



THE HUMMINGBIRD



The Daily Review:

Today's review involves sincere heart-felt gratitude to every member of our chorus, family members, directors, accompanists, choir coordinators, and staff of Children's Chorus of Carroll County.

Directors have a lot to be proud of from each choir. BC2s rocked in their performance in the Masterworks concert in November. The LPVs performed their concert repertoire for the residents at the Lorian bringing beautiful smiles to everyone there. The same evening, BC1s added a strong performance to the Big Band Merry Christmas Concert. The next day, the DBs performed during the service at the Grace Lutheran Church, helping the church to ring in the Christmas season.

Our ensemble of 25 was awesome for the Harlem Globetrotters! The basketball players were hilarious and truly talented. My highlights from the show were seeing a female team member, how the script kept playing up the 6'9" player and the 5'2" player, the giant costume of their mascot Globey, and when one player stole the woman's purse and how they danced with the husband. And finally, our Winter Celebration. Our concert on December 17th was extremely strong across the board! Every group impressed me with their professionalism and song, LPVs and DBs looked awesome in their new uniforms, and the audience was so very pleased. I received wonderful feedback, and I hope that everyone could see the levels of progress each choir performed and why we do what we do! You made me so proud. Parents, please know that we could not have done so many beautiful performances if it were not for you and your dedication to your child's voice and our organization. A special "Thank You" goes to you!

Happy New Year and Happy Spring Semester 2018!

Monthly Deetz:

- **Jan 2** is when our Rehearsals Resume at Grace Lutheran. Please bring your chorus bags and binders to return your old music and receive your new music!
- **Jan 2** is also the Last Day for any BC1 and BC2 members to sign up for our trip to Williamsburg.
- **Jan 6** is the Baltimore Blast vs. Harrisburg Heat Game in the SECU Arena at TOWSON UNIVERSITY. Please gather at the front entrance at 4:45pm. Parents may go to their seats while we go below to warm up. We will sing the National Anthem at 6:05pm and then meet parents at the entrance again so that they can bring their child to their seats and enjoy the game as a family.
- **Feb 25** our LPVs will perform for the Grace Lutheran Service at 11:15am. All LPV members are to arrive in the sanctuary at 10:30am in formal uniform. Refer to the Handbook for details on the service.

Dynamic Dates:

As the season continues, additional dates will be noted **red**.

Jan 2: Rehearsals Resume, GL (M)

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Jan 6: All:B'more Blast Game at TowsonU; G:4:45pm, P:6:05pm (O)

Feb 25: LPVs Grace Lutheran Service, Gath 10:30a, Perf 11:15a (M)

March 3: Musicianship 1-4pm, Gerstell Academy, Drums (M)

March 6: Open House: Bring a singing friend! GL (M)

March 27: Current BC1 Member's BC2 Auditions 6-7pm (O)

April 3: Still Rehearsing (M)

Apr 14: All Choirs: Final Rehearsal BMC, MANDATORY

BCI: 9-10:20a, BCII: 9:40-11a, LPV: 11:05a-12p, DB: 12:05-1p

Apr 15: Spring Concert, Gather 2:30p, Perform: 3p, BMC (M)

Apr 17: Materials Collection Night and '18-'19 Deposit, GL (M)

April 17,24, May 1: BC Rehearsals for Busch Gardens7:30-8:30p GL

May 4-6: BCs to Busch Gardens Adjudication, Williamsburg, VA

May8 and May 14: Audition Dates for New Members 6-8:30p, GL

Key:

(M): Mandatory; (O): Optional;

G: Gather; P: Perform; GL: Grace Lutheran Church;

BMC: Baker Memorial Chapel, McDaniel College;

WHS: Westminster High School

BC Trip to Busch Gardens:

The combined BCs will participate in the Fiesta-val Music Adjudication located in Williamsburg, VA. We will stay in the Great Wolf Lodge for 2 nights, and spend all day Saturday at Busch Gardens. We must remain competitive within our own craft and this is a fantastic way to get feedback on our progress to make sure that we are up to par as one of the best children's choirs within the State of Maryland. We will be performing for this adjudication 2 pieces from our Spring Repertoire, so there will be only 3 extra rehearsals after our Spring concert, April 17th, 24th, and May 1st from 7:30-8:30pm. The cost is \$260 per chorus member and \$245 per adult chaperone. Limited to 55 spaces; so first come first served! Friday, May 4th at 10am, the bus will depart for Williamsburg, VA from the Park and Ride where 32 and 97 meet. Once our judged performance is complete at a local High School, we will head to Great Wolf Lodge to enjoy the indoor water park. Saturday, May 5th will be spent in Busch Gardens and conclude with the awards ceremony in the park at 7:30pm. Sunday, May 6th we will return to MD after enjoying the indoor water park a bit longer. We are definitely going since we have enough students signed up, but we would love to have even more BC voices sign up to fill out our ensemble and help us score winning points in the adjudication!

Sign up by **Jan 2nd** to participate in the awesome experience!