$83,000 or 56% of our goal. Donations are down \$29,000 from this time last season (we received a one-time \$15,000 award last season, and OCA Funding and the mailout campaign each are down \$6,000).

Of the \$66,000 remaining we can identify about half of the balance. TACA has notified us that we will receive an award from them again this season and, because they will again be awarding \$1,000,000 to 30+ agencies, we are expecting an award similar to last season. Plus, we hope to receive funding from three organizations that have been long term supporters. We also have some potential upsides in other areas (Gala, cost avoidance and higher-than-planned tuition revenues due to increased membership). However **there is a good chance we will need to make a late season appeal to achieve a break-even financial position this season.**

Tour News

Tour preparations are progressing. CCGD will be taking about 80 singers and San Antonio Children's Chorus (SACC) will be taking about 40. Our clinicians have been secured. Joan Gregorek, Artistic Director of the Washington Children's Chorus will clinic the combined children's chorus and Dr. Barbara Baker, a long time high school

conductor in the Washington area will clinic the combined Youth Chorus. One of our tour events will be laying a wreath in Arlington Cemetery at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

We still have room for a few singers and/or shadowers. If you want to join the tour you may do so by contacting the office. We will have to give the airlines an exact count in March and at that time reservations will be closed.

The most recent tour payment was due Jan 18, so if you haven't yet sent in your payment please do so as soon as possible because we have to pay the tour company at the end of the month. The next tour payment is due March 1.

Cause for Song - CCGD's Annual Gala

February 28, 2010

CCGD's annual fundraising gala will take place prior to the *A World of Song* concert. The evening will feature special guest speaker, Doug Adams,

Dallas Symphony Orchestra president, Julia Hosch of Youth Chorus, a song from Concert II, auctioneer Louis Murad, live and silent auctions, wine pull and our signature bear event.

You may attend the concert without attending the gala, but if you buy a gala ticket your concert ticket is included with gala admission. If you don't attend the gala we encourage you to still attend the concert. Concert tickets will be available [online](#) and Monday, February 22 at rehearsal.

Get involved! Celebrate, Volunteer, Donate, Raffle



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Celebrate - Ticket \$115 (gala entry, dinner with wine and orchestra seat)

Tables \$1200 (gala entry, dinner with wine for 8 and 8 loge box seats*)

Volunteer - Contact [Jill VanGorden](#) to see what opportunities are available.

Donate - We are still looking for "big ticket" items valued at \$250 or above - jewelry, vacation home stays, airfare, VIP sports or theater tickets are a few examples. Contact [Silvia Davis](#).

Raffle - [Deb Herod](#) will kick off raffle ticket sales at rehearsal Monday, January 25th. Prizes will be awarded to the chorus with the most sales, top three individual sellers and a winner will be drawn from all individuals with sales over \$100. Raffle prize winners will be drawn at the concert on February 28th. The three prizes are \$500 Central Market gift card, \$500 Exxon gas card and \$500 NorthPark Gold. See the Raffle Ticket Sales Competition article for details.

Gala questions? Want to attend? Contact Emily Ko or 214-965-0491 ext 14. Visit www.thechildrenschorus.org/gala for the latest updates. See the 2010 Bali Bear, get the latest on auction items and look at pictures from last year's event and the kick-off.

*The first 18 tables receive loge box seats and the remaining tables receive orchestra terrace.

From The Parents' Association

Parents,

Happy New Year! The Parents' Association wants to thank all of you having donated countless hours chaperoning the children at concerts, assisting with tour account fundraising activities, working every week as rehearsal monitors just to

name a few of the activities.

As we move into the 2nd semester, the annual Chorus Gala is fast approaching. There are many opportunities for parents to assist that can work within your schedule. If you are interested in finding out more about the Gala please contact Jill Vangorden at vangorden6@sbcglobal.net. Tickets and tables are still on sale for the event. It takes place immediately preceding our February 28th concert at the Morton H Meyerson Symphony Center. Please consider attending. It's a great event that is a lot of fun and provides significant benefits for all of the choruses.

Diane Roberts

Co-President CCGD

Cheryl Winnenberg

Co-President YCGD

Raffle Ticket Sales Competition

As part of our Annual Gala, we will be holding a raffle. Monday, January 25 Deb Herod will visit rehearsals to kick-off sales. The drawing for the raffle items will take place at the February 28, 2010 concert at the Meyerson Symphony Center. The money you collect for raffle tickets will be donated to the chorus.

Cost: \$5 each or 3 for \$10

Goal: \$100 sold for each chorister – If each chorister sells \$100 worth of raffle tickets, CCGD will raise close to \$40,000!

Prizes: The chorus selling the most raffle tickets will receive a pizza party. The top-selling chorister will win \$100 of NorthPark Gold. The chorister in second place will receive a \$50 iTunes card and the third place winner will receive a \$25 iTunes card. Each chorister who sells \$100 will be put in a drawing for a \$25 NorthPark Gold prize (one winner).

The items that will be raffled this year are:

\$500 in NorthPark Gold

\$500 Exxon Gas Card

\$500 Central Market Gift Card

You may sell to anyone you know (neighbors, friends, family) – they need not be present to win. You can continue selling until February 28, 2010.

Sold tickets along with payment will be turned in each week at rehearsal. NO ticket will be counted without payment. Checks should be made payable to CCGD. Please write your name (chorister) on the memo of the check. Cash may also be accepted.

Tickets will be distributed on January 25th. If you need additional tickets, please contact **Deb Herod at 214/546-8292** or bizemome@sbcglobal.net. We will also have additional tickets available during rehearsal, if you need more.

Note: Please turn in unsold raffle tickets to be used by other choristers.

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