

COLORADO SPRINGS CHILDREN'S CHORALE

IN HARMONY

GIVE VOICE TO YOUR DREAMS



Dear Chorale Family-

Welcome to the 33rd season of the Colorado Springs Children's Chorale! We are anticipating a fantastic 33rd year and are glad that you are with us.

Every year we strive to communicate well with our families so that everyone can "be on the same sheet of music". This year we have decided to introduce a monthly newsletter into our communication loop. We are excited to premier our first edition today! The purpose of these newsletters is to let you know what is going on Chorale-wide on a monthly basis. Hopefully this will help all of us stay on top of the schedule better and will also let our families know what other groups are doing, stay informed about fundraising activities, celebrate successes, and more. We will still publish

our community newsletter, Cantare, so that people from throughout the city will know what we are up to. Cantare is published 2-3 times throughout the season. As a Chorale family you will receive Cantare in the mail. If you would like to add people to the community newsletter list please let us know. We love getting new fans on our list!

The monthly newsletters will also be posted on our website which should see a new face by the end of September. Please watch for information coming soon about the launch of that new site.

As always, please stay in touch with us. Call or email with questions, things to celebrate, and concerns. Communication is key to a successful season so we welcome your input!

Stay tuned for a great year with a bunch of great kids!!

Musically yours,

Marcia

Upcoming Events

REMEMBER: Now that rehearsals have started, they will be held every week unless otherwise noted on your group's schedule!

- Aug. 28 Summit Retreat at Bear Trap Ranch
- Aug. 31 Pikes Peak & Springs Parent Open House 7 p.m.
- Sept. 7 NO REHEARSALS/Labor Day
- Sept. 12 Sunrise Saturday Rehearsal 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Sept. 14 Studio 1 Class Begins*
- Sept. 16 Stage One Class Begins*
- Sept. 19 Spgs, Pikes Pk & Summit Saturday rehearsal 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Sept. 20 Pikes Peak Concert
All Pikes Peak Reads/America the Beautiful Park
- Sept. 23 Act I & Act II Classes Begin*

* Sign up for a class today! We still have room in our new classes for more participants. Sign-up today, and encourage your friends to join us too! Call 633-3562 for registration information.

Cone Zone!

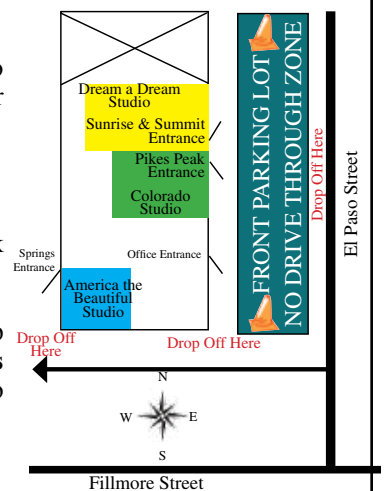
Parents, for the safety of your children, we have a **no-drive-through policy** for the front of our office/studio building. Please NEVER drive through the parking lot past the front of the building when dropping off your singer for rehearsal! Please use one of these options:

1. Drop your children at the curb in front of the building
2. Pull in the south drive entrance and drop off at the end of the building.
3. Enter the south drive entrance and drive straight ahead to a parking place on the south end of the building.
4. Springs parents may prefer to drop-off (or pick up) children at the southwest corner of the building or park in one of the spaces at the back of the building to drop off or pick up their singer.



When picking up your **Sunrise Singer**, please park and come to the designated entrance to pick up your child. We do not let Sunrise Singers leave the building without their adult. Likewise **Spings Singers** should now be met at their door since it is at the back of the building and harder to monitor.

Please pass this information along to anyone who may be dropping off or picking up your singer.



WELCOME BACK FOR ANOTHER GREAT SEASON!

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INTRODUCING OUR AMAZING STAFF

As Executive Director of the Children's Chorale it is my job to ensure that we have the best staff in the various positions of the organization. I can say, without hesitation and with gratitude, that we do indeed have that! We are blessed to have such a wonderful team of professionals on staff. They are multi-talented people with huge hearts for your kids. It is my lucky fortune to work with each of them and to introduce them to you now:

Artistic Staff



Joan Kuemmerle
Sunrise Singers Director

Nancy Lingbloom
Sunrise Singers Accompanist



Karen Roberts
Springs Singers Director

Lynn Branford
Springs Singers Accompanist



Lori Bammesberger
Pikes Peak Singers Director
& Vocal Coach

Lori Gasper
Interim Pikes Peak Singers Accompanist



Brad Peterson
Summit Ensemble Director
and CSCC founding director

Colleen Peterson
Summit Ensemble Accompanist
and CSCC Principal Accompanist



Jen Lennon-Drama Specialist & Choreographer. Jen will also be teaching Stage 1, Studio 1, & theatre classes this year with the help of Donna Gillespie & other CSCC staff members.

Bob Crowder
Director Emeritus and CSCC founding director



In the Office

**Please see descriptions of what each person does described in this newsletter so that you know who to call for what.*

Lori Bammesberger-Director of Music Activities and Outreach

Sylvia Hutson-Executive Assistant

Donna Gillespie-Program Assistant

Sherry Hoerl-Bookkeeper

Production Staff

Tom Linz - Sound Engineer, Computer support, AND Photographer Extraordinaire

Terry Redford - Equipment Manager

Maria Capp-Pikes Peak Center Production and Stage Manager

We also have the good fortune of having a very active Parent Council and volunteers who help us with a myriad of tasks. You will get to know them along the way as well.

WHO DO I TALK TO ABOUT...

Our entire staff is eager to help you with any questions you may have. In order to help you find the right person to talk to right away, we'd like to tell you a bit about what each of us is responsible for here in the office.

Marcia Hendricks: Marcia would love to talk with you about any questions you may have. As Executive Director of the Children's Chorale, Marcia wears many hats and often must be out of the office, so it is good to call ahead and make sure she is available before coming in to talk with her. Marcia plans our tours and camps, produces our concerts, oversees all fund-raising efforts, schedules concerts, and generally oversees all of the business of the organization. You can e-mail Marcia at marcia@kidssing.org.

Lori Bammesberger: In addition to her directing and vocal coach duties, Lori spends many hours in the office tracking down concert details and creating notes for our singers, coordinating our outreach programs including School Blitz, Boychoir Festival and Adopt-a-School festivals, and scheduling auditions. You can e-mail Lori at lori@kidssing.org.

Donna Gillespie: Donna is involved in getting almost everything we do off of an idea page and into reality on a stage, be it big or small. She helps coordinate our concert props and staging needs, as well as all of our volunteers for whatever event may be coming up. She gets our studios ready for rehearsals, is responsible for preparing music for all of our singers, and this year will also be overseeing uniform information and needs. You can e-mail Donna at donna@kidssing.org.

Sherry Hoerl: Sherry started as a Chorale parent in 1994 when her two daughters joined the Children's Chorale. Sherry has been part of the Chorale staff since February 2000 and currently holds the position of Bookkeeper. Even though she is not usually in the office during rehearsals, she is very familiar with your names if not your faces! You can e-mail Sherry at sherry@kidssing.org.

Sylvia Hutson: After juggling both directing and administrative work for the last three years, Sylvia is moving back into just the administrative arena again. She keeps very busy in the office as coordinator of our marketing efforts, ticketing for concerts, ad sales, and creation of all graphics including our program books, newsletters, t-shirts, postcards... etc. Sylvia also processes registrations for all of our singers, manages our database, works with the "Bingo Czar" to arrange teams, and processes your cd and dvd orders. Once the new web-site is up and going, she will also be the "web-meister". You can e-mail Sylvia at sylvia@kidssing.org.

Tom Linz: Tom is our sound technician & photographer. A man of many talents, Tom has been with the Chorale family for over 20 years, first as a Chorale parent (Tom's three children were Chorale members) and continuing as the Chorale's sound technician and photographer. In addition to running the sound for many of the Chorale concerts, Tom does photography, concert set-up, and computer network trouble shooting for the Chorale (among other things). He traveled with Pikes Peak Singers on their tour to Australia, New Zealand and Japan in 2005 and the Pikes Peak and Summit tour to Japan in 2002.