



Ames Children's Choirs March 2009 Newsletter

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Something to Sing About!

- **Tanner Messerli** (Concert Choir) performed the lead part in Nevada's Memorial Lutheran Church play in January.
- **Lauren Kawaler** (Concert Choir) made the Ames High Honor Roll.
- **Mason Conklin** (ACC Concert Choir accompanist) will be featured in the ISU Piano Faculty Recital at Martha-Ellen Tye Recital Hall on March 8, 2009 at 7:30pm. The featured work is the *Sonata for Two Pianos and Percussion* by Bela Bartok. Performers will be ISU music faculty William David and Mason Conklin, pianists, and Barry Larkin and Bri Leahy (ISU music student percussionist). The work is one of the great masterpieces of 20th century piano repertoire. Also performing piano solos, duos and trios on the program are Joshua Grunmann, Paula Forrest, and Ruth Lin.
- 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.

Butter Braid Fundraiser

All Butter Braid order forms & checks are to be returned Monday, March 9 – Prep Choir/Chorale, and Tuesday, March 10 – 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).** Butter braids will be delivered to the Annex on March 24. **We would like parents to assist with sorting the orders on March 24.** Please contact Shon (290-1422) to volunteer!

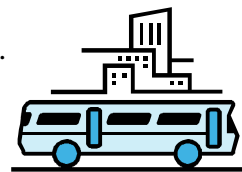
Spring Break for ACC

Prep and Chorale: No rehearsal March 16 (Spring Break)

Concert Choir: No rehearsals **March 5-19**. Rehearsals resume on Thursday, March 24. This accounts for Dr. Munsen attending the American Choral Directors Association Conference, supervising the student teaching program in Norway and Spring Break.

Concert Choir Tour ~ April 5-6

Tour payments of \$100 are due February 1, March 1, April 1, and May 1.



Waverly Tour Schedule:

- Thursday, April 2 Concert Choir singers bring labeled garment bags with formal attire to rehearsal. Bags are checked and held until Sunday.
- Sunday, April 5 2:00 pm – meet at CUMC Annex parking lot with sack lunch
6:00 pm - attend Wartburg College Choir Concert
- Monday, April 6 am - School Concert in Waverly
pm - Master Class with Weston Noble
7:00 pm ACC Concert in Wartburg College Chapel
10:30 pm – return to CUMC Annex parking lot

Midwest Children's Choir Festival ~ April 17

What: The Midwest Children's Choir Festival

When: Friday, April 17

Where: Stephens Auditorium

Who: all ACC singers

Bentonville Children's Choir from Arkansas

Allegro Community Children's Choir from Kansas City

select Iowa singers



Schedule:

11:10 am Concert Choir arrives to rehearse on stage

- Bring a sack lunch to eat at noon.
- Wear tour t-shirt and jeans
- Bring informal attire for the evening concert.

12:30 pm Prep & Chorale arrive at ground level ticket entrance. Choir directors will meet you.

- Eat lunch before you come.
- Wear your red ACC t-shirt and jeans. A performance t-shirt will be provided.

1:00–5:00 pm Rehearsal

5:15 pm Sack supper provided

7:00-8:30 pm Concert (**ACC singers will meet parents back stage after the concert**)

Tickets: \$15 for adults and \$10 for students/seniors at the Stephens Ticket Office. **These are reserved seats, not general admission, so purchase your tickets now!** This is a wonderful event that you will want to invite friends and relatives to attend.

Jolene Messerli, an ACC parent, commented on the 2007 Midwest Children's Choir Festival, "*I loved the Festival. It was very amazing to think that MY child got that opportunity. I was thrilled with it all. That was Tanner's first time so we did not know what to expect...we went to support her and we were so shocked by the whole program!!*"

MCCF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Contact Shon to help! You will still have to purchase a ticket at Stephens if you wish to attend the performance that evening.

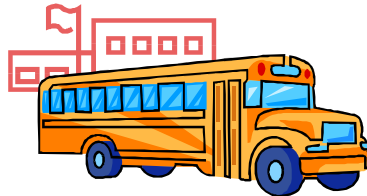
- Packaging t-shirts (in advance) for 35 school choirs
- Riser Crew - pick up and move into CY Stephens (April 16), and return on April 17 or 18
- Greeters at box office entrance (11:30-1:30)
- Singer Registration - ground level (11:30-1:30)
- Seating Guides on 1st floor level and inside auditorium (12:00-1:30)
- On site Festival nurse
- Video taping during rehearsal & concert
- Mass Choir photo during concert
- Snack Assistants backstage (2:00-3:00)
- Meal Assistants backstage and in Celebrity Café (4:45-6:00)
- CC Hair braiders (6:00-6:30)

Bring a Friend to Rehearsal ~ April 20-21

Are you anxious to show your friends the reason you sing with ACC? Do you know someone that loves to sing and think they should join? Here's the perfect opportunity! On Monday, April 20 and Tuesday, April 21, ACC will host "Bring a friend to rehearsal". All ACC members are encouraged to bring a guest to experience our choirs firsthand. Guests will participate in rehearsal alongside their ACC friend and should be of similar age. All you have to do is invite a friend who might be interested in singing with us!

Chorale School Tour ~ Thursday, April 23

What: Chorale School Tour
When: Thursday, April 23
Meet: 8:00 (CUMC parking lot)
Perform: 8:50 Fellows Elementary
10:30 Edwards Elementary
12:45 United Elementary
2:00 Madrid Elementary
2:45 Madrid Home
Return: 4:15 (CUMC parking lot)
Attire: Informal attire



We would like two parent chaperones to assist during the day. Transportation will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Shon Stephenson @ 290-1422 or ameschoir@aol.com.

All Choirs Rehearse! Thursday, April 23

What: Rehearsal for Spring Concert
When: 4:30-5:30 – Prep Choir
5:30-6:30 – all choirs
6:30-6:45 – Chorale
6:45-7:45 – Concert Choir
Where: Bethesda Lutheran Church, 1517 Northwestern Ave., Ames
Attire: regular clothes
Note: Concert Choir singers may eat before coming or bring a sack lunch to eat in the Fellowship Hall.

Spring Concert ~ Sunday, April 26

What: Spring Concert

When: Sunday, April 26

hairbraiding: 12:45 p.m. (enter through west church door)

bows & ties only: 1:15 p.m. (enter through west church door)

meet: 1:30 p.m. in sanctuary (all singers warm-up + walk-through concert)

perform: 3:00 p.m.

reception: 4:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall (adjacent to the sanctuary)

Where: Bethesda Lutheran Church, 1517 Northwestern Ave., Ames

Attire: formal attire



Upcoming ACC Concerts/Events

- All Choirs**
- Midwest Children’s Choir Festival – Friday, April 17
 - Spring Concert rehearsal – **Thursday, April 23 (4:30-7:45)**
 - Spring Concert – Sunday, April 26 (1:30-5)
 - Annual singer evaluations – May 4-21

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 - Bring a Friend to Rehearsal – Tuesday, April 21
 - Review concert & prepare for tour – April 28 & 30
 - Tour to Cedar Falls, Waterloo, Independence – May 1-3
 - Tentative Recording Session – May 5 & 7
 - Concert Choir Rehearsals to prepare for ICDA– July 25-27
 - Tour to IA Choral Directors Assoc. State Conference – July 28

Mormon Tabernacle Choir coming to Des Moines

The Mormon Tabernacle Choir will perform a concert on June 22 at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. If anyone would like to get discounted group tickets, please call Valerie Rowley at 233-3769. The last time the choir came to Des Moines was 25 years ago! Many of our Concert Choir singers heard the Mormon Tabernacle Choir rehearse when we toured through Utah two years ago. It was a wonderful experience. (A tour highlight for us was being invited to sing our own piece in front of the choir during their rehearsal.)