



Ames Children's Choirs

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Something to Sing About!

- **Maya Chen** (Chorale) was second place winner in the Fellows Elementary School Geographic Bee held on January 14. She has also been awarded a rating of I honorable mention in the level B piano classification in the Iowa Music Teachers Association District Auditions on January 23.
- **Oliver Chen** (Prep Choir) has been awarded a rating of I honorable mention in the level A piano classification in the Iowa Music Teachers Association District Auditions on January 23.
- **Charles Forney** (Concert Choir) was selected to participate in the Orpheus Middle School Honor Band in January at Simpson College in Indianola.
- **Lea Johannsen** (Concert Choir) and **Sarah Anderson** (Concert Choir) participated in the District Large Group Speech Contest held at North High School in Des Moines on January 23. They earned I ratings and the right to compete at the State Contest on February 6.
- If your singer has been selected for something special, please let us know! Send your items for "*Something to Sing About*" to: ameschoir@aol.com or call Shon @ 290-1422.

Welcome New Singers!

We are pleased to welcome new Prep Choir singer **Delaney McCormick** and new Chorale singer **Nick Jordan**. Please get to know these new singers and let them know how happy we are to have them singing with us.

Concert Choir Retreat February 13

The Concert Choir will rehearse on Saturday, February 13, from **9:00-12:00 noon** in the Annex Auditorium in preparation for the Randall concert and the recording sessions. Remember, retreats are critical to our performance success. ☺ Please bring a water bottle. A pizza lunch and a required meeting (**12:30-1:30 pm**) will follow. If your singer will be unable to attend the lunch, please let Shon know so she can order pizza accordingly.

9-12:00 noon - rehearsal

12:00 noon - pizza lunch provided for the Concert Choir

12:30-1:30 pm - required tour culture meeting for the singers & chaperones; interested parents may attend.



Prep Choir & Chorale Retreat February 20

Saturday, February 20 is a required rehearsal in the Annex Auditorium to prepare the Prep Choir for the mini-concert, and the Chorale for the Randall Concert. Remember, retreats are critical to our performance success - and we have fun, too. ☺ Please bring a water bottle. If your singer will be unable to attend the lunch, please let Shon know so she can order pizza accordingly.

9:00-11:30 am Prep Choir rehearses

11:30-12:00 noon pizza lunch provided for Prep Choir singers

12:30-1:00 pm pizza lunch provided for Chorale singers

1:00-4:00 pm Chorale rehearses

Chorale & Concert Choir Perform February 21

The Chorale & Concert Choir will be the featured guest artists for the Randall Fine Arts Series at Elim Lutheran Church in Randall on Sunday, February 21 at 3:00 p.m. The concert is free, although donations will be accepted. Please tell your friends and family to join us! Please let Shon know if you can braid hair and/or drive other singers to Randall.

What: Randall Fine Arts Series

Where: Elim Lutheran Church at 350 4th Street, Randall

Directions: Take I-35 north for 15-16 miles. Take the CR-D65 exit (Exit 128 toward Randall / Stanhope). Turn left onto 380th St / CR-D65. Continue to follow CR-D65. Turn left onto 4th Street.

Attire: Formal Attire

Concert Choir Hairbraiding: 1:15-1:45 (Please bring own brush/comb)

Chorale Rehearsal: 1:30-1:50

Mass Choir Rehearsal: 1:50-2:15

Concert Choir Rehearsal: 2:15-2:30

Chorale Hairbraiding: 2:15-2:45 (Please bring own brush/comb)

Perform: 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Prep Choir Mini-Concert February 22

What: Mini-Concert for Parents at end of rehearsal

When: Monday, February 22 from 4:40-4:55 pm

Where: Annex Auditorium

Attire: jeans and red ACC t-shirt



Concert Choir Recording Sessions February 23 & 25

The Concert Choir will meet for recording sessions in the Collegiate United Methodist Church sanctuary on Tuesday, February 23 and Thursday, February 25 from **4:30–6:00 pm**. (March 2 will be the back-up date.) Please note the extended rehearsal time for recording.

Chamber Singers Perform February 26

The Chamber Singers will perform “The Star-Spangled Banner” at the Women’s Gymnastics meet in Hilton Coliseum on Friday, February 26. Each singer and one parent are welcome to stay for the meet.

Attire: red ACC polo shirt and navy blue pants. Please pull hair back or braid.

Meet: 6:30 pm at west entrance on the ground floor of Hilton Coliseum

Perform: 7:00 pm

Younkers Fundraiser

The Younkers Community Day Sale is Saturday, February 27. This is a great sale throughout the store, and a wonderful fundraising opportunity for Concert Choir singers to lessen the cost of tour expenses, or for Prep & Chorale singers to accrue money in their account for future tours. The Younkers coupons are sold for \$5 and the coupons are good for **\$10** off any qualifying Younkers item! There is a \$5 profit (100%) from each coupon sold. There is also a pre-sale the week before; use your coupons and do your shopping early and the store will hold it until the sale date.

There are also opportunities for individuals to sell their coupons in the Younkers store in 2 hour time slots prior to February 27. Please contact Shon if interested.

Coupons will be available during February rehearsals. Checks and leftover coupons should be returned at rehearsal Monday, February 22 – Prep Choir/Chorale, and Tuesday, February 23 – Concert Choir. **Checks received should be made payable to individual singers; the singer's family should then write one check to ACC (no cash, please).** On the memo line of the check, please write "Younkers" – this helps with the accounting.

Butter Braid Fundraiser

Butter Braid order forms will be handed out on Monday, February 22 to the Prep Choir & Chorale, and on Tuesday, February 23 to the Concert Choir. Singers earn \$4.50-\$5 (dependant upon total sales) for their tour accounts for each \$12 Butter Braid sold.

All forms & checks are to be returned Monday, March 8 – Prep Choir/Chorale, and Thursday, March 11 – Concert Choir. If you would like to sell during Spring Break, you must call or email your order to Sylvia McGee, the parent fundraising coordinator, by Friday, March 19 (515-450-2239 or Sylvia_McGee@msn.com). **Checks received should be made payable to individual singers; the singer's family should then write one check to ACC (no cash, please).**

Butter braids will be delivered to the Annex on March 29 or March 30 depending on whether the majority of the sales come from the Monday choirs or the Tuesday choir. **We would like parents to assist with sorting the orders on the delivery day.** As soon as that date is announced, please contact Shon (290-1422) to volunteer!

Spring Break for ACC

Prep and Chorale: No rehearsal March 15

Concert Choir: No rehearsals March 16 and 18.

Upcoming ACC Concerts/Events

All Choirs

- Spring Concert rehearsal – Saturday, May 1 (9-1:30)
- Spring Concert – Sunday, May 2 (1:30-5)
- Annual singer evaluations – May 10-25

Prep Choir

- Rehearsal/Retreat – Saturday, February 20 (9-12)
- Mini-Concert – Monday, February 22
- No Rehearsals – March 15
- Bring a Friend to Rehearsal – Monday, April 19

- Mother-Daughter Brunch Performance – Saturday, April 24 (9:30)
- Last rehearsal – Monday, May 3

Chorale

- Rehearsal/Retreat – Saturday, February 20 (12:30-4)
- Randall Fine Arts Series – Sunday, February 21 (3:00)
- No Rehearsal – March 15
- Celebrate Singing Choral Festival – Friday, April 16 (3:30-8:30)
- Bring a Friend to Rehearsal – Monday, April 19
- Iowa Choral Directors Association Festival – Thursday, April 22
- School Tour – Thursday, April 29
- Last rehearsal – Monday, May 3

Concert Choir

- Rehearsal/Retreat/Meeting – Saturday, February 13 (9-1:30)
- Randall Fine Arts Series – Sunday, February 21 (3:00)
- Recording sessions – February 23 & 25 (4:30-6)
- No Rehearsals – March 16 & 18
- Bring a Friend to Rehearsal – Tuesday, April 20
- Recording Sessions – May 11 & 13
- Concert Choir Rehearsals to prepare for tour – June 1, 3 & 8
- Concert Choir tentative concert (tour fundraiser) – June 5
- Concert Choir 15th Anniversary Tour to Norway – June 10-22