

**Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas**  
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Orpheus Chamber Singers

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Dear Parents and Singers of Concert I,

As you may remember from the parent's orientation meeting, CCGD has been honored with an invitation to perform with the Orpheus Chamber Singers, Dallas' premier professional adult chorus (See bio below.) Under the direction of Donald Krehbiel, their concerts have been consistently named by the Dallas Morning News as one of the best musical events in the city. We have been asked to select and prepare **40** singers for this collaboration. The concert repertoire will focus on the music of living composers.

If you are interested in being a part of this great opportunity, please follow these directions:

1. **Read the information about the project** provided in this letter and decide if you can make the commitment to be a part of this project. A full rehearsal and performance schedule is included in this letter.
2. **Check your CCGD performance calendar.** Regular CCGD rehearsals and performances are your first priority. Participation in these extra opportunities is over and above your regular commitment to CCGD.
3. **Check your home calendar** with the required rehearsal and performance dates listed on the following pages. If you have conflicts that can't be changed, please do not sign up. You are committing to a special project. If you choose to participate it will be assumed that you can participate fully!
4. **Please email me by Friday, January 15 at [cynthia@thechildrenschorus.org](mailto:cynthia@thechildrenschorus.org) if you are able to participate or have specific questions.**

If your child participates, most of our communication will take place via email.

The children that participate will be responsible for learning the music by listening to a learning CD prior to the first rehearsal. It is recommended that they listen to the CD twice a day. This will enable us to keep rehearsal time to a minimum.

These optional opportunities are a lot of work but are always fun. I hope you will consider participating!

Sincerely,

Cynthia Nott  
Artistic Director

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**Required Rehearsals and Performances  
CCGD and the Orpheus Chamber Singers**

Monday, March 1	Choral scores and learning CD's distributed			
Saturday, April 10	9:00 – 12:00	Rehearsal	First Methodist	Music learned
Saturday, April 17	12:00 – 2:00	Rehearsal	First Presbyterian	Music memorized
Saturday, April 24	9:00 – 12:00	Rehearsal w/ Mr. Krehbiel	Place: TBA	
Tuesday April 27	7:00 – 8:00	Rehearsal with Orpheus	HPUMC	
<b>Sunday, May 2</b>	<b>6:00 Call 7:30</b>	<b>Hurst United Methodist Church (in Hurst, Texas) PERFORMANCE</b>		
<b>Tuesday, May 4</b>	<b>6:00 Call 7:30</b>	<b>Highland Park United Methodist Church PERFORMANCE</b>		

I hope that many of you will consider being a part of this wonderful, musical experience.

Founded in 1995, Orpheus Chamber Singers enriches, inspires, and educates North Texas audiences through exceptional performances of chamber choral music from the past six centuries. Driven by the highest standards for choral performance, Artistic Director Donald Krehbiel has assembled a group of 24 of the finest singers; many of them recognized soloists, blending them into a richly satisfying ensemble capable of mastering music of every period. Entering its 15th season, Orpheus sets the standard for choral singing in North Texas and regularly receives critical acclaim for its exquisite sound and polish.

Repertoire includes diverse styles of music from around the globe and commissions of outstanding new works. The ensemble has made numerous guest appearances and outreach to area schools in addition to its regular concert series. Orpheus released two commercial recordings to rave reviews— *A Sound of Angels* (October 2000) and *Night Sounds* (September 2002). After 14 seasons and performances of nearly 600 works spanning six centuries and 22 countries, Orpheus has become known for passionate performances of traditional and innovative chamber choral music.

