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Artistically Speaking

by Teri Fay,
Artistic Director

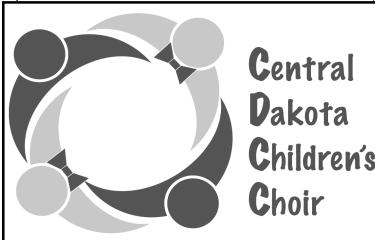
Oh my goodness, has this ever been a busy time. Typically, during the six weeks after our Christmas concerts, our choirs have had a chance to dig in and work with a fairly 'distant' goal in mind! Not so this year!! Both Cantus and Bel Canto had a huge amount of work to do for performances in January and early February, and both were wonderful ambassadors for CDCC! Thank you for a job so well done!



All 5 of our choirs have been hard at work, learning all sorts of new and exciting music to share with all of you – our audience!

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all of you to be a part of "Singing in Style" either as a committee member, or at least to attend the event. It truly is a wonderful evening of music and fun—one that is not duplicated by any other organization in our community!

I hope you will come and join us!



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Notes from Karen

by Karen Traeholt,
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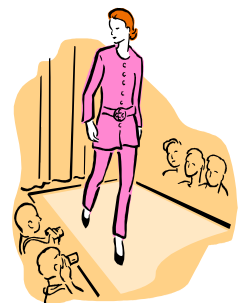
I recently had the privilege of traveling with Cantus to Moorhead, MN. Whenever any of the choirs travel, it is a working trip for me because I deal with accommodations, meals, buses and anything else that might be entailed with travel. However, I am sincere when I say traveling with our singers is a privilege. The singers we work with are hard-working, nice young people who are truly a pleasure to spend time with.

Cantus was invited by Rene Clausen to be one of four honor choirs participating in the Concordia College Choir Festival. The four choirs combined together with quartets of singers from high schools in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota to form a mass choir that rehearsed Friday night and Saturday. The festival concluded Saturday afternoon with each of the four honor

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Singing In Style

Mark your calendars for this year's Singing in Style to be held April 18th at 6pm at the Ramkota Hotel. Tickets for the annual Style Show, Silent Auction and Banquet are \$23 for adults and \$13 for students. Tickets must be purchased in advance and will be available at the office and at rehearsals. For more information, see article on page 2.



Elementary Concert Series

Each year, CDCC presents an educational concert series, free of charge, to elementary students from Burleigh and Morton counties. The purpose of these concerts is to promote music in the community and music education, teach concert etiquette, and increase awareness of CDCC and its programs among area students.

Kantorei will perform for 6th grade students on March 25th and Bel Canto will perform for students in 2nd and 3rd grade on April 24th. The concerts are underwritten by MDU Resources and the Leach Foundation and hosted by Simle Middle School. We would like to thank all of them for their continued support of the arts in our community.

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choirs (three Minnesota choirs and Cantus) performing at the concert, followed by the Concordia College Choir, and then the mass choir performance. It was truly a splendid concert. Each of the choirs did a superb job, and it really was a great honor to be invited to be a part of this event.

As the spokesperson for CDCC, I wish I could take a snapshot of an event like this and show you how well we measure up as a choral organization. Cantus, which rehearses once a week, absolutely holds its own with choirs that rehearse daily. Granted, we have some of the best singers in the area, but this absolutely would not happen if those singers did not take their responsibilities seriously and if they did not have absolute trust in their conductor.

My point is this – CDCC is a comprehensive choral program. It starts with our Jubilate singers and builds all the way to the upper end of the spectrum. I am in awe of what each conductor contributes to CDCC. Each choir achieves a high level of musical artistry. But CDCC is not just five choirs. It is a choral program that builds from level to level. The result is a rare and wonderful jewel. So to everyone who supports CDCC, whether you are a parent, a volunteer, or a contributor, please know that you do make a difference!



CDCC Spotlight On the Board

Central Dakota Children's Choir is fortunate to have a wonderful Board of Directors to oversee and guide our organization. Over the past few years, we've added several new faces and we'd like to introduce them to you. This month's featured board member is Sarah Franke.

Sarah is originally from Mandan. She attended Minnesota State University Moorhead and is currently an account manager at Agency MABU, specializing in marketing and advertising strategy and public and media relations. Her musical background includes Jr. High and High School band and choir and musicals at MHS, Sleepy Hollow Summer Theatre, and BSC. She is currently a member of the Bismarck Mandan Civic Chorus and enjoys playing piano and guitar.

One of Sarah's goals for CDCC is to increase audience size and introduce more children to the joy of singing. In her words, "It's important to teach children that music can and should be a lifelong passion. Music is another type of extracurricular activity and plays a part in being a well-rounded individual." We certainly agree and are pleased that she is part of our team.

Singing In Style

This year marks our seventh Singing in Style event, and we're aiming to make it our best yet! Silent auction, style show, decoration, raffle and ticket committees are working hard to put together a great night of entertainment. Please make plans to attend. You'll be glad you did!

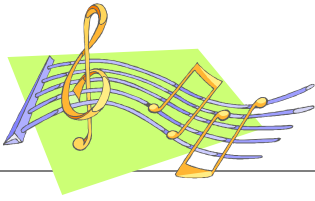


The doors will open at 6pm and people may browse through the Silent Auction items—we've got some good ones this year. The dinner, always wonderful, will be served at 6:30pm. Entertainment will be provided throughout the evening by the five CDCC choirs and, as is our tradition, choir members and directors will model this spring's latest fashions.

Tickets are available and must be purchased in advance. You may purchase tickets during choir rehearsals on the dates shown below. Volunteers will be available to sell tickets 15 minutes before rehearsal starts on these days. You may also purchase tickets from the choir office until April 15th by calling 258-6516. Visa and Mastercard will be accepted at the office. Please bring cash or checks when purchasing at rehearsals.

Jubilate	March 31st and April 7th
Angelica & Cantus	April 5th
Bel Canto & Kantorei	April 6th

Reserved tables are available for parties of eight or more. Make a list of people you know who've supported CDCC in the past (or who you think should support CDCC in the future) and invite them out for an evening of food, fashion and fun!



Choir Updates



Jubilate

by Dawn Hagerott, Director

What an exciting 2009 Jubilate has had so far! It was an honor to sing the National Anthem for the Bobcat hockey game on January 30th. The kids sang beautifully, and I so enjoyed watching them have fun throughout the game. I was extremely proud of how fabulously they all represented CDCC, both on the ice and off the ice!

The following weekend we sang at Kirkwood Mall for the Dakota West Arts Council's "Live Art in Motion." Jubilate already had two new songs memorized. They amaze me at how quickly they can learn and memorize music!

We are now preparing for our biggest event of the year. On March 4th, we will join Bel Canto and provide an educational presentation at the Belle to all the first graders in the Bismarck Public Schools. This is such a great way to get young children excited about singing, and introduce them to CDCC.

The kids were extremely excited when I told them that we had been asked to sing for a Wizard's Game. On March 25th, we will have the honor of singing the National Anthem for the Wizards. Hope to see you there!

Kantorei & Cantus

by Mike Seil, Director

The Cantus & Kantorei choirs have been very busy, diligently preparing our latest selections of literature for our upcoming performances. Kantorei has been spending much of our rehearsal time practicing the energetic Zulu Folk Song, *Jabula Jesu*, while Cantus has been completing preparation on a medley of Chinese melodies and the Creole influenced *Twa Tanbou*. Both groups are making great strides in preparing this difficult and impressive repertoire. This past January, Cantus was one of four invited choirs for the Concordia College Choir Festival. For all involved, the weekend was full of wonderful experiences and inspiring singing. This spring will again be very eventful for Kantorei. We will again be singing for many of the 6th grade classes from the Bismarck and Mandan area on the morning of March 25th. These performances have proven to be beneficial for all involved. Kantorei is also in the final stages of planning our spring tour and an exchange concert with a choir from Canada. I would especially like to invite you all to attend the Singing in Style festivities on April 18th. This is one of my favorite events that my singers and I participate in. It is a chance to eat great food and be entertained by the most talented students in the region. Don't miss it!

Again, thank you for your support of the Cantus & Kantorei Choirs and the Central Dakota Children's Choir.

Angelica & Bel Canto

by Teri Fay, Director

Angelica has been working VERY hard at learning tons of new music. Though our next scheduled event is Singing in Style, I am working on a couple of other ideas! If any of you would like to have a group of 18 lovely young ladies come and sing for your organization, please keep us in mind. We have such a wonderful variety of music ready to sing at this time and we are anxious to share it with you!

Bel Canto, just coming off the Lincoln Life Lessons performance and the Lincoln 200th Anniversary celebration at the Capitol, is busy preparing for the BPS Sips Concert on March 4th for all area 1st Graders, and our concert series at Simle Middle School on April 24th, for area 2nd and 3rd graders. These singers have worked tirelessly to prepare for their performances in conjunction with the 200th Lincoln birthday celebration, and I am so proud of what they have accomplished. You have been absolutely incredible and I am proud of you beyond belief!!

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To everyone who supports CDCC—students, contributors, parents, and volunteers, we'd like to take this opportunity to say...



Congratulations!!



We're always telling people that some of the finest musicians in the area participate in CDCC, and the number of our students who were selected to this year's State Middle School ACDA Honor Choir and ND High School All State Choir proves our point. We'd like to congratulate the following students for their hard work and dedication achieving these honors:

Kantorei

ACDA National Junior High/Middle School Honor Choir

Drew Haaland, Brian Samuelson

NDACDA Junior High/Middle School Honor Choirs

Eve Axvig, Micaela Gerhardt, Rachel Goettle, Austin Grewatz, Alexis Haaland, Drew Haaland, Jazmine Huschka, Michael Kaip, Abby Kost, Natalie Marschall, Alyssa Martin, Jiselle McCollam, Lindsay Peterson, Jake Railsback, Erin Rector, Hailey Rogstad, Brian Samuelson, Kelly Swanberg

NDMEA All-State Band

Natalie Marshall (alternate)

NDMEA All-State Choirs

Jesslyn Hall

Cantus

ACDA National High School Honor Choirs

Courtney Kramer, Karsten Pudwill

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Anthony Benz, Stephanie Pelletier, Bridget Riley, Josh Schumaker (alternate)

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Angelica

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Ivy Nadeau

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Danni Askew, Kristen Bjergaard, Bailey Carlson, Brittany Dunnigan

NDMEA All-State Orchestra

Jacqueline DeGraff

2009-2010 Choir Camps—August 17-20

Please reserve these dates on your summer calendar! Jubilate and Bel Canto will hold morning rehearsals, Kantorei and Angelica will run in the afternoons and Cantus camp will be held in the evenings. We'll post exact times on our website when they become available.

Auditions for 2009-2010 Season

Spread the news! Auditions for the 2009-2010 season will be held on Tuesday, May 5th and Wednesday, May 6th at the Francis Leach High Prairie Arts & Science Complex. Auditions will run from 5:00-8:00pm each night.

Choir members, invite your friends to join you at CDCC. Supporters, tell your friends and neighbors about CDCC. Let's make 2009-2010 our biggest year yet! For more information, call the choir office at 258-6516 or pick up an audition brochure at Eckroth Music, public libraries, area schools, the CDCC choir office or our website, www.aboutcdcc.org.

WELCOME

We're pleased to announce that Amy Miller has joined our staff as administrative assistant. Amy is a Bismarck native; however, she and her husband currently live in Mandan (which puts her on the right side of the river!!) Amy has degrees from BSC and Alexandria Technical College. She comes to us with a strong background in customer service and Karen and I are anxious to utilize her computer expertise. We're also thinking her background in interior design will come in handy when decorating for various choir events. If you are in the vicinity, take a moment to stop in and introduce yourself. We would also like to thank everyone who expressed interest in the position. We had a very talented pool of applicants from which to choose.

Cantus Unabridged

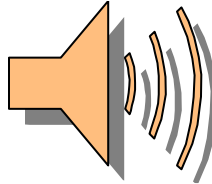
Cantus, CDCC's most advanced choir, will perform concert repertoire from throughout the year as well as solo and ensemble pieces that have been performed at competition. These students have worked hard all year honing their skills and this is their night to shine. The concert will be held at the Francis Leach High Prairie Arts & Science Complex on **May 3rd** at 7:00pm. If you're in the mood for an elegant evening of music in a relaxing atmosphere, mark this date.



The following is the fourth in a series of articles designed to give you some insight into the inner workings of CDCC—what makes this organization unique, the role each director plays, and how each part works together to create a winning team. For this article, directors were asked to give their thoughts on the importance of choral music education and CDCC's role.

Directors Sound Off

Contributed by Mike Seil



One of the most challenging and frustrating responsibilities of my position as a music educator is the constant need to justify the inclusion of music in the secondary school curriculum. Whether facing continuous budget cuts or the further intrusion of NCLB, music and the arts as a whole will continue to face further scrutiny in the age of AYP. That being said, with the proper leadership and support, which I am privy to both in my building and in my district as a whole, the value of an education rich in diversity and opportunity is clearly recognized. While we can all agree that a student's growth in math, reading and science is critical, educators must be wary to not endorse a system of education which mass produces a student void of culture and the benefit that only an arts education can provide.

One reason this justification must continuously be made is that the value of a music education is difficult to quantify. We've all heard about the "Mozart" effect and the unfortunate misinformation that has accompanied these findings. Much has also been made of the link between early music education and a child's spatial reasoning abilities. Any arts teacher could also expound on the relationship between involvement in the arts and grade point average, graduation rates and eventual success in college. However, given the multitude of diverse students who are in my room each day, the creation of community, ownership and camaraderie are the least recognized but often most beneficial aspect of participation in a choral ensemble. Regardless of ability, each singer in my classroom is given a place to belong and prosper. In most circumstances, the success of the ensemble is based on the effort of the individual for the betterment of the whole. In such an environment, feedback is immediate and positive growth is attainable in each session. As a culmination of these efforts, the assessment (a concert) is a celebration of these efforts which will not negatively affect their GPA, class rank or college future.

Involvement in one of the five choirs of Central Dakota Children's Choir is invaluable to the development of the complete choral musician and the advancement of his or her musical proficiency. While the like skills and interests that draw them to such an organization are partly responsible for the quality of product, the commonality that is formed in singers from different schools, choirs, towns and ages all working for the common good of the ensemble creates a student who will model this ambition in their school life and future endeavors. With an ensemble that is auditioned and tuitioned, sacrifices have already been made in both time and money and the student's expectations are quite elevated as a result. As a director, these expectations can be used to further motivate the singers to reach a potential that is often surprising if not inspiring. The participating singers and the staff of CDCC have proven that this involvement and the benefits thereof cannot be verified on a standardized test, but is clearly recognized by all who witness these students in action. More importantly though, as students continue to graduate from our organization, they will continue to represent proudly the values and leadership skills that are best attained with a comprehensive education in choral music.

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Performances & Events

NDWPCC Conference—Kantorei—October 9th—Ramkota Hotel—6:50pm
Surround the State in Song—Angelica—October 11th—BSC—4:00pm
BSC ChoirFest—Jubilate—November 22nd—Belle Mehus—4:00pm
Gateway Mall—All Choirs—November 23rd—Gateway Mall—1:00-3:30pm
Eide Bailly Christmas Party—Angelica—December 5th—Apple Creek—7:15pm
Pride of Dakota—Bel Canto—December 6th—Civic Center—1:00pm
CDCC Christmas Concert—All Choirs—December 19th—Belle Mehus—7:30 pm
CDCC Christmas Concert—All Choirs—December 20th—Belle Mehus—7:30 pm
Starion Financial Christmas Party—Bel Canto—January 16th—Doublewood—6:30pm
Concordia College Choral Workshop—Cantus—January 23rd & 24th—Moorhead—All day
Bobcats Hockey Game—Jubilate—January 30th—All Seasons Arena—7:30pm
DWAC Live Art in Motion—Jubilate—February 7th—Kirkwood Mall—12:00pm
Lincoln Life Lessons—Bel Canto—February 11th—FLHPASC—7:00pm
Lincoln Life Lessons—Bel Canto—February 12th—State Capitol—1:30pm
BPS Sips Concert—Jubilate & Bel Canto—March 5th—Belle Mehus—1:00pm
6th Grade Educational Concerts—Kantorei—March 25th—Simle Middle School—8:00am-noon
Dakota Wizards Game—Jubilate—March 25th—Civic Center—7:00pm
Singing in Style—All Choirs—April 18th—Ramkota Hotel—6:00pm
2nd & 3rd Grade Educational Concerts—Bel Canto—April 24th—Simle Middle School—All day
Cantus Unabridged—Cantus—May 3rd—FLHPASC—7:00pm
2009-10 Choir Auditions—May 5th & 6th—FLHPASC—5:00-8:00pm
CDCC Spring Concert—All Choirs—May 16th—Belle Mehus—7:30pm
CDCC Spring Concert—All Choirs—May 17th—Belle Mehus—4:00pm
Choir Camps—All Choirs—August 17-20

Vision Statement

Central Dakota Children's
Choir has been formed to
inspire children to a
lifelong love of singing
through the performance
of fine choral music.