

Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas

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Additional, optional singing opportunity

CCGD's Outreach Chorus

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Dear Prelude, Apprentice, Concert I and II Parents and Singers,

As you may remember from the parent's orientation meeting, there is an **additional, optional singing opportunity** for your child to participate in the second semester. Each year, in an effort to spread the word about CCGD, we form an Outreach Chorus. As a matter of fact, we try to create **two choruses**. Each chorus performs a 25 minute "mini" concert at several DISD elementary schools during the school day. The purpose of these concerts is to inform children about CCGD, possibly encourage more children to audition for the chorus and to bring beautiful music to children. It is a lot of singing and a lot of fun! This year we will be traveling by school bus from school to school! We only have room for 50 singers each day so sign up quickly!

If you would like to participate, please follow the directions below. No audition is necessary – just a willing, giving spirit!

1. **Read the information about the project** provided on the back of this letter and decide if you can make the commitment to be a part of this project.
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 back. If you have conflicts that can't be changed, please do not sign up. This is really about committing to the special project. If you choose to participate it will be assumed that you can participate fully!
4. **Sign up before Friday, January 22nd** by emailing me at cynthia@thechildrenschorus.org, or calling the Chorus Office 214-965-0491. I will take singers on a first come first served basis. When you email or if you get our voice mail, please leave a message with
 - your child's name
 - their chorus
 - a good email and phone number to contact you. Most of our communication will take place via email. I will call those that do not have an email address.
 - the DISD performing day or days your child will be singing. (See page 2)
5. 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! Please email me with any questions you may have – cynthia@thechildrenschorus.org

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2010 Outreach Chorus

Please read carefully

The required rehearsal and performance schedule is listed below. You must be able to attend all rehearsals and **at least one DISD school** performance.

Monday, Feb. 1 Choral scores and learning CD's distributed in CCGD rehearsal

Tuesday, Feb. 2 – Friday, Feb 19: Listen to your learning CD's!

Saturday, Feb 20 9:00 - 12:00 Rehearsal First Methodist Arrive with music learned
Bring your music, a pencil, a snack and a drink

Saturday, Feb. 27 9:00 - 12:00 Rehearsal First Methodist Arrive with music memorized
Bring your music, a pencil, a snack and a drink

**Wednesday, Mar. 10 DISD School Concerts – approximately 8 am – 3:30 pm
and/or**

Thursday, Mar. 11 DISD School Concerts – approximately 8 am – 3:30 pm

- Singers must choose at least one school day to perform. Children are welcome to sing both days but it is not required. Each child will be given a letter to give to their teacher or principal requesting permission to be absent. I think it is a good idea to speak with your school before making this commitment.
- Parents must provide their child's transportation to the rehearsals and the first DISD school each morning. We usually meet around 8:00 AM. A DISD school bus will transport us to each school after that. Parents must pick their child up at the last school. We usually end around 3:30 PM. The schools are in Dallas.
- The concert attire is a CCGD back polo or a black shirt of your choosing, blue jeans and athletic shoes. CCGD hair, jewelry and make-up rules will apply.
- Singers should pack a lunch and a drink for the DISD Concert Day(s).

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

Sincerely,

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