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January 2010 Newsletter

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Something to Sing About!

- Congratulations to all **singers** on a wonderful Holiday Concert – thanks for your hard work and commitment to the program!
- A special thank you to all the **parents** who volunteered at the concert ~ those who sold tickets, tied ties, braided hair, videotaped the concert, provided refreshments and clean-up, etc. We couldn't have done it without you!
- **Maria Consamus** (Concert Choir) and **Craig Jordan** (Concert Choir) were selected to play in the South Central Iowa District Honor Band on November 3 in Johnston.
- **Oliver Chen** (Prep Choir) attended his first Iowa Chess Championship near the Amana Colonies on November 7. He won third place among the second graders.
- **Maggie Alexander** (Concert Choir), **Magdalene McGee** (Concert Choir) and **Isabel Polashek** (Chorale) danced in the "The Nutcracker" in December.
- **Thea Brenner** (Concert Choir), **Maria Consamus** (Concert Choir) and **Julia Meyer** (Concert Choir) are performing in "The Magical Lamp of Aladdin" which will be presented at the Ames City Auditorium February 5-14.
- 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.

♪ January Rehearsals Resume ♪

- Thursday, January 7: Concert Choir (5-6 pm)
- Monday, January 11: Prep (4-4:55 pm)
- Monday, January 11: Chorale (5-6 pm)



New Singer Auditions for Spring 2010

Auditions will be held January 7-9 for NEW Prep Choir & Chorale singers. Please let your friends know and encourage them to join us for the spring season! **If you recruit a new singer who joins ACC, you will receive a \$25 credit/singer toward your tuition!** They can call Shon @ 290-1422 for more information about the program and/or to arrange for a specific audition time.

Concert Choir Retreat January 16

The Concert Choir will meet for an all-day retreat on Saturday, January 16, from **9 am-4:00 pm** in the Annex Auditorium. Please bring your water bottle. A required meeting from **4-5 pm** will follow rehearsal.

9 am-3:00 pm - rehearsal (lunch will be provided)

3:00 pm - wrapped "white elephant" gift exchange – either something from home, or a \$2 item

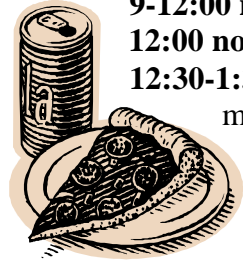
4:00-5:00 pm - required culture meeting for the singers & chaperones; interested parents may attend. (The culture meetings include information about the Norway tour, what to expect culturally, what to expect on the plane, the chartered bus, food, home stays, etc.)

Fundraising Results

The Younkers coupons sold in November grossed approximately \$1010.00 with that amount being placed in singers' tour fund accounts. February and March fundraisers will include Younkers and Butter Braid.

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. 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 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. 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

Chorale Rehearsal: 1:30-1:45

Mass Choir Rehearsal: 1:45-2:15

Concert Choir Rehearsal: 2:15-2:30

Chorale Hairbraiding: 2:15-2:45

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**. Please note the extended rehearsal time for recording.

ACC Website

Please check the Ames Children's Choirs website <http://www.ameschildrenschoirs.org> for current newsletters, schedules, and forms by clicking on the "parent information" tab. Also, check out ACC on Facebook and become a fan!

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

- Rehearsals Resume – Monday, January 11
- 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

- Rehearsals Resume – Monday, January 11
- 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
- School Tour – Thursday, April 29
- Last rehearsal – Monday, May 3

Concert Choir

- Rehearsals Resume – Thursday, January 7
- Rehearsal/Retreat/Meeting – Saturday, January 16 (9-5:00)
- 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 15th Anniversary Tour to Norway – June 10-22