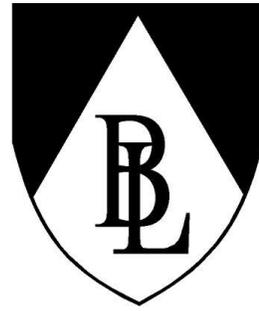


CHOIR NOTES

May 10, 2017



Choir Notes is the newsletter for the Bishop Lynch Choirs. It comes via email, and the information is also posted on the Choir Website: <http://www.bishoplynch.org//page.aspx?pid=286>. If you still can't get enough, find us on Facebook ("Bishop Lynch Choir") and ask to join the group!

This Week's Headlines



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Director's Notes May 8-20

"Now is the Month of Maying..." - and that means lots of music as we head into the final activities of this busy year! Please carefully read the information about each of our upcoming events:

SPRING CONCERT MAKEOVER!

Our Spring Concert will have a new look this year- we are premiering Harmony Show Choir's "Broadway Our Way" in a 40-minute showcase concert, beginning at 6:00, in the Atrium! Come early and enjoy a variety of great Signature Songs, representing the best of classic and modern Broadway theatre, and classic film. Showstoppers from "The Sound of Music," "The Wizard of Oz," and "West Side Story," are set against ballads from "Jesus Christ Superstar," "A Chorus Line," and Chess," and pieces from "Dogfight," "The Color Purple," "Smash," and Broadway's current smash, "Dear Evan Hansen."



All of A Cappella and JV Choir will be attending, so parents- why don't you come as well? See you there!

[Seating tickets for the concert will still be distributed at a central location, in the Atrium, beginning at 6:15! The theatre itself will open for seating at 6:45, or following the Showcase.]

PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES:

1) DRESS REHEARSAL : Wed., May 10



Time: We will take attendance promptly at 4:30 pm. If you come in after attendance is started, you will be marked tardy, and that will result in a 5 point grade deduction for each minute you are late. Also, as has been our policy for the past 30 years, for every minute you are late, the entire group will remain past the end of rehearsal for 5 extra minutes.

Rehearsal Time: If all goes well, we will end at approximately 8:00 pm. There will be a short break in the middle of rehearsal for everyone to eat a snack-bring your own. You may NOT eat in the theater, the dressing rooms, the Black Box, the Film Room, or the Choir Room. Please eat something BEFORE rehearsal begins, then wait until the break to have something else.

Rehearsal Schedule: We will run the concert in order. Hopefully, we will not have to repeat too many songs, but please exercise patience if we do.

Ending Dress Rehearsal: Please be sure to inform your parents that 8:00 is an APPROXIMATE ending time- we have been known to run past time, if we hit technical glitches. Rehearsal is over AFTER all notes have been given by Mrs. Leos to the group, and AFTER each area we have used is cleaned up satisfactorily.

Uniforms and Costumes: Please be sure ALL garment bags are marked with your last name. Ladies, please mark your initials on the inside tag of your dress, or put a strip of masking tape inside the dress with your name on it. Gentlemen, please HANG UP your tuxes at the end of rehearsal.

Dressing Room Assignments:

- Ladies Dressing Room Backstage- all Encore ladies
- Men's Dressing Room Backstage: all gentlemen
- Choir Room (will turn into a dressing room beginning at 4:00 Wednesday): all JV and A Cappella ladies not listed in the groups above

CLC: I will undoubtedly need your assistance at times to move risers, piano, etc. Please remain in the Black Box or in the wings so I can call on you quickly.

2) SPRING CONCERT: SATURDAY, MAY 13



CALL TIMES: Call times are the times you will need to be here on Saturday, May 13.

- **3:00- CLC for set up (meet in the choir room)**
- **4:00- Women's Select (onstage)**
- **4:25-Solos/Ensembles (onstage)**
- **4:45-Encore (onstage)**
- **5:00- Harmony (in Atrium)**
- **5:30-All JV and A Cap (in Blackbox Theater)**

Costume Reminders:

- **JV: "Shine" costumes**
- **Encore: Encore outfits...black with blue accents**
- **Harmony: Showcase outfits, AND rehearsal blacks with bandanna for "Anything You Can Do"**

Miscellaneous:

- **Bernadette Colombo- flute and music stand- place them onstage, near the piano**
- **JV- who will be responsible for distributing and collecting the fans?**
- **Isabella Milano- remember the maraca for Encore- put it in the backstage dressing room**
- **Men's Ensemble-"Longest Time"- tuxedo casual...don't lose your bow ties!**
- **Ron and Natalya- put the pink stool backstage so it is ready for your number**

REFRESHMENTS/HOSPITALITY:

- **JV Choir- 2 dozen cookies**
- **A Cappella freshmen and sophomores- 16-24 cans of soda (small sizes, please)**
- **A Cappella juniors- 1 case (24 bottles) of water**



3) JUNIOR RING CEREMONY: Thursday, May 18 (Special Assembly Schedule)

- **JV Choir and Sophomore A Cappella girls sing for this.**
- **Music will be given out and rehearsed in class.**
- **Attire: wear your choir polo and uniform skirts**



4) BACCALAUREATE MASS: Saturday, May 20

- **Who: A Cappella Choir (REQUIRED EVENT)**
- **Where: St. Pius Catholic Church**
3030 Thomasson Road
Dallas, 75228
- **Call Time: 6:30 pm**
- **Mass: 7:00-8:15 pm**
- **Attire: Formal concert attire/Seniors- graduation cap and gown!**

We will rehearse the music in class.

Important Information for the Audience at the Concert

Choir Concert – Sat., May 13 - Important Information for the Audience!

- **Curtain is at 7:00 pm. House opens at 6:45 (or at the conclusion of the Harmony concert); those needing Special Assistance will be seated first.** It is always a full house. If we do our job right, the sound is good in every corner of the house!



- The concert is FREE...but **Concert Tickets** are distributed in the Atrium beginning at **6:15** on a first come, first served basis - limited numbers available. The various ticket colors will indicate what "group" you are in, and Guests will be welcomed into the theater in groups, by ticket color. We began this policy of "staggered entrances" to alleviate our guests having to stand in line for 2 hours or more, hoping to "get a good seat". Here's what you need to know about our ticketing system:
- There will be a ticket distribution table in the Atrium, manned by Choir Booster Board members beginning at 6:15. **PARENTS-** Go there when you arrive, and ask for the number of tickets you will need. **CHOIR STUDENTS CANNOT PICK UP TICKETS FOR FAMILIES BECAUSE THEY ARE BACKSTAGE.** **Please inform the ticket distributors if you have someone who needs special assistance, so we can get them safely seated.**
- Everyone entering the theater must have a ticket, except for children sitting on a parent's lap.
- **Those needing assistance and ONE caregiver will be seated in the theater prior to admitting other audience members. No additional seats may be saved, due to the limited number of special assistance seats available in our theater.**
- Groups will be called in by ticket color beginning about 6:45.
- There will be some seats reserved for special guests and for those who serve on the Booster Board. Please do not remove the "Special Seating" tags.
- **It is the policy of the Bishop Lynch Theater NOT to allow the "saving" of seats beyond one seat. Please be advised that coats, programs, etc. draped over multiple seats will be removed by the house staff, and only leads to unpleasantness among BL families.**
- **No food or drink is allowed in the Theater at any time. Thank you for adhering to these Theater expectations.**



NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY is allowed, for the safety of the performers.



Our concert promises to be wonderful, and we look forward to your presence in our audience!

Dates for your Calendar



Here is the choir calendar for the 2016-17 School Year. This calendar will be included weekly in Choir Notes and new or edited items (from the prior week) will be highlighted in yellow. Be sure to take a look every week!

- Sat, May 13: 7 pm - Spring Concert - **This is the students' final exam!**
(Call times will be earlier)
- Thu, May 18: Junior Ring Ceremony, During the School Day, time TBD
(JV Choir and sophomore girls sing for this event)
- Sat, May 20: 7 pm, Baccalaureate Mass at St. Pius Church,
(MANDATORY performance for A Cappella, call time will be earlier)