



CHILDREN'S CHORUS OF GREATER DALLAS

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Special thanks to Laleh Mehdi for her volunteer work on this newsletter!

Don't forget!

If your contact information changes, please notify the CCGD office.

IMPORTANT DATES:

[October 14, 16 & 18](#)

Concert I performs at ATT PAC

[October 15](#)

Gala Kick-Off Party

[October 25](#)

Concert II, WYC & YC perform at Mesquite Arts Center

SAVE THE DATE

February 28, 2010

Cause for Song (CCGD's annual gala)

From the Artistic Director



Dear Parents and Singers,

What is it about singing?

At the report of the discovery of a 35,000 year old flute, Suto Moughalian, a NY based professional flautist said, "To make the step from just breathing to actually producing a sound requires a different sense of self."

I have seen that "different sense of self" come over a young singer when they learn to produce not only a sound but a beautiful sound for the first time. I have seen the change that comes over a young singer when they produce beautiful sounds with other young people and then share their creation with an audience.

After everyone is measured for outfits, gets a calendar, meets their

conductor, finds their rehearsal room, their folder and their seat, then the real reason CCGD exists can begin. We are here because we believe that beautiful, heartfelt choral singing is vital to the rich development of our hearts, minds and voices.

Ms. Nott
Artistic Director

Performance Note

Concert I is the only choir performing on October 18th at the Open House for the Dallas Center for the Performing Arts.

From the Associate Conductor



Dear Concert II Singers and Parents,
Congratulations! We are off to an excellent start this season. Getting to know your children is something I look forward to each week and teaching them to sing together is even more exciting. What beautiful sounds they are learning to make! We are preparing for our first concert Sunday, October 25 so now is the time to check your concert attire.

Thanks to our parent volunteers for their help each week. We couldn't do it without you!

See you Monday,
Mrs. Harley

Apprentice Accolades



Apprentice Chorus is having a wonderful beginning to this new year of singing! We have bright eyes, beautiful voices, and together we are learning to create beautiful music together. Our attendance is spectacular, and I hope that all of us will take those extra steps to stay well during the now-seemingly-eternal flu season:

- 1) Wash your hands well and often;
- 2) Stay away from sick people if you are well;
- 3) Stay away from well people if you are sick;
- 4) Cough or sneeze into your sleeve or a Kleenex OR if you cough or sneeze into your hands - wash them right away;

5) If you feel achy or have fever, go to the doctor right away. The sooner you start the flu medicine the sooner you will return to us!

I look forward to every Monday rehearsal with excitement to sing with these young musicians!

Blessings,

Ms. Terrie Preskitt-Brown

CCGD Concert Sunday October 25 2009

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TICKETS

[Mesquite Arts Center - 1527 N Galloway.](#)

[Mesquite](#)

4:30 pm \$7

Don't miss the debut of CCGD's newest ensemble, the Women's Youth Chorus, as three choruses (Concert II, Women's Youth Chorus and Youth Chorus) join together for this tribute to love in all its forms. This concert is sponsored in part by Jean Winchell in honor of local composer Dede Duson, whose composition "Of Love" will be featured. Tickets are \$7 and are available [online](#)

Fall Calendars

[Prelude Calendar](#)

[Apprentice Calendar](#)

[Concert II Calendar](#)

[Concert I Calendar](#)

[Youth Chorus Calendar](#)

[Women's Youth Chorus Calendar](#)

Volunteer Thank You

A huge thank you to Catherine Gonzales, Cindy Gonzales, Matthew Gonzales, Shelby Holland, Emily Hoffman, Meghan Marks, Neda Marks, Laleh Mehdi, Elisabeth Miller, Emilie Miller, Sharon Miller, and Naira Sidi for volunteering to help with "chorus start-up". We could not do it without you!
Linda Harley
Associate Conductor

Chorus Merchandise

If you placed an order for merchandise, but have not received it, no worries. Your order will be sent to rehearsal within the next several weeks, or you may be advised that certain items were sold out. Contact Suzy Cox with any questions. suzy@catalogsolutions.net

Scrip Program

Hello from the Scrip program.

Exciting News! **Guitar Center**, **Nike** and **Dell Computers** have joined the merchant list! When searching for a merchant, please remember to look into the shopping category as well as the brand name. I have found recently that Little Ceasars Pizza does not come up as a brand name, yet is in the "On the Go Dining" category.

Remember to fund raise!!!

Questions? tzworm@sbcglobal.net

From the Executive Director



FUNDRAISING NEWS

As of the end of September our fundraising total stands at \$31,000, which is 21% of our 2009-10 goal. Major gifts include:

- \$12,500 from Texas Commission for the Arts
- Individual gifts totaling \$12,000 during the Donorbrige event
- \$5,000 from the Embrey Foundation
- \$1,000 from Ann Kathryn's Fund

We thank these institutions and individuals for there very much appreciated support.

Parents who "signed up" to provide **names and notes** for our Friends and Family

campaign received a request to provide that information earlier this week. Please return your list of names to the office by **Monday Oct 12** and your notes by **Monday Oct 19** . This campaign is even more crucial this year - funding from foundations and businesses will be down and many institutional donors are confining their giving to those who have previously received gifts. We would like to receive **1,000 new names** this year, so if each of the 50 families who "signed up" gave 20 names we would reach that objective.

If you didn't sign up, please consider doing so – click for links to the [instructions](#) and [forms](#) .

Tour Shadower Announcement

ATTENTION PARENTS OF TOURING SINGERS

We still have a very few "shadower" spots left for the Washington D.C. tour. If you are interested, please call the office 214-965-0491.

2009 - 10 City Budget

The Dallas City Council recently adopted a nearly \$2B 2009 -10 budget, which required cuts of nearly \$200 M. The Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs, CCGD's second largest donor absorbed a 35% cut, which is certain to reduce CCGD's funding from the \$16,000 level to around the \$10,000 level. The good news is that the proposal to place OCA under the Library was not accepted by the council, so OCA will continue at the Department level.

Gala Update from Co-Chairs Emily Ko and Salli Bennison

CCGD's fourth annual fundraising gala, *Cause for Song*- an evening with Balinese flair, will take place prior to the February 28, 2010 concert *A World of Song*.

There are many ways to participate - Spread the Word, Volunteer, Donate, Attend.

We need volunteers to help procure auction items, help the day of the event and help with preparation. We are seeking donations for auction items and cash donations to help underwrite the cost. To contact a committee chair for more information, to volunteer or to donate please email [Emily Ko](mailto:Emily.Ko).

Gala tickets are \$110 and include admission to the event and an orchestra seat ticket. Tables are available for \$1200 and include admission and loge box tickets for eight. If you don't attend the gala we encourage you to still attend the concert. Concert tickets will be available online and at select Monday night rehearsals.

[Silvia and Barry Davis](#) will be hosting a kick-off party, Thursday, October 15th at their home. All are welcome. Evites were sent out to all parents and Chorus friends. Please let us know if yours did not make it to your Inbox.

Cause for Song [Kick-Off Event October 15, 2009](#)

Come one. Come all.

Cause for Song

February 28, 2010

An Evening with Balinese Flair

Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center

5:45 pm Dinner 8:00 pm Concert - A World of Song

For info - emily@thechildrenschorus.org

Sub-Committee Chairs

Barry Davis - Sponsorship/Table Sales

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