



Conservatory Choir News Nov. 07/2011

Dear Singers and Parents,

Here are some important details to make a note of for the upcoming few weeks.

Upcoming Events

December 8 Dress Rehearsal

Choir will be held at Southminster United Church (1011 4th ave. south) as follows:

Incanto Singers 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Children's Choir 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.

Youth Singers 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Please note that as this is a dress rehearsal that includes all three of our choirs, this practice may be a bit longer, although I will make every effort to ensure that we begin and end on time.

Children's Choir Parents:

Please also note that as I will be occupied with other choirs when your child arrives that you will need to stay (or arrange for another parent to stay) in the sanctuary with your child until our rehearsal begins at 4:45.

Youth Singers Parents:

Please also note that as I will be occupied with other choirs when your child arrives that you will either need to stay with her/him until our rehearsal begins at 5:30 or ensure that s/he has something (a book, etc.) to occupy time until we begin. As there are other church activities going on at that time, all singers must stay in the sanctuary during our scheduled rehearsal time.

December 11th Concert

This concert of all three of our choirs will be held at Southminster United Church at 7 pm. There will be no admission charge, but we will have a silver collection during the concert.

I will need 3 parents to sit with the children's choir when the other choirs are singing and 2 parents to sit with the youth singers during the concert. This isn't a difficult job – you just need to make sure that they are settled and not talking, etc. Plus, you'll get a great seat.

December 14th Family Caroling

For the first year, we will be having a fun, family-focused social event that will include all of our choirs and their families. Here are the details:

Date: Wednesday, December 14th

Time: 5-8 pm

Place: Fort Whoop-Up Interpretive Centre

Cost: there will be a nominal cost charged per family to offset the cost of rental

We will have a pot-luck and caroling, bonfires and other activities. There is an indoor space for us to use should the weather be very chilly that evening.

Uniforms

Children's Choir

Singers in the Children's Choir new to our groups will need to purchase a t-shirt. That shirt, plus black bottoms (skirts for girls, pants for boys) and black shoes is our uniform. The order form is on the bulletin board outside our door. You can also email me your order at matkka@uleth.ca.

The cost is \$15, made payable to me.

Youth Singers

This year the Youth Singers will wear:

- White shirt (preferably long sleeved and more 'dress' than 't-shirt' style)
- Black bottoms (skirts for girls/pants for boys)
- Black shoes
- Red scarves

If you are new to the choir this year and need a scarf or if you need a replacement scarf, the cost is \$6 made payable to me.

Incanto Singers

This year the Incanto Singers will wear:

- Red robes with white stoles
- skirts with dark hose for ladies, pants for men)
- Black shoes

A portion of our choirs' fundraising will go toward the purchase of these robes, so singers are not required to buy them. However, a deposit/cleaning fee will be collected from each singer when the robes arrive. That cost is tba.

Practice CDs and our Website

If you haven't done so yet, please go to www.musicalive.ca to:

- Sign up for newsletters
- Access to our calendar
- Listen to/download rehearsal music (youth and children's choirs)

Registration

If you have not already registered for choir through the University, please call Recreation Services at 329-2706. The cost for the year is \$220.00.

If you are not able to register at this time, please speak with me privately and we can make confidential arrangements to suit you.

That's it for now. Please [let me know](#) if you have any questions.

Musically yours,

Kathy Matkin-Clapton