



Happy New Year!

I often feel a sense of renewal as we kick-off a brand new year and we're through the hustle and bustle of the holidays. I am especially excited about some of the great things that will be happening for LAGC in 2008.

Be sure and keep an eye on your LAGC newsletter and emails so you don't miss anything. Cecilee does such a great job keeping us all informed. We know it gets to be a lot of information but we want to make sure everyone has the necessary information.

Next month you will be receiving an invitation to our fundraiser, Giving Girls a Voice. Please consider attending and maybe even sponsoring a table. More information is enclosed in this newsletter. If you have anyone who you'd like us send a special invitation too, please email their name and address to: LAGC@gomoorhead.com. This will be a great event for grandparents, aunts and uncles, and friends.

This winter we are once again looking forward to Winter Camp. This is quite an experience for our Melodia and Cantare girls. It's an opportunity for them to get in additional rehearsal time, team building and camaraderie. I can attest to lack of sleep for the chaperones from last year, but it definitely was a great time. The committee and directors have many fun activities planned including skit-night. It promises to be a great weekend.

As we start this new year, I'd like to encourage you all to consider helping out as a volunteer with one of our many events and activities. We also will have some openings on the Board of Directors. If this interests you, please contact any of our current board members. We depend greatly on the input of our parent board and your contribution has tremendous impact on our organization.

Sincerely,

Jodi Duncan, LAGC BOD President.

Something To Tell Your Kids

The results of a new survey by Harris Interactive show that all of those music lessons and rehearsals really *do* pay off. Turns out that 83% of respondents with salaries of \$150,000 or more and 88% of respondents with post-graduate degrees have, at one point, studied music.



PHOTO NIGHTS

1/21/08 - Canzonetta photo night at Peace Lutheran from 5:30-6:30

1/21/08 - Melodia photo night at Peace Lutheran from 6:30-7:30

1/28/08 - Cantare photo night at NDSU Beckwith Hall from 5:30-6:30

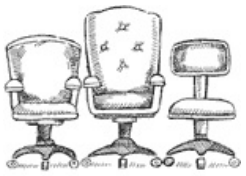
We will be taking individual photos of all choir members prior to rehearsal in January. You will be receiving an order envelope and will have the opportunity to order individual and group photos. Please remember to bring the envelope and payment on photo night. You are not required to purchase any photos but we still want to take each girl's photograph for the choir's use.

We want girls to wear their regular concert dress apparel - for Canzonetta, we even want the skirts on. Please follow handbook guidelines for hair and jewelry. You may change back into regular clothes after your photo is taken if you wish.

We want girls to come to their regularly scheduled nights but if you know now that you cannot come to your "scheduled" night then you can come to another one.

Attention Photo Night Parent Volunteers:

We will have a meeting on 1/7/08 for all photo night parent volunteers and we will set up duties and times then. We need help checking the girls in and monitoring the girls prior to rehearsal. The meeting will be 6:15 pm at Peace so we give the Cantare parents time to get from NDSU to Peace.



PARENTS: Are You Ready to be a Hall Monitor?

Remember to check the monthly newsletter assignments for your daughter's name. All families are

expected to participate as Hall Monitors. Hall Monitors take attendance, supervise girls before & after rehearsals, during breaks, and distribute flyers & notices as needed. We've scheduled Hall Monitors to be present 15 minutes before and after each rehearsal. Please arrive promptly and remember, we do not want you to leave until we insure that all girls have been safely picked up. Please arrange for someone else to be there if you can't stay. If you cannot make your assigned time, we'd like you to arrange to switch with another parent. Thank you.

**HALL MONITOR ASSIGNMENTS
January 7 - February 25, 2008**

SHIFTS

Cantare-NDSU 6:00-8:30 PM
Canzonetta-Peace 5:45-7:00 PM
Melodia-Peace 7:00-8:45 PM

Jan. 7		PARENT(S) OF:
Cantare	Thea Crane	
Canzonetta	Heather Badar	Grace Grettum
Melodia	Taylor Bartelson	Heidi Korsmo
Jan. 14		
Cantare	Sarah Russell	
Canzonetta	Abbi Cogdill	Grace Halvorson
Melodia	Cassi Duran	Erin Gress
Jan. 21		
Cantare	Emily Osman	
Canzonetta	Morrisa Dahl	Leann Mengelkoch
Melodia	Elizabeth Erickson	Scarlett Nelson
Jan. 28		
Cantare	Anna & Celia Holten	
Canzonetta	Chloe Decker	Jamie Singelmann
Melodia	Sarah Ashley	Eliana Goehring
Feb. 4		
Cantare	Chelsey Schmitz	
Canzonetta	Sarah Kounovsky	Erica Lee
Melodia	Hannah Gress	Haylee Willits
Feb. 11		
Cantare	Brooke Just	
Canzonetta	Michelle Foster	Megan Lizakowski
Melodia	Drea Griffith	Rachel Phelps
Feb. 18 NO REHEARSALS		
Feb. 25		
Cantare	Alexys Hewitt	
Canzonetta	Allie Martino	Miranda Morgan
Melodia	Britta Iverson	Lauren Sandy



Upcoming Dates to Note
(besides regular rehearsals)

- Jan. 7 Photo Night Committee Meeting
- Jan. 10 Board Meeting at Green Mill
- Jan. 14 Tastefully Simple fundraiser begins; Cantare Tour Committee Meeting; Hearts in Harmony Committee Mtg
- Jan. 21 Photo Night - Canzonetta & Melodia; Melodia Tour Committee Meeting
- Jan. 24 February Newsletter Deadline
- Jan. 25-26 Winter Camp at Camp Castaway, Melodia & Cantare Choirs
- Jan. 28 Photo Night - Cantare Choir; Canzonetta Tour Meeting
- Jan. 31 Board Reports due by Noon
- Feb. 2 Pizza Corner Fundraiser 8am-2pm
- Feb. 7 Board Meeting
- Feb. 8 Winter Social - ALL 3 Choirs
FMCT Performance of "Into the Woods, jr."
- Feb. 11 Turn in Tastefully Simple orders; Cantare & Melodia Tour Committee Meetings
- Feb. 16 Pizza Corner Fundraiser 8am-2pm
- Feb. 18 NO REHEARSALS
- Feb. 20 March Newsletter Deadline
- Feb. 25 Canzonetta Tour Committee Meeting



SPOTLIGHT ON.... Looking for the performances of the girls artistic endeavors! Please submit info to Amy Arness, LAGC Past President (H: 232-2825, C: 238-7023, amyarness@hotmail.com). What fun for the girls to support one another!

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Choir
Jan. 21 7pm
Fargo Theater
 Jacky Arness Alumnae
 Brittany Llewellyn "



There's no telling what you'll find at:

"Tables du Jour"

Hearts in Harmony Afternoon Tea
a fundraiser for Lake Agassiz Girls Choir

NDSU Alumni Center
March 2, 2008 4-6 pm

Join the Lake Agassiz Girls Choir for an afternoon of delicious teas, scrumptious desserts and beautiful music—at a table that's uniquely decorated for you by the Lake Agassiz Girls Choir and friends.

No matter what you find at Tables du Jour, it's sure to be whimsical, elegant, festive and fun. And you'll be helping area girls find strong, confident voices for their future.

Parents are invited to sponsor a table or just come and enjoy the atmosphere and watch their girls sing.

Please email Mary Roos @ mary@redribbonrealtors.com if you are interested in sponsoring a table.

What does it mean to sponsor a table? You would choose the theme for your table and decorate it, and invite seven people to purchase a ticket to join you at your table for our event. The tickets are going to be \$25 a seat each table will seat eight. All proceeds will go to Lake Agassiz Girls Choir.

Thanks for your participation and Happy Holidays!

Hornbacher's Card sales and SCRIP ordering and payment will resume on January 7th.

SCRIP pickup will resume on January 14th.

LAST FOUR SHIFTS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR TOUR ACCOUNTS THIS SEASON!



The Pizza Corner fundraiser is scheduled for these four Saturdays (8AM-2PM) in Valley City - February 2, February 16, March 8 and March 22. We need workers for both shifts ASAP! To fill a shift we need 25 workers. Please take note of the following requirements:

- (1) Any worker must be at least 14 years old and 5 feet tall.
- (2) No perfumes No fingernail polish
No jewelry No shorts
No open toed shoes, clogs, sandals

We recommend you wear 'old' clothes such as a t-shirt, jeans or sweats, and tennis shoes. Wearing layers may be helpful as the temperature can get cold. Pull your hair up or tie it back. They will provide hair caps. Family members and supportive friends are welcome to participate!!

It is a six hour shift with a half hour lunch. Payment is \$42 per shift, to be issued directly to the choir and deposited into your child's tour fund.

The address and directions for Pizza Corner is as follows: 1031 4th St SW, Valley City [from the highway take Exit 290 (2nd exit) -go right; turn left on 4th St.; 2 blocks down] .

Tastefully Simple Fund Raiser Coming this Month! Tastefully Simple offers convenient and unique gourmet food products that are fun and give you the gift of time by simplifying your lifestyle! All proceeds from these sales will go to individual tour accounts. Just a reminder that this is an optional fund raiser.

- Sales packets will be distributed before and after the Monday, January 13th rehearsal.
- Profit will be 20% of sales (excluding shipping and handling) and if the group as a whole generates profit of at least \$25.00 Microsoft will match the profit bringing the profit up to 40%!
- Please collect money with orders. Checks may be made payable to Cara Myers.
- Orders and money are due at the Monday, February 11th rehearsal.

If you have any questions about this fund raiser contact Peg Jermyn — 293-3081 or e-mail mjermyn@microsoft.com.

Melodia Tour Member
Payment Coupons - Total = \$250

NAME:

Choir Member

Payment #1 - Melodia Tour

Amount: \$50

Due Date: November 19, 2007

Make Checks Payable to:

Lake Agassiz Girls Choir

PO Box 775

Fargo, ND 58107-0773

Melodia CHAPERONE
Payment Coupons - Total = \$200

NAME:

Chaperone

Payment #1 - Melodia Tour

Amount: \$50

Due Date: November 19, 2007

Make Checks Payable to:

Lake Agassiz Girls Choir

PO Box 775

Fargo, ND 58107-0773

NAME:

Choir Member

Payment #2 - Melodia Tour

Amount: \$50

Due Date: January 14, 2008

Make Checks Payable to:

Lake Agassiz Girls Choir

PO Box 775

Fargo, ND 58107-0773

NAME:

Chaperone

Payment #2 - Melodia Tour

Amount: \$50

Due Date: January 14, 2008

Make Checks Payable to:

Lake Agassiz Girls Choir

PO Box 775

Fargo, ND 58107-0773

NAME:

Choir Member

Payment #3 - Melodia Tour

Amount: \$50

Due Date: February 18, 2008

Make Checks Payable to:

Lake Agassiz Girls Choir

PO Box 775

Fargo, ND 58107-0773

NAME:

Chaperone

Payment #3 - Melodia Tour

Amount: \$50

Due Date: February 18, 2008

Make Checks Payable to:

Lake Agassiz Girls Choir

PO Box 775

Fargo, ND 58107-0773

NAME:

Choir Member

Payment #4 - Melodia Tour

Amount: \$50

Due Date: March 17, 2008

Make Checks Payable to:

Lake Agassiz Girls Choir

PO Box 775

Fargo, ND 58107-0773

NAME:

Chaperone

Payment #4 - Melodia Tour

Amount: \$50

Due Date: March 17, 2008

Make Checks Payable to:

Lake Agassiz Girls Choir

PO Box 775

Fargo, ND 58107-0773

NAME:

Choir Member

Payment #5 - Melodia Tour

Amount: \$50

Due Date: April 21, 2008

Make Checks Payable to:

Lake Agassiz Girls Choir

PO Box 775

Fargo, ND 58107-0773

MELODIA TOUR TO WISCONSIN DELLS

The Melodia Tour Committee is planning lots of fun activities for Melodia's Tour to the Wisconsin Dells. Please take note of the payment deadlines. These coupons are for your convenience and to help our treasurer. If you want funds applied from your tour account please contact Peg Jermyn at jermyn@cableone.net or 293-3081. For questions contact Marisa Sweeney at knzsmom97@yahoo.com or 540-2164.

SCHEDULE FOR WINTER CAMP - JANUARY 25-26 - CANTARE & MELODIA CHOIRS

When: Friday, Jan 25 at 4:45 P.M. until Saturday, Jan 26 at 4:30 P.M.

Where: Castaway Camp on Pelican Lake, MN

We will meet at Hope South parking lot at 4:45 P.M. and board the buses, one for each choir. We will then drive to the camp, check in, get our room assignments and eat supper.

We will spend the rest of Friday evening and Saturday doing group activities, rehearsal, and free time. The camp has a recreation room and the dining hall in the building in which we are staying. There is a gym we will make use of, to burn off some energy. Transportation and meals are included. We will leave the camp at 3:30 and arrive back in Fargo at Hope South by 4:30 P.M. Pillows, linens, and blankets are provided. You won't need sleeping bags and pillows.

Note: This is Winter Camp, attendance is required. We are planning for all the girls in Cantare and Melodia to attend. We need to give numbers of campers to the camp in January. Please let us know if you have a conflict as soon as possible. Contact Mrs. Burns (pcapuch@msn.com 237-0588), Mrs. Lindquist (katlindq@yahoo.com 293-6535) or Mrs. Sandsmark (jsands@cableone.net 280-1697).

Friday January 25, 2008 P.M.

4:45 Board bus a Hope South
5:00 Depart Hope South
6:00 Arrive at Castaway Camp on Pelican lake
6:00-7:00 unload bus, room assignments, etc
7:00-7:45 supper
7:45-10:00 team building,
10:00 Free time in rooms
11:00 Lights out /sleep

Saturday January 26, 2008

7:30 Rise and Shine
8:30 Breakfast
9:15-10:45 Cantare Rehearsal/ Melodia team building activity/free t
10:45-12:00 Melodia Rehearsal/Cantare free time
12:00 Lunch
12:45-2:00 Cantare Rehearsal/ Melodia free time
2:00-3:15 Melodia Rehearsal/ Cantare free time
3:15 Load Buses
3:30 Depart Camp Castaway
4:30 Arrive Hope south for pick-up



Packing List for Winter Camp

Choir Music & Water Bottle

Overnight Bag carrying the following:

PJ's (flannel pants and warm shirt) Change of clothes Sweatshirt
Personal toiletries-toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, soap or body wash, deodorant, retainer, retainer case, etc.
Glasses, glasses case, contacts, contact solution, contact case Medicine
Winter outer wear, Jacket, hat, neck warmer, gloves or mittens
Book to read optional


We are riding school buses so whatever we bring will be on the bus, no luggage compartment.

No cell phones No ipods No technology



Lake Agassiz Girls Choir - January 2008



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 Happy New Year!	1	2	3	4 <i>Happy Birthday, MacKenzie Larson!</i>	5 <i>Happy Birthday, Madeline Sharpe!</i>
6	7 REHEARSALS: 6:00-7:00 pm Canzonetta Monitors: Badar, Grettum 6:15-8:15 pm Cantare Monitor: Crane 7:15-8:30 pm Melodia Monitors: Bartelson, Korsmo **PHOTO NIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING 6:15	8	9	10 Board Social/Dinner at Green Mill 5:45 pm Board Meeting 6:30 pm	11	12
13	14 REHEARSALS: 6:00-7:00 pm Canzonetta Monitors: Cogdill, Halvorson 6:15-8:15 pm Cantare Monitor: Russell 7:15-8:30 pm Melodia Monitors: Duran, E. Gress **HEARTS IN HARMONY MEETING 6:00 at NDSU **CANTARE TOUR COMMITTEE MEETING 6:15	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 REHEARSALS: 6:00-7:00 pm Canzonetta Monitors: M. Dahl, Mengelkoch 6:15-8:15 pm Cantare Monitor: Osman 7:15-8:30 pm Melodia Monitors: Erickson, S. Nelson **PHOTO NIGHT - Canzonetta & Melodia **MELODIA TOUR COMMITTEE MEETING 7:15	22	23	24 FEBRUARY newsletter deadline <i>Happy Birthday, Talia Dalzell, Alexys Hewitt & Kylie Shorma!</i>	25 WINTER CAMP - Camp Castaway, Pelican Lake MN Melodia & Cantare Choirs	26 WINTER CAMP - Camp Castaway, Pelican Lake MN Melodia & Cantare Choirs
27	28 REHEARSALS: 6:00-7:00 pm Canzonetta Monitors: Decker, Singelmann 6:15-8:15 pm Cantare Monitor: Holten 7:15-8:30 pm Melodia Monitors: Ashley, Goehring **PHOTO NIGHT - Cantare **CANZONETTA TOUR COMMITTEE MTG 6:00	29	30	31 BOARD REPORTS DUE BY NOON <i>Happy Birthday, Heidi Korsmo!</i>	FEB. 1	FEB. 2

*** SAVE THE DATE ***

WINTER SOCIAL - INTO THE WOODS, JR. @ FMCT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2008



Please join us for an evening at the theater! We'd like our girls to wear their red LAGC polos. This will be a FREE event for our girls. The performance will be at 7:30 PM.

The Brothers Grimm "go Broadway" as Sondheim and Lapine offer up a cockeyed fairy tale where all of your favorite characters—Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack (and his beanstalk) and The Witch—meet and interact on their journeys. With unforgettable roles, little dancing and no chorus, Into The Woods Junior showcases a medium-sized ensemble of talented singers and actors. The sophisticated score has been adapted to make it easier—though still challenging—for young performers. Into The Woods Junior is a funny and engaging way to get young people to think about the stories with which they've grown up and the ethical issues raised therein.

There will be a flyer to turn in to reserve your spot in this fun evening! Please watch for more details!

A NOTE TO PARENTS ON OUR UPCOMING TOURS

Why travel?

The Lake Agassiz Girls Choir, along with the majority of successful children's choirs, is committed to providing a travel experience as a part of our program. Tour plans are made as early as possible during the season so that families are able to plan their own activities, vacations, and finances accordingly. Our goals for touring include:

- ★ To provide enrichment through performance opportunities
- ★ To provide a supplemental music education opportunity.
- ★ To provide a musical and social "team-building" experience.
- ★ To provide a well deserved reward for work well done!

It is important that all choir members participate in the tour!

In the handbook section on attendance and rehearsal policies, you may read how important each voice is to a choir. Another important fact to remember is that a great deal of work goes into tour planning, and the number of singers makes a big difference when planning the "dollars and sense" (pun intended!) of tour arrangements. Each choir member pays for part of the tour. LAGC offers optional "tour account" fund raising activities in order to assure that the tours are affordable to all.