



Dear Families,

I hope this note finds you all well and adjusting to the many busy fall activities I know each of you are involved in. Please know that I extend my deepest appreciation to all for the extra time and efforts you have made to help us make the *Shoes for the Santo Niño* a reality. The music written just for us compliments the story beautifully and the children are learning the parts and seem to be highly engaged in rehearsals.

The music is here, the blocking has begun and we are planning the remainder of our time carefully. This undertaking is a huge time commitment for all of us and we know some of the rehearsals are long for young children. That being said – we are working with a major opera company (adult soloists, production staff) a professional orchestra as well as an internationally renowned composer. **Attendance at all rehearsals by the entire cast is essential.** In the schedule below you will note some important changes that we've had to make to accommodate the orchestra and adult soloists. We encourage your child to bring homework and snacks to the longer rehearsals. **Note:** *the Saturday December 10th rehearsal call times have changed.* As always, the safety and supervision of your children is our highest priority. Please let us know immediately if you have concerns. *If your child has to be absent due to illness please contact Regina at 217-5405 or Julia at 459-6725.*

Dr. Regina Carlow, Artistic Director, UNMCC

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UPDATED!! Please Read Carefully! Rehearsal and Performance Schedule

***** REMEMBER! If your child has to be absent due to illness for any rehearsal, please contact Regina at 217-5405 or Julia at 459-6725. Starting Saturday 12/10, all rehearsals are mandatory! *****

Wednesday Rehearsals

November 9, 16, 30 & December 7

the Julianita's, Santos, Saints, Family and Burro will stay until 7:00 pm for staging and music rehearsal.

November 23

No rehearsal - Happy Thanksgiving!

December Opera Week Rehearsals

Saturday, December 10 LOCATION: UNM Center for the Arts Room B-117

9:00-12:00 Intermediate and Senior Chorus Rehearsal with the Orchestra
(Primary Chorus will come at 1:00-3:00)

12:00-1:00 Sack lunch (bring your own) & Recreation for Intermediate & Senior Chorus

1:00-3:00 ALL Chorus members!! **Primary joins** the Intermediate & Senior Chorus run through

Monday, December 12 (NHCC), **6:15 -8:30 p.m.** *Warm up starts at promptly at 6:15!* Full run through of opera with orchestra

Wednesday, December 14 (NHCC), **5:15 -8:30 p.m.** Tech rehearsal – You do not need to wear your costume, but *if you have something in a similar color to your base costume*, wear that. Bring a healthy snack, too!

Thursday, December 15 (NHCC), **5:15-8:30 p.m.** Tech/Dress Rehearsal – WEAR YOUR COSTUME!
(and bring a healthy snack!)

Friday, December 16 (NHCC) **10:00 a.m.** School performance - (call time 9:00) AND **7:00 p.m.** -(call time 6:00) WEAR YOUR COSTUME!

Saturday December 17 **2:00 p.m.** Performance (1:00 call time) AND **7:00 p.m.** (6:00 call time) WEAR YOUR COSTUME!

Sunday, December 18 **2:00 p.m.** Performance (1:00 call time) WEAR YOUR COSTUME!

January Opera Schedule

**These January dates are in the process of being updated. Keep these dates on your calendar.
We will update you when we know more! **

Wednesday, January 4, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Brush up – NHCC

Thursday, January 5, 6:00 p.m. Tech Rehearsal - Principals only - Lensic Theatre – Santa Fe

Friday, January 6 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 7 3:00 p.m. performance, 6:00 p.m. performance.

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Red or Green? Cast Designations for Performances

All Chorus Members, Brothers, Sisters, Saints and Burro will participate in *every* performance. The **Red** and **Green*** indicate which children will play the roles of Julianita, Santo Niño and Mouse. *When soloists are not performing their roles, they will perform as members of the Narrator Chorus.*

Here are the performance dates listed by cast. **Call times are one hour before performance.** *For instance, for a 10:00 a.m. performance, everyone must be in at the venue NO LATER THAN 9:00 a.m.*

National Hispanic Cultural Center, ABQ

Friday December 16	10:00 AM Green
Friday December 16	7:00 PM Green
Saturday December 17	2:00 PM Red
Saturday December 17	7:00 PM Red
Sunday December 18	2:00 PM Green

Lensic Theater, Santa Fe

Friday January 6	1:00 PM Red
Saturday January 7	3:00 PM Green
Saturday January 7	6:00 PM Red

*Green Cast

Alexander Schweim
Elizabeth Cederburg
Maylin Murray-Krezan

*Red Cast

Thomasthomas Florenz Mansi
Cristina Rivera Morrison
Tessa Cheshire

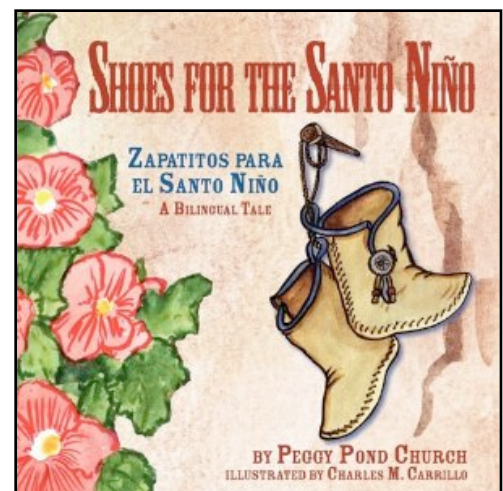
Books Available for Purchase from Julia

*Shoes for the Santo Niño /
Zapatitos para el Santo Niño:
A Bilingual Tale*

Written by Peggy Pond Church
Illustrated by Charles M. Carrillo
Published by Rio Grande Books

Cost is \$19.95.

Pay Julia with cash or check
payable to "Kathleen Church."



Ticket Information

Reserving Tickets

Tickets are now available at the National Hispanic Cultural Center (NHCC) for the December concerts and at the Lensic in Santa Fe for the January concerts. Tickets are free of charge, with service charges waived as well. In-person, phone, and web should all be possible in making reservations.

National Hispanic Cultural Center
1701 4th St SW # 211
Albuquerque, NM 87102-4508
505.724.4771

The Lensic Performing Arts Center
211 West San Francisco Street
Santa Fe, NM 87501
Box Office: 505.988.1234

Scheduling School Groups in Albuquerque (12/16) and Santa Fe (1/6)

If you are interested in scheduling a school group for the school show at the NHCC on December 16 contact:

Elsa Menendez, Outreach Coordinator
National Hispanic Cultural Center
505.246.2261, ext 189
elsa.menendez@state.nm.us

If you are interested in scheduling a school group for the Lensic show in Santa Fe on January 6 contact:

Connie Schaeckel
Lentic to reserve:
505.988.7050
conniess@lentic.org



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REHEARSAL LOCATION FOR SPRING 2012

We will be returning to UNM for our spring rehearsals starting January 25, 2012. While a number of our families found the parking and location convenient at the NHCC, we have also had to take into account the benefits of the UNM location. Also, as the UNM Children's Chorus, the University of New Mexico is our home. Therefore we have chosen to return to rehearsing on campus next semester. We will keep you posted about details. To celebrate our return 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 - Time TBA.

GOODBYE MS. TANIA . . .

Tania will be taking family leave from the chorus for at least one year starting in January. To accommodate this, next semester children in grades 1-4 will sing with Ms. Julia and children in grades 5-8 will still sing with Ms. Regina. As we have done this semester, children in pre-school and kindergarten will be served by the "Fun with Singing Class" with Ms. Julia on Saturdays.

Ms. Tania, we love you and thank you for your years of excellent musical service to the chorus. We wish you and your family much joy!

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