



Dear Families,

We are so grateful for all the time and devotion you have put into this opera. Your children are working so hard and sounding beautiful. Nearly every ticket is gone for our December performances!! As we enter our last week of rehearsals and concert week, please note these very important reminders:

- All Rehearsals are **MANDATORY!!!** Read the schedules **VERY CAREFULLY!!** (Schedules are on this page and the next.)
- Promptness is crucial. Do not be late.
- If your child has to be absent due to illness for any rehearsal, or for questions please call Regina at 217-5405 or Julia at 459-6725.

## **THIS Saturday, December 10**

**Remember it's NOT at the National Hispanic Cultural Center (NHCC) --  
It is in the UNM Center for the Arts Room B-117**

- 8:45 Senior & Intermediate Choruses gather in the lobby of Popejoy Hall**
- 9:00-12:00** Intermediate and Senior Chorus Rehearsal only with the Orchestra  
We will start **PROMPTLY AT 9:00 a.m.!** (*Primary Chorus does not come until 1:00-3:00.*)
- 12:00-1:00** Lunchtime! Bring your own!!  
Recreation for Intermediate & Senior Chorus - Be sure to bring coats, hats, etc.  
We'll want to go outside for some fresh air!
- 12:45 Primary Chorus gather in the lobby of Popejoy Hall**
- 1:00-3:00** Primary Chorus joins us and **ALL** Chorus members rehearse!!

**Monday, December 12 (NHCC) -- 6:15 -8:30 p.m.**

We will start PROMPTLY at 6:15. Do not be late!!

**NEW!!** Wear your Costume, including shoes! (Interns, too)!

**WE WILL HAVE A COSTUME PARADE!!**

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**Wednesday, December 14 (NHCC) -- 5:15 -8:30 p.m.**

**NEW!!** Julianitas, Santo Niños, Saints & Burro arrive at 5:00 to check microphones!!

Everyone else be **READY TO START** at 5:15!!

**NO** costume, but *if you have something in a similar color to your base costume*, wear that.

Bring a healthy snack, too!

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**Thursday, December 15 (NHCC) -- 5:15-8:30 p.m.**

**NEW!!** Julianitas, Santo Niños, Saints & Burro arrive at 5:00 to check microphones!!

Everyone else be **READY TO START** at 5:15!!

Wear your costume, shoes and hair the way it will be in the performances.

Bring a healthy snack!

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**Friday, December 16 (NHCC) -- Call time 9:00 a.m. / Performance 10:00 a.m.**

**GREEN CAST** Julianitas, Santo Niños, Saints & Burro arrive at 8:45 a.m. to check microphones!!

Everyone else be **READY TO START** at 9:00!!

Wear your costume, shoes and hair.

**Call time 6:00 p.m.; Performance 7:00 p.m.**

**GREEN CAST** Julianitas, Santo Niños Saints & Burro arrive at 5:45 to check microphones!!

Everyone else be **READY TO START** at 6:00!!

Wear your costume, shoes and hair.

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**Saturday December 17 (NHCC) -- Call time 1:00 p.m./ Performance 2:00 p.m.**

**RED CAST** Julianitas, Santo Niños, Saints & Burro arrive at 12:45 to check microphones!!

Everyone else be **READY TO START** at 1:00!!

Wear your costume, shoes and hair.

**Call time 6:00 p.m. / Performance 7:00 p.m.**

**RED CAST** Julianitas, Santo Niños, Saints & Burro arrive at 5:45 to check microphones!!

Everyone else be **READY TO START** at 6:00!!

Wear your costume, shoes and hair.

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**Sunday, December 18 (NHCC) -- 1:00 call time / Performance 2:00 p.m.**

**GREEN CAST** Julianitas, Santo Niños, Saints & Burro arrive at 12:45 p.m. to check microphones!!

Everyone else be **READY TO START** at 1:00!!

Wear your costume, shoes and hair.

**- January Opera Schedule So Far! -**

**Wednesday, January 4**

5:00-7:00 p.m. Brush up rehearsal for all at the NHCC

**Friday, January 6**

We will provide bus transportation for the children for Friday only.

The bus will leave from UNM at 8:30. There is limited space on the bus - so we cannot bring parents. On Saturday, December 10 we will have a sign up for you to let us know if your child will take the bus, or if you will drive your child to Santa Fe on Friday, January 6.

Tentative Schedule

8:15 a.m. Bus arrives - meet at far end of UNM's Johnson Field

8:30 a.m. Bus departs

9:45 a.m. Bus arrives at Lensic Theatre

10:00 a.m. Rehearsal begins

11:45 a.m. Lunch - The Santa Fe Opera will provide lunch for the children

1:00 p.m. Performance

2:00 p.m. Bus Departs Santa Fe

3:30 p.m. Bus Arrives UNM

**Saturday, January 7**

3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. performances in Santa Fe

No transportation provided for these performances.

**Register now for the Spring 2012 Children's Chorus  
call the UNM Music Prep School - 277-8816**

We will be returning to UNM for our spring rehearsals starting January 25, 2012.

- Primary and Intermediate Choruses will rehearse with Ms. Julia, 5:00-6:15.
- Senior Chorus will rehearse with Ms. Regina, 5:00-6:30.

To celebrate our return to UNM, our concert's theme will be *"Returning: Songs about Coming Home."*

- This concert will feature our choruses and some special guests from UNM!
- Our spring concert will be Saturday, May 5, 2012, 3:00 p.m.