



HOLIDAY CONCERT
Holy Spirit Church - 1420 7th St N, Fargo

"Comfort and Joy" Rehearsal Schedule:
Saturday, December 13th

These rehearsals have been designed to accommodate a variety of instrumentalists as well as our own logistical needs. Prompt attendance will be important for a successful experience! Please note the schedules for each choir below. *(No special attire is required for rehearsals.)*

- 12:00-12:45 Melodia arrival for warm up and rehearsal in Church
- 12:00-1:15 Brass arrival and independent rehearsal in Family Room or Nursery
- 12:30-12:45 Canzonetta arrival for warm up in gym
- 12:45-1:15 Canzonetta rehearsal in Church
Melodia break in music room
(with parent supervisors, Kathy with Canzonetta)
- 1:00-1:15 Cantare arrival for warm up in gym;
FMCC arrival and warm up in social hall
- 1:15-2:00 All Choirs with brass/timpani in Church
- 2:00 Canzonetta and Melodia dismissed
- 2:00-2:20 Cantare with FMCC and brass in Church
- 2:20-2:35 Cantare with bass and drums in Church
- 2:35-3:00 Cantare rehearse in Church
- 3:00 Cantare dismissed. Committee wrap up/clean up.

"Comfort and Joy" Performance Schedule:
Sunday, December 14th

Arrive promptly at 6 PM or you may miss your photo!

- 6:00 LAGC arrival and group photos (NORTH DOOR PLEASE):
1) Cantare 2) Melodia 3) Canzonetta
 - *6:10 Cantare warm up in gym when photo finished
 - *6:15 Melodia warm up in choir room when photo finished
 - *6:20 Canzonetta warm up in nursery when photo finished
 - 6:20 House opens when photos finished
 - 6:30 FMCC warm up in social hall.
Brass warm up in family room
 - 6:45 FMCC and Cantare rehearse "Ding Dong" with brass in gym
 - 6:55 FMCC, Cantare, Melodia and Brass to assigned reserved seating.
 - 7:00 Canzonetta takes places on steps. Welcome from Pam.
- After Concert: Reception in Social Hall. Committee clean up.

RECEPTION

Each family is asked to bring 2 dozen cookies or bars. One dozen will be served for the reception; the other will be sold as a fundraiser for the choir. Please package the dozen to be sold separately. All baked goods should be dropped off in the kitchen on Sunday before the concert.

CONCERT DRESS GUIDELINES

All choirs will wear the concert dress uniform for the concert.

The Canzonetta Choir dress uniform is a red plaid skirt, white shirt, red vest, black opaque tights and black shoes. The Melodia dress uniform is a floor-length black dress, black slip, black nylon pantyhose and black shoes. The Cantare dress uniform is a full length dress, black slip, black pantyhose and black shoes.

Each choir member's concert dress shoes should be black closed-toe shoes with a small sole and heels no higher than 2 inches. A "Mary Jane" shoe style is suggested for younger girls and a "pump" style or character shoe is suggested for older girls. Please call the uniform committee chair if you are uncertain about a particular shoe selection. (Suzy 280-1697)

Accessories for Dress Uniforms

In addition to wearing matching dresses and shoes, LAGC members follow some accessories guidelines to insure that the overall appearance of the choir remains uniform:

- No extreme hair styles or colors. Hair, including bangs, is to be worn pulled back and away from the face (half up, ponytail, etc.). Inconspicuous brown or black bobby pins work well for holding bangs or sides of hair away from the face. Scrunchies or other hair accessories should be black only.
- * No extreme make-up and no nail polish unless clear or sheer pink.
- * No necklaces, bracelets, or watches. Earring studs in gold or silver are allowed.
- * No perfume or cologne (allergies/intolerances).

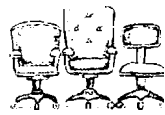
Your attention to these details in advance will allow concert preparation to be focused on the music... please and thank you!

PARENTS: Is it YOUR turn to be a Hall Monitor? Check below for your daughter's name.

Monitors take attendance, supervise girls before & after rehearsals, during _____ and distribute flyers

& notices as needed. Your service keeps our girls safe and gives you a chance to meet other parents and the girls your daughter is making music with.

Hall Monitors need to be present 15 minutes before and after each rehearsal. Please arrive promptly and remember, we do not want you to leave until we insure that all girls have been safely picked up. Please arrange for another parent to be there if you _____ stay or you cannot make your assigned time.



HALL MONITOR ASSIGNMENTS

Dec. 1 -Jan. 26, 2009

SHIFTS

Cantare-NDSU 6:00-8:30 PM
 Canzonetta-Peace 5:45-7:15 PM
 Melodia-Peace 7:00-8:45 PM

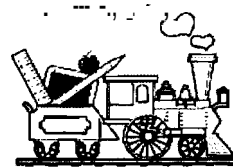
HALL MONITOR ASSIGNMENTS		Parent(s)
Dec. 1		
Cantare	Chelsey Schmitz	
Canzonetta	Caylie Gronwold	Miranda Morgan
Melodia	Rachel Bourgault	Ally Fischer
Dec. 8		
Cantare	Kylie Shorma	
Canzonetta	Anna Henry	Julia Osborne
Melodia	Emily Meester	Sarah Wenaas
Dec. 13 HOLIDAY CONCERT REHEARSAL		
Cantare	Kara Syvrud	
Canzonetta	Taylor Bowen	Ashlen Wright
Melodia	Laurel Mikkelson	Mayim Stith
Dec. 14 HOLIDAY CONCERT		
Cantare	Allie Thom	
Canzonetta	Allie Martino	Ana Claire Rue
Melodia	Grace Grettum	Alayna Kohler
Dec. 16 Canzonetta & Melodia - WEST ACRES		
Canzonetta	Michaila Hicks	Carine Otteson
Melodia	Sarah Ashley	Kayla Broneske-Groves
Jan. 4 Canzonetta & Melodia - PEACE LUTHERAN		
Canzonetta	Janethree Ganehiarachchi	Sydney Lunde
Melodia	Abbi Cogdill	Lauren Richardson
Jan. 5		
Cantare	Kelly Thoreson	
Canzonetta	Lexi Carlson	Justine Schmidt
Melodia	Siri Berry	Mari Holmstrom
Jan. 12		
Cantare	Susie Mueller	
Canzonetta	Abby Moser	Jesemy Wolfe Travers
Melodia	Malia Bortnem	Chloe Horton
Jan. 19		
Cantare	Jessica VanRaden	
Canzonetta	Paige Fortier	Maegan Larson
Melodia	Haylee Brown	Leann Mengelkoch
Jan. 26		
Cantare	Hannalee Volk	
Canzonetta	Victoria Cole	Hailey Kindem
Melodia	Emil Mercier	Rachel Ostlund



- Dec. 1 Regular rehearsals;
Winter Camp Committee Meeting - 7:15 pm at Peace Lutheran
- Dec. 2 Board Reports due by Noon
- Dec. 8 Regular rehearsals
- Dec. 9 Board Meeting
- Dec. 11 Cantare Tour of Schools
- Dec. 12 Melodia Performance - CANCELLED
- Dec. 13 Holiday Concert Rehearsal
- Dec. 14 Holiday Concert
- Dec. 15 Cantare Choir Dinner
- Dec. 16 Canzonetta & Melodia Performance at West Acres
- Dec. 17 Lake Agassiz Arts Council
Holiday Party - Fine Arts Club
- Dec. 23 JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- Dec. 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- Jan. 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- Jan. 4 Canzonetta & Melodia Choirs -
Perform at Peace Lutheran Church
- Jan. 5 Choir resumes after holiday vacation;
regular rehearsals
- Jan. 8 Board Reports due by Noon
- Jan. 12 Regular rehearsals
- Jan. 13 Board Meeting
- Jan. 19 Regular rehearsals;
Canzonetta & Melodia Photo Night
- Jan. 21 FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- Jan. 23-24 Winter Camp at Camp Castaway -
Melodia & Cantare Choirs
- Jan. 26 Reg"ular rehearsals;
Cantare Photo Night

CANTARE TOUR OF SCHOOLS

Thursday, December 11, 2008



Cantare will take an annual "Tour of Schools" on Thursday, December 11th. This is a required performance day, but it's also lots of fun! Please wear casual uniform and meet at Ben Franklin Middle School, 1420 N

8th St. in Fargo at 7:55 a.m. We will be singing at Ben Franklin, Horizon Middle School in Moorhead, West Fargo High School, South Campus II in Fargo School. Two additional stops are pending. Since the itinerary is not quite complete, Cantare girls will receive a hand-out with a complete itinerary and further instructions at rehearsal on December 8th. Please make appropriate arrangements to be absent from school for this educational tour because we need all of our singers for a successful experience (there is an excuse slip for YOU here in the newsletter!) Thanks!



A Grateful Heart

Dear LAGC families,

It is always the season for gratitude, but I find that November and December always tug at me to speak my thankfulness. I like this quote by William Arthur Ward: *"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."* I want you to know that I count the Lake Agassiz Girls Choir among my greatest blessings. LAGC wraps its arms around young women and music and excellence, and I just love being part of it!

LAGC has also wrapped its arms around me. My mom was initially diagnosed with cancer during my first season with LAGC. Mom was beautiful, both inside and out; she was vibrant and active with a passion for music, children, gardening, travel, and more. She was a faith-filled woman who spent her life on others and I loved her more than the world. Her journey with cancer became my journey, too, and I have felt supported every step of the way by LAGC staff and board members, by parents, and especially by the girls! I am so very grateful.

Thank you to the entire LAGC family for the beautiful plant that was sent for my mom's funeral and now resides in my home. I also want to thank Cantare for the lovely card and angel. I have appreciated all of the emails, thoughts and prayers, cards, hugs, and kind words.

Albert Schweitzer once said, *"At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us."*

Thank you. I hope to return the favor. A blessed holiday season to you all!

Pam Burns
Artistic Director & Cantore Choir Director

The Cantare Choir will meet at Paradiso (501 35th St SW, Fargo) at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 15th for dinner and a gift exchange! Girls should bring money for dinner and a wrapped, unlabeled gift (\$5-10) for a gift exchange! Mrs. Burns is coordinating this event. Please call her at 237-0588 with questions or "regrets".



CANZONETTA & MELODIA CHOIRS

West Acres
Tuesday, December 16, 2008 • 7:30pm

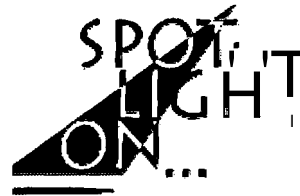


The Canzonetta and Melodia Choirs will perform at 7:30 pm in the JC Penney wing at West Acres. Girls should arrive in their casual uniforms (red polo, black pants, black shoes) at 7:00 PM for warm-up in the Community Room. The Community Room is in the lower level of the mall in the JCPenney wing. The room is on the left at the bottom of the stairs. The choirs should be finished around 8:00 pm.

The last SCRIP order before Christmas will be placed on December 8th.

SCRIP pick up and the last chance to buy Hombacher's Cards will be at rehearsal on December 13th.

Both will resume on the first rehearsal night back after the holidays on January 5th.



SPOTLIGHT ON... Looking for the performances of the girls' artistic endeavors! Please submit info to Amy Arness, LAGC Past President (H: 232-2825, C: 238-7023, amyarness@hotmail.com).

What fun for the girls to support one another!

Fargo North High School Dec. 4-7 Th-Sat @ 7:30pm
"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" Sun @ 2pm

Emily Osman Cantare
Liz Council Alumnae
Dani Hamilton
Megan Roos
Erin Schmidt
Olivia Snortland
Savannah Walseth "

FMCT Dec 12-21 Wed-Sat @ 7:30 Sun @ 2pm
"Miracle on 34th Street"
Madilyn Smith Alumnae

Gaspar's Christmas Holiday 2008
featuring Duke Ellington Nutcracker

Historic Fargo Theatre Dec 12-13 Fri-Sat @ 8pm
Detroit Lakes Holmes Theatre Dec 20 Sat @ 8pm
MacKenzie Larson Melodia
Murphy Anderson Alumnae
Julia Kensok

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS -

***Cookie Lee Jewelry** - Catalog orders and/or parties. Contact Cathy Gaboury at cgaboury@cookielee.net, 701-361-3791 or 4703 Rose Creek Pkwy S, Fargo ND 58104. www.cookielee.biz/cathygaboury. Jewelry will be packaged for each customer and delivered to you for distribution, usually within a week from receiving your orders. Cathy will mail out of town orders upon request. Orders received by December 12th will be included in the quarterly Microsoft match provided on January 31st.

***Tastefully Simple**- Catalog orders. Contact Cara Myers at myers@tastefully.net or call 701-640-2873. All catalogs, order forms and payment must be turned in to the hall monitors on Dec. 1st. Orders will be available by Dec. 18th. You can also mail orders to her: 6950 168 Ave SE, Colfax ND 58018.

***New Year's Eve Babysitting** - LAGC is offering an additional fundraising opportunity for girls 10 and older. We are asking girls to commit to babysitting on New Years Eve from 7:00pm - 1:00am (girls will need to be there early for set-up and clean up). Parent volunteers will also be needed! We will be offering babysitting at \$40 per night for 1 child and \$75 per night for families of 2 or more children -*Fundraising money will be split evenly among participants*- Expenses should be very low so this should be a great high dollar fundraiser! We must have the number of girls willing to participate by November 20th so we know how many locations we need and how much advertising to do. Please let me know ASAP if you or your daughters are willing to help with this fun adventure! Thanks for your time, Jennifer Hyden, Fundraising board member/coordinator
Cell: 701-238-9220 Home: 701-476-1477
Email: Jennifer@ndsu.dumai.com

Congratulations to our top 3 sellers of Innisbrook!

Mari Holmstrom	\$ 1,121
Emily Mercier	\$ 906
Miranda Morgan	\$ 888



Awesome job! To earn money year-round go to www.innisbrook.com and place your order. Items ship directly to you and the profit is yours!



Thank you to Jennifer Hyden, Doris Shive and our other parent volunteers who took inventory of our music library at Peace Lutheran.

Thanks to Nancy Morgan who helped Cecilee sort the Innisbrook orders for families to pick up.

SAVE THE DATES,
SAVE THE DATES!!!!

Winter Camp for Melodia and Cantare choirs. Jan. 23 and 24. We will leave Fargo between 5:00 and 6:00 P.M. on Jan. 23 and return to Fargo between 4:00 and 5:00 P.M. on Jan. 24. Our camp will be held at Camp Castaway on Pelican Lake, Mn. it is about 45 miles from Fargo. We have lots of fun and get important rehearsal time in while at camp. Details to follow in the January news letter. Winter camp attendance is required. Please let your director know as soon as possible if you have a conflict. We pay per person for food and lodging at the camp. The cost of the camp is included in your tuition.



We need a nurse, doctor, emergency medical technician, or paramedic with our group. If you have a daughter in Melodia or Cantare and would be willing to provide this expertise. Please let me know.

(Suzy.Sandsmark@meutcare.com or 280-1697)

Thank You.

Suzy Sandsmark, Winter camp coordinator.

WINTER CAMP COMMITTEE MEETING

The Winter Camp Committee will meet on Monday, December 1st at 7:15 PM at Peace Lutheran Church to go over the plans. Committee members include Julie Nelson, Suzy Sandsmark, Marisa Sweeney and Shawn Borud Tweiten.

SENDING PAYMENTS IN TO THE CHOIR OFFICE

Please note - we have been receiving several payments mailed to Box 775 - this is NOT our address. Please use BOX 773 - otherwise your payments are being delayed at the post office. A parent advised me that the Cantare Tour coupons have the wrong box number on them.



To: School Attendance Office

Please excuse

on Thursday, December 11, 2008.

The Lake Agassiz Girls Choir is touring local area schools. We appreciate your understanding in allowing her to participate in this event.



Yours truly, Cecilee Turmo, Executive Director



Lake Agassiz Girls Choir

December 2008



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1 REHEARSALS: 6:00-7:00 pm Canzonetta Monitors: Gronwold, Morgan 6:15-8:15 pm Cantare Monitor: Schmitz 7:15-8:30 pm Melodia Monitors: Bourgault, Fischer</p> <p>7:15 pm Winter Camp Committee Meeting at Peace Lutheran</p>	<p>2 Board reports due at NOON <i>Happy Birthday, Maegan Larson!</i></p>	<p>3 <i>Happy Birthday, Kayla Broneske-Groves!</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
7	<p>8 REHEARSALS: 6:00-7:00 pm Canzonetta Monitors: Henry, Osborne 6:15-8:15 pm Cantare Monitor: Shorma 7:15-8:30 pm Melodia Monitors: Meester, Wenaas</p>	<p>9 Board Meeting 6:30 pm 11042 Ave S, Fgo (Board Room)</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 CANTARE CHOIR TOUR OF SCHOOLS <i>Happy Birthday, Grace Grettum!</i></p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Concert Rehearsal at Holy Spirit</p>
<p>14 HOLIDAY CONCERT at Holy Spirit <i>Happy Birthday, Jayme Plante!</i></p>	<p>15 CANTARE HOLIDAY PARTY 7:00 PM Paradiso NO REHEARSALS</p>	<p>16 CANZONETTA & MELODIA Perform at West Acres 7:30 PM</p>	<p>17 <i>Happy Birthday, Paige Fortier!</i></p>	<p>18 <i>Happy Birthday, Siri Berry!</i></p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22 NO REHEARSALS</p>	<p>23 JANUARY newsletter deadline</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 </p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29 NO REHEARSALS - Have a nice holiday!</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	 SEE YOU BACK ON JANUARY 5TH!!		



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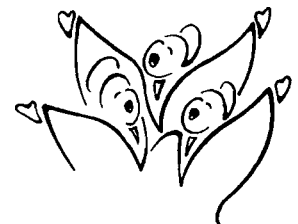
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Our Vision is to build a stronger community by enriching the lives of choir members while nurturing a love of music and demonstrating artistic excellence. Teach life lessons that build self-esteem and develop good citizenship and leadership skills.



Our Mission is to nurture artistic, social and personal growth by striving for excellence through music education and performance.