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April 2011 Newsletter

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Something to Sing About!

- **Erika Graber** (Concert Choir) was selected to participate in the Heart of Iowa Conference Schools Honor Choir on March 3 in Bondurant.
- **Oliver Chen** (Prep Choir) participated the IMTA state piano auditions on March 12 and has been awarded Level A winner. He has been invited to the honors recital at Forest City on June 5th.
- We are proud of our singers who work hard in school and choir. 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

Midwest Children's Choir Festival ~ April 1

What: The Midwest Children's Choir Festival

When: Friday, April 1

Where: Stephens Auditorium

Who: all ACC singers

Cantabile Girls' Choir from St. Cloud, MN

Cantabile from Bloomington, MN

select Iowa singers

Dr. Rollo Dilworth, composer/arranger and conductor



Schedule:

11:10 am Concert Choir arrives at south stage door to rehearse

-Bring a sack lunch to eat at noon.

-Wear red ACC polo and jeans.

-Bring informal attire for the evening concert; place in upstairs dressing rooms.

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

-Eat lunch before you come.

-Wear red ACC t-shirt and long 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 (to avoid Ticketmaster fees). **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.

All Choirs ~ Bring a Friend to Rehearsal ~ April 18-19

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 18, and Tuesday, April 19, ACC will host "Bring a friend to rehearsal". All ACC members are encouraged to bring a guest to experience our choirs firsthand through the rehearsal and hearing the choirs perform. 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!

Concert Choir shared rehearsal ~ Thursday, April 28

ACC will have a "sharing" session with the Simon Estes Music HS Choir during rehearsal on Thursday, April 28. The choirs will sing for each other and rehearse the mass choir selection for the April 29 concert. After the rehearsal, ACC will provide a pizza dinner for the choirs from 6-7 pm. This is a great opportunity to become acquainted with the South African singers before performing together the next day.

Concert Choir performs in Gala Benefit Concert ~ Friday, April 29

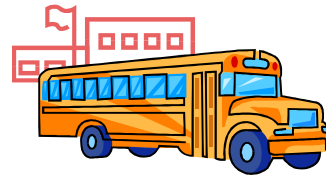
The Concert Choir will perform in Stephens Auditorium on Friday, April 29 in a concert given by the Simon Estes Music High School Choir. The concert will also feature the ISU Wind Ensemble, ISU Piano Quartet and Simon Estes. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$2 for students and are general admission.

Bring a sack supper or eat before arriving.

Rehearsal: 5:30 - 6:00 pm on Stephens stage (enter through backstage door)
Hairbraiding: 6:00 pm backstage Stephens
Perform: 7:00 pm
Attire: Informal attire

Chorale School Tour ~ Tuesday, May 3

What: Chorale School Tour
When: Tuesday, May 3
Meet: 7:50 am (CUMC Annex parking lot)
Perform: 8:30 Gilbert Middle School, Gilbert
9:30 Gilbert Elementary School, Gilbert
10:30 Windsor Oaks, Ames
11:40 Kate Shelley Railroad Museum & Park, Moingona (eat sack lunch)
1:15 Franklin Elementary School, Boone
2:15 Boone Middle School
Return: 3:45 pm (CUMC Annex parking lot)
Attire: Informal attire



Informal Attire: Boys - ACC navy slacks, red ACC t-shirt, and black socks & shoes
Girls - ACC navy skirts, red ACC t-shirt, flesh-colored nylons, & black shoes

Lunch: Please pack a healthy sack lunch (sandwich, fruit, etc.) Bring a water bottle!

We would like two parent chaperones to assist with videotaping during the morning.

Transportation will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Shon Stephenson at 290-1422 or ameschoir@aol.com.

All Choirs Rehearse! Saturday, May 7

What: Rehearsal for Spring Concert

When: Saturday, May 7 Prep Choir: 9-10 am
 Mass Choir: 10-11 am
 Chorale: 11-11:30 am
 Concert Choir: 11:30-12:30 pm
 Chamber Singers: 12:30-1:00 pm

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

Attire: regular clothes

Note: Concert Choir singers should eat before/after coming or bring a sack lunch to eat in the Commons area during the Chorale's rehearsal.

Spring Concert ~ Sunday, May 8

What: Spring Concert

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

When: Sunday, May 8

hairbraiding: 12:45 pm (enter through west church door)

bows & ties only: 1:15 pm (enter through west church door)

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

perform: 3:00 pm

reception: 4:30 pm in Commons area (adjacent to the sanctuary)

Attire: Formal attire



Spring Concert Needs!

- Please contact Shon if you can help **braid hair** (12:45 pm) **or tie bows** (1:15 pm). Girls must provide their own brush/comb for the hair braiding. Please mark these items with your singer's name. Enter the west door of the Bethesda Lutheran Church and go down the hall to the Conference Room.
- Please contact Shon if you would be willing to assist with **video taping** (we provide camera), **informal digital photos, ushering, and reception**. Shon will be contacting those of you who may have already volunteered to help. Thanks!
- Two Spring Concert tickets will be enclosed in a May newsletter mailing for each singer as part of your tuition. Additional tickets will be available at the door and at Rieman Music in downtown Ames. We encourage you to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to enjoy Mother's Day with a gift of music.



- A reception will follow the Spring Concert in the Commons area next to the sanctuary. **Please send one dozen cookies/bars in a disposable container** with your singer when they arrive at the church on May 8.

Concert Choir Recording Sessions ~ May 10 & 12

Recording sessions will be held on May 10& 12 in the Collegiate United Methodist Church sanctuary (2622 Lincolnway) from **4:30-6:00 pm**. Please enter through the south door. We would like to produce another CD; in order for that to happen we need all singers to attend the preparation rehearsals and recording sessions.

Upcoming ACC Concerts/Events

All Choirs

- Midwest Children's Choir Festival – Friday, April 1 (12:30-8:30)
- Spring Concert Rehearsal – Saturday, May 7 (9:00-1:30)
- Spring Concert – Sunday, May 8 (1:30-5)
- Annual singer evaluations – TBA

Prep Choir

- Bring a Friend to Rehearsal – Monday, April 18
- Last rehearsal – Monday, May 9

Chorale

- Bring a Friend to Rehearsal – Monday, April 18
- School Tour – Tuesday, May 3
- Last rehearsal – Monday, May 9

Concert Choir

- Bring a Friend to Rehearsal – Tuesday, April 19
- Concert w/ Simon Estes Choir – Friday, April 29 **New to schedule!**
- Recording Sessions – May 10 & 12

Chamber Singers – Dilworth Reception – Thursday, March 31