
UNM Children's Chorus

February 2010

Music Is Concert, 1:00 pm March 13, 2010

This concert is produced by the UNM Music Prep School. It is a concert series intended to be a gift to families and children in the UNM area. This concert is a free event and is geared toward the interests of young children. The UNMCC will be the featured performers. The UNM Jazz Choir (a collegiate group) will also perform for this event.

We anticipate this to be a well-attended event and so we ask that if possible, UNMCC families limit their guests to 2 attendees per child. Rehearsal/Warm Up for all Choirs is at 11:30 AM. Bring your child to the UNM Center for the Arts (POPEJOY).

Signs in the Popejoy Lobby will direct you to rehearsal locations. Concert dress is required for singers: Primary and Intermediate, Black bottoms, white tops, black shoes, no sneakers. Senior Chorus Outfits: Boys: Black button down shirt. Black pants, Black shoes. Girls: Black slacks or skirt (no short skirts) Black top. No patterns. Black shoes—PLEASE NO SNEAKERS. If your child does not have black shoes, let us know, we'll try to help you locate a pair.

Because of another event in the building that day, Keller Hall house will open for the audience at 12:50. We encourage you to drop your child off for rehearsal and come back to enjoy the concert. This concert will run from 1:00-2:00 PM. CAMP - We are working on details for our upcoming opera camp for this summer.



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Manager's Notes

Thank you to the parents that attended our parent meeting on February 17. Here are some of the topics that were covered at our meeting:

- Please have your child use the restroom and spit out his/her gum before rehearsal.
- Please have your child remain in the chapel until 4:25 for primary and intermediate chorus and 5:45 for senior chorus.
- Please pick your child up in the designated areas after rehearsal. (Primary- hallway or outside the choir room. Intermediate- in the chapel or outside. Senior- in the hallway, chapel, or outside the choir room.)
- Please call or email us if you know that your child is going to miss rehearsal.
- Please mark important upcoming dates in your calendar.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Thank you,

Jennifer Warren, UNMCC Manager
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Primary Chorus Notes

Dear Parents,

I am thrilled with our growing Primary Chorus. Our youngest singers have a great sound and wonderful enthusiasm!

Generally, Primary rehearsal format consists of: A greeting song, vocal exploration and technique, simple solo singing games, practice of our concert pieces, a singing book and a game.

There is a lot of movement included in all of these activities to help our singers connect to the beat, rhythm, melodic line, and text of our songs.

Please make sure singers leave toys, food and anything unnecessary with you before rehearsal.

Those of you at the parent meeting had a chance to meet Heather Pedelty, who will be replacing me for my maternity leave starting March 24th. The children have already enjoyed singing with Heather and are looking forward to her wonderful teaching.

Thank you for encouraging your children to stay focused, participate, and have fun in Primary Chorus Rehearsals!

Tania Hopkins
Primary Chorus Director

Senior Chorus Notes

Parents,

Please have students check in with Jennifer in the chapel for name tags before the start of rehearsal. Reminder: rehearsals being at 5:45. We have MUCH music to learn this semester. We need every minute of rehearsal time. Please do not bring soda into the rehearsal hall, but water bottles are fine.

Parents of the senior chorus are working on creating Senior Chorus concert outfits. We hope these will be ready for our May performances, and you will be hearing more about the outfits in the near future. Jennifer Thornburg (choir parent) has agreed to chair this committee. If you would like to help - contact her at jetmom7@hotmail.com.



UNM Children's Chorus Shoes for the Santo Niño Camp and Workshop

Dates: June 7-11, 2010

Time: 9:00am-4:00pm

Location: UNM Center for the Arts

Who may come to this camp?

Only current members of the UNMCC Intermediate and Senior Choruses as well as rising 2nd graders from the Primary Chorus are eligible for this workshop camp. Interested non-members who wish to commit to a full season of the UNMCC (August 2010- May 2011) may also register for camp. We are sorry but we cannot accept students in grades K-1 for camp.

Camp description: A five day workshop focusing on character development, choral and solo singing, choreography and acting based on "The Shoes for the Santo Niño." Children will be given an opportunity to audition for solo parts during the week of camp. This week-long workshop will feature theater and singing games, vocal and physical exercises, instrumental exploration, as well as dances and songs based on the fall production of Shoes for the Santo Niño. There will be a "workshop reading" of the opera open to the public on Wednesday June 9th tentatively set for 6:00 pm in B-117 in the UNM CFA. The composer and librettist will attend this performance.

Price: \$175.00 per student. Please bring your own lunch. Snacks will be provided.

Calendar



March

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
	1	2	3 Rehearsal	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Rehearsal	11	12	13 Music Is concert 1:00 Keller Hall
14	15	16	17 NO Rehearsal	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Rehearsal	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Rehearsal			



April

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Rehearsal	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Rehearsal	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Rehearsal	22	23	24
25	26 Senior/ Intermediate Chorus rehearse in Popejoy	27	28 Rehearsal (Senior chorus 5:00-7:00) Parent Meeting 4:30	29	30	



May

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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2	3	4	5 Final Rehearsal	6	7	8 Concert 3:30 St. Paul's
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 *Auditions	25 for	26 the	27 Children's	28 Opera	29 *****
30	31					



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