



THE HUMMINGBIRD

"The Daily Review":

Welcome to Chorus Season 2021-2022, everyone! We are beaming with excitement to move forward into our new normal of singing. Our plan is to reignite our Restaurant Night, Giving Tuesday, Gift Card Fundraiser, and we hope to do a BINGO in the Spring 2022. We have learned about multiple layers of protection to create an environment that will allow our Chorus Members to sing. Entering this Fall, we will be wearing masks, and provide each member with a face bracket that they can use to help keep the mask material out of their mouth as they inhale. We will employ a variety of mitigation strategies, including distancing, large rehearsal spaces, and air circulation considerations. We ask that families be considerate of our community by being honest about any possible symptoms that their child or family may be feeling before attending our rehearsals. These protocols are from the UMD and CU Performing Arts Aerosol Study. Our community is the heart of our organization, and it is important to know that we are all on the same page through this exciting endeavor is important. By following this plan, we will be able to blend our voices together, we will continue our journey of ear training, and sing together once again. Happy New Chorus Season!!!

Chorus Modulations 2021-2022:

New this year is that the LPVs will be 1st-3rd Grade, DBs will be 4th-6th Grade, and BCs will consist of 7th-12th Grade students starting this Season. We believe that these age groups have similar levels of maturity, talent, and interests. Please begin talking to your friends and neighbors about our chorus. Send them our concert YouTube link and advocate the importance of what singing does for your child, and help us promote our music education! We are holding auditions again on August 17, 2021!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QgcOo0kNt28>

Donation Opportunity:

The Chorus is in need of a few donations this '21-'22 season:

- 5 Thermometers for the forehead (1 per group)
 - 10 Bottles of Hand Sanitizer
- If you are able, please email our General Manager, Dianne, at diannedelgado01@msn.com



Mr. Joe Meerdter, Director of LPVs and MJs Teacher

Dynamic Dates:

(O): Optional; (M): Mandatory

August 15: Protocol and Invoices sent thru email

August 17: Summer Auditions at GL, invite your friends to sign up on Sign Up Genius!

August 31: First Night of Rehearsal at GL (M)

MJs (4yo-1st G) 5:15-6p in the Theater

LPVs (1st-3rd G) 6:15-7:15p in the Theater

DBs (4th-6th G) 5:45-7:00p in the Sanctuary

BC1s (7th-12th G) 7:15-8:45p in Grace Hall

BC2s (7th-12th G) 7:30-9:00p in the Sanctuary

October 16: Photo Music Workshop at GL be sure to wear Formal Uniforms (M)

LPVs:11a-12:30p; DBs:1p-2:45p; BC1s:12p-2p; BC2s:11a-1p

December 4: Final Rehearsal at CFTA (M)

BC1s:9a-10a; BC2s:10:05a-11:05a;

DBs:11:10a-12:10p; LPVs:12:15p-1:15p

December 5: December Concert at CFTA at 3pm; Chorus Members arrive at 2:30p (M)

January 4: Rehearsals resume at GL (M)

March 26: Drum Music Workshop GL (M)

LPVs:11a-12:30p; DBs:1p-2:45p; BC1s:12p-2p; BC2s:11a-1p

April 23: Final Rehearsal at CFTA (M)

BC1s:9a-10a; BC2s:10:05a-11:05a;

DBs:11:10a-12:10p; LPVs:12:15p-1:15p

April 24: April Concert at CFTA at 3pm; Chorus Members arrive at 2:30pm (M)

April 26: Materials Collection Night during regular Tuesday night rehearsal time at GL (M)

Key:

(M): Mandatory; (O): Optional; GL: Grace Lutheran Church; CFTA: The Center for the Arts, formerly known as NCHS

Welcome, Mr. Joe Meerdter!

With glowing reviews from Mrs. Rudd, Mrs. Benson, and Mrs. Im, we have interviewed and accepted Mr. Joe Meerdter to join our music director team as the director of the LPVs and to teach the MJs Class! Joe Meerdter is a graduate of Towson University with a B.S. in Music Education and has completed the degree of Master of Music with the focus in Music Education from Boston University. Joe has been employed as a general music teacher in Carroll County Public Schools system for 18 years and has experience in teaching grades Pre-K through 8th Grade as well as served as an adjunct faculty member at the graduate level at McDaniel College. Joe has performed in several states and has sung in the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. Joe has a fun-loving approach to teaching children music and aspires to make the art of music a meaningful form of self-expression to all of his students.