



Member Announcements February 16

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Snow days, Dear Friends...have been a part of my life forever, since I've lived on "school schedule" since kindergarten! However, it is a much greater effect to lose that once-a-week rehearsal as opposed to losing one day out of five.

Please help, by attending to your music prior to next Tuesday. Your practice will help us to stay on the excellent preparation we've been achieving for the Rutter.

This week has reminded me of my earliest teaching days, in the winter of 1977 and 1978, at Waynedale, when the two "Blizzard" seasons combined with a major shortness of heating gas.

At two different times, I was called on Sunday evening by my principal, canceling school for the week!! I have photos looking down on the roof of my car



from atop the Wayne County backroad snow banks, where no mailboxes showed up until April! And I remember watching the National Guard open the roads with lift buckets and dump trucks: first a tunnel, then remove the top, then cart away the snow!

Guess if I had grandkids, I'd be saying, "When I was little..." and they wouldn't believe me any more than we believed our parents when they told us they walked uphill to school in the snow - both ways!

Practice, practice, practice. See you next Tuesday!

Loren

TUESDAY'S REHEARSAL 2/16/10

Soprani scheduled for solo audition will be asked to report at their previously scheduled time, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The rehearsal will include the run-through, in score order, of the Rutter which was planned for last week: this will help us assess the work yet to be done.

TOUR DEPLOYMENTS

Important Notice!

Your down payment of \$100.00 for the Columbus Tour was to be due Feb. 9th. Please be aware that Allison, our treasurer, will be out of the country on business next Tuesday, Feb. 16th and therefore has asked that you bring these payments to rehearsal the following week.

DOWNPAYMENTS NOW DUE FEB 23rd. Remember, if you would like to participate, but

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have difficulties meeting your financial obligations, speak to Maxine or Loren about making arrangements to be included.

COSTUMING, MEN: FOR YOUR EYES ONLY

Several further decisions have been reached regarding the menswear in our new formal apparel (see below).

Men will need:

- White tux shirt with wing collar
- Black bow tie for wing collar
- Black vest from Ohio Tux
- Studs (color to be determined)
- Black pants
- Black short jacket (regular length as opposed to tails)
- Black, polished dress shoes: no boots, no athletic shoes.

Ohio Tuxedo will be present at rehearsal this Tuesday, Feb. 16th, to take necessary measurements. They will return on March 2nd for anyone missed.

Men will owe \$5 per piece ordered from Ohio Tux (check to Ohio Tux due on March 2).

Men who presently own any parts which they may question are free to bring them to Loren to check.

The full balance is due on May 4, when they are delivered to VOCl.



COSTUMING, WOMEN

Tuesday, February 16 will be the final time for you to be measured. Women, who have not been measured and cannot make this rehearsal will make their own arrangements with the seamstress, Percy, 330-854-4834.

RUTTER ROBES

As you are all aware, it is a major project to re-costume VOCl into new formalwear. It became apparent early that an undue rush to complete the project by March might well hinder our ability to "do it right!"

Therefore, it was decided to perform the Rutter concert in robes. The robes are beautiful, simple dark blue robes which will look very appropriate in the sacred setting of this sacred concert. We are grateful to Doug Beery and Julie Meinhart of Massillon Washington High School choirs for allowing us to use them. For this reason, you are being asked to register your height, and you will be provided a robe number to

wear for the concert. Loren is asking that your concert dress code be as follows:

Ladies: please wear a skirt or slip under the robe which will not show below the hem of the robe. It will be appropriate to wear flesh-colored hose, and dark, polished dress shoes with no high heel.

Gentlemen: please wear dark dress trousers (grey, black, blue) and dark, polished dress shoes. The robes are dark enough that khaki trousers really stand out and do not look good.

Everyone: please wear a white dress top, preferably collared. We will not be wearing stoles, so the top of your shirt will show.

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

Christine Allison, director of the Canton Children's Chorus (CCC), would like to have as many VOCl members as possible come to the CCC rehearsals Monday, March 8 and Monday, March 15 at 5:45 pm in Cable Hall to rehearse the combined numbers for the Rutter program. If you are available, it would be greatly appreciated as the rehearsal time for these numbers is limited. We will have a sign-up for these rehearsals so that we know how many to expect. These rehearsals should be over by 6:15 pm. Thank you!