



Singenspiel Newsletter – October 2018

♪♪ A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR ♪♪

Dear Singenspiel Families,

Singenspiel rocks! I have enjoyed being with your children the past few weeks. We have been getting to know one another, learning how to identify note values and dynamics, reading music with rhythm instruments and just having fun singing. We will begin working on a few songs that we hope to perform for you soon. Thank you for sharing your children with me.

Have a great week and keep singing!

Julie Steen, Singenspiel Director

Welcome Ms. Kimberly!

We are so pleased to welcome Ms. Kimberly as our Singenspiel Assistant Director. Daughter of Julie and Nathan Steen, Kimberly graduated from Mary Hardin Baylor with a degree in education. She is currently filling a long term substitute position at Alton Elementary. Kimberly was part of the Charter Chorus choir and obviously shares her mother's talent and love of music. Welcome Ms. Kimberly!

Roses Fundraiser

Thanks to the generosity of board member Mike Shoup, Jr. (and owner of the Antique Rose Emporium), the Chorus was able to sell rose bushes last spring. It was a great success and everyone was so pleased with the plants. In fact, buyers are asking for more! Your singer will be bringing a packet of information home regarding the sale of these roses. We are asking each family to sell a minimum of 5 rose bushes – or – donate the sales profit to the Chorus. This is our major fundraiser for the fall and it is very important that each family participate in some way. We sell the roses for \$18 each and the Chorus profit is \$13. This fundraiser is unique and the quality of the item is exceptional, so please support this project. Proceeds from this sale will benefit the Chorus program and all singers. The sale starts on Monday, October 1 and roses will be available for pick-up at Community Ed on Friday, October 26 from 4 – 6 pm. All orders are due in the Chorus office by Monday, October 23. Roses will be available in the following colors: Red, Pink, White, Yellow, Apricot, and Climbing pink. Thank you.

NOTE: Please remember there will be NO REHEARSAL on Monday, October 8 due to the Columbus Day Holiday. When BISD schools are not in session, Singenspiel does not meet. Thank you!

Absences

If your child is going to be absent from rehearsal, please contact the Chorus office at 979-277-3897. We are concerned about our singers when they don't get off the bus, so please let us know if they are not going to ride the bus or if they are absent. Thank you!

Scarecrow Contest

For the second year, BCC has entered the downtown Scarecrow Extravaganza Contest (last year, we won first place!). Thanks to the creativity and commitment of some amazing BCC parents, our scarecrow has been constructed and resides in front of Smitty's on Main Street. Please support the Chorus by voting for our scarecrow "Joyful Noise" which depicts international children singing around the world. Voter forms are available at downtown businesses. Voting ends on October 21.

Chorus Board of Trustees

The Children's Chorus family is grateful to those community members who serve on the Chorus Board of Trustees. These individuals donate their time and energy to promote and support the Children's Chorus. Thank you to these individuals who serve on the Chorus Board of Trustees. We appreciate you!

President: George Ann Harding
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Committees

Thank you to all our parents who have signed up to chair or serve on a Chorus committee. If you have not had the opportunity to sign up for a committee, please contact the Chorus office – we have plenty of opportunities for parents to help!

BCC Chaperone: Lynn Prinz

Singspiel Chaperone: Jana Aguilar

Box Office: Krista Beard

Publicity: Julie Sigler, Cheryl Amelang

Wardrobe: Jennifer Davis, Karen Loza,

Concert Concession: Ester Chalmers

Meals, Refreshments: Jana Schroeder,

Lori Cales

If you were unable to attend the parent meeting on August 28 and did not sign up for helping on a committee for a specific event, please contact the Chorus office. The committee events include but are not limited to: selling weekly snacks, bringing snacks, helping with uniforms, etc. For concerts, we use the on line Sign-up genius for chaperoning, box office, and concession so please watch for that at concert time. If every parent will sign up to help, the Chorus will run smoothly and no one will be overwhelmed. Our volunteer parents are priceless and help our young singers have a successful year. Thank you to all our committee chairmen and volunteers!

Chorus Office Hours

Mondays and Tuesdays: 8:30 am – 6 pm

Wednesdays and Thursdays: 8:30 am – 4 pm

The Chorus office is closed on Fridays.

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Concert Program Ads

If you own or work for a business that might be interested in placing an ad in our concert program, please send that contact information to the Chorus office. Ads can be purchased for all our concert programs at the following rates: ¼ page ad \$175, ½ page ad - \$300, whole page ad - \$500. The revenue from these ads help defray the cost of the concert performances. Thank you for spreading the word!

Weekly Snacks

On rehearsal days, snacks are available to the singers for purchase (\$.50 each). Parent volunteers sell snacks to the choristers. We are in need of additional parents to sign up to help. If you can volunteer to help sell snacks before rehearsal on any of these open dates listed on the calendar, please contact the Chorus office at 979-277-3897. Please consider helping us keep our singers fed and happy before choir rehearsal. It only takes 45 minutes of your time and it is fun to be with the kids. Snack parents should plan to arrive at Community Ed by 3:40 pm and stay until 4:15 pm. Snacks for purchase are provided by the Chorus. If you are unable to volunteer to help sell snacks before rehearsals on Mondays and Tuesday, please consider signing up to bring snacks for a rehearsal and contact the office if you can help. The suggested snacks are listed below. Thanks for your help!

Suggested Snacks

Bottled Water

Fun Fruits

Large bag of individually packaged chips

Peanut butter/cheese crackers

Individually wrapped cookies

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The Brenham Children's Chorus Society

Society Membership provides

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Donations sent to: Brenham Children's Chorus, P.O. Box 2274,
Brenham, TX 77834