
UNM CHILDREN'S CHORUS

October 2009

UNMCC Attendance Policy 🎵

It has been clear that attendance at Children's Chorus rehearsals like all after school groups, clubs, and schools has greatly been affected by the flu this season. While we want to keep our chorus functioning musically, as always, our primary concern is for your children. A number of families have been concerned that our policy has not allowed for the increase in flu cases this season.

While the chorus is an after-school activity for your child, an attendance policy is necessary because frequent absences will affect the quality of the collective musical experience as well as increase frustration for the individual student who may have trouble catching up with the group. We also know and understand that the children and families of the UNMCC are VOLUNTEERS who are starting what we hope is a life-long love and avocation for choral singing. The last thing we want to do is to cause stress to families and children.

Because of this we are modifying the policy in the following way:

Choral singing is collective, artistic endeavors therefore chorus members are expected to attend all rehearsals except in cases of illness or family emergency. In the case of illness or family emergency – please contact us and we will excuse the absence. If we do not hear from families – we will assume the absences are unexcused. After three unexcused absences, the child will be permitted to sing in the concert at the DISCRETION OF THE CONDUCTOR. The policy does not intend to punish children or families dealing with illness– on the contrary – if your child is sick we want him or her to stay at home and get well. If your child is sick please email or call:

Primary Chorus –Jennifer Warren at UNMCC@unm.edu or call 681-5847

Intermediate Chorus –Julia Hoffman at Jkch@comcast.net or call 459-6725

Senior Chorus –Regina Carlow a rcarlow@unm.edu or call 277-4825

If you would like to speak to me directly about this policy – please, feel free to contact me.

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Logo Information 🎵

Thank you to all who have turned in ideas for a logo! We have had many submissions and we are currently in the process of selecting a piece of artwork to use as our logo. We hope to print the new UNMCC logo in the November newsletter.

The following chorus members turned in art work for the logo:

Leedy Corbin

Sophie Ellis-Young

Lexi Garcia

Alexa Mason

Monique Ramirez

Jasmine Schmidt

Drake Wilson



Senior Chorus Fundraising Performance 🎵

November 15, 3:30

Most of you have heard that the Children's Chorus is commissioning a brand-new opera for children to be premiered by the ENTIRE UNM Children's Chorus in December of 2010. This 30-minute opera will be based on Shoes for the Santo Niño – a story by NM Author Peggy Pond Church will be written for children. The UNM Children's Chorus will collaborate with the Santa Fe Opera and the UNM Department of Music in production and performance next fall. There will be a number of solo and small ensemble opportunities for children – solos auditions will be held in May of 2010. Internationally acclaimed composer Stephen Paulus has been commissioned to write this opera for us. This will be a costly venture and the UNM Department of music has agreed to raise funds all for this project. This is quite a commitment during this time of budget cuts and reduced spending for arts programs across the board. Even more relieving is the fact that the Children's Chorus is not expected to fundraise for this project. We are relying solely on grants and large donor contributions. As a way to raise funds for this commission and performance, the UNM Department of Music is holding a fundraising event for potential donors on Sunday November 15th at 3:00 PM.

The event will be held at Casa Rondeña Winery 733 Chavez Rd NW Los Ranchos, NM 87107-5600. The Senior Chorus has been invited to present a sneak preview of one of the pieces from the opera (which has just been written). Because of space limitations, we cannot accommodate more than 2 or 3 parent chaperones. However, we have arranged to transport the children to and from the Casa Rondeña by bus. Please have your child at St. Paul Church by 1:30 on Sunday. We will return between 4:45 and 5:00. Rest assured, we will completely supervise your child – and of course, we will perform the premiere piece in our concert on December 5th. Singers must wear formal concert outfit: Black slacks or skirt, black shoes, black socks, stockings and a black shirt – long sleeves are preferred. If your child is planning to attend, please fill out the attached permission slip and return it during the November 4th rehearsal. Please let me know if you would like be a chaperone for this event. Do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

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Manager's Notes 🎵

The winter season is quickly approaching, and that means the time is going to be changing soon and it will be dark when rehearsal ends. Please make sure that you are picking your child up in the hallway, the chapel or right outside the church. The safety of your child is our number one concern, so we ask that you help us in keeping the UNMCC members safe.

Thank you also for not waiting for your child in the hallway, outside of the rehearsal rooms. You are welcome to stay in the chapel or the sanctuary.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at UNMCC@unm.edu

Jennifer Warren
UNMCC Manager



A Letter from the Parent Coordinator 🎵

We will be having another parent meeting on November 18th to talk more specifically about the concert on December 5th and to have everyone sign up for the reception. In the meantime, if you have access to a truck and would be willing to help move risers from UNM, would be willing to help move the altar, or have any other great ideas for parent involvement and haven't already contacted me, please send an email to jcbutler@swcp.com.

Jodi Butler, Parent Coordinator

Congratulations UNMCC All-Staters!

We are proud to note that all singers from the UNMCC ELEMENTARY HONORS CHORUS who tried out for elementary all -state chorus made it:

UNM Children's Choir Kelly, Camille
Castillo, D. Keilynn Alto

UNM Children's Choir Kelly, Camille
Garcia, Alexis Alto

UNM Children's Choir Kelly, Camille
Strickland, Carly Soprano

UNM Children's Choir Kelly, Camille
Wilson, Drake Soprano

WE ARE STILL WAITING TO HEAR ABOUT
THE JR. HIGH CHORUS....



Upcoming Dates 🎵

October 

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
				1 ALL STATE RECORDINGS DUE	2	3
4	5	6	7 Rehearsal- logo artwork due	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Rehearsal Guest Drummer	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Rehearsal	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 2 nd newsletter	29	30	31

November 

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4 Rehearsal	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Rehearsal	12	13	14
15 Senior Chorus- Casa Rodeña	16	17	18 2 nd Parent meeting, 3 rd newsletter Guest Drummer	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 NO REHEARSAL	26	27	28
29	30					

December 

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	2 Final rehearsal Guest Drummer	3	4	5 Concert 3:30 at St. Paul's
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Please fill out this permission form if your child is participating in the fundraising performance:

UNM Children's Chorus Bus Transportation Form

I _____ (Printed name) give permission for my
child _____ (Printed name) to be transported
by bus to Casa Rondeña 733 Chavez Rd NW Los Ranchos, NM 87107-5600.

I understand that my child will be picked up by bus at St. Paul Lutheran Church,
1100 Indian School NE at 1:30 PM and will be returned between 4:45 and 5:00
PM. I understand that I am responsible for transporting my child to and from St.
Paul Lutheran Church. I understand that my child will be supervised at all times.

Parent Signature _____

Best Phone Contact Number _____