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Artistically Speaking

by Teri Fay,
Artistic Director

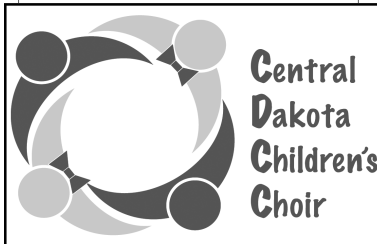
With the different hats I wear within CDCC, I am constantly reminded of what an incredible opportunity we all have to be a part of this organization.

Of course, I wear the hat of Director to both Angelica and Bel Canto. With this hat on, I make virtually all of the decisions for the groups under my direction. I select the music, voicing, performances, etc. I am always in awe of the wonderful singers we are fortunate enough to teach and their incredible parents.

Another hat I wear is that of Artistic Director, where it is my job to oversee the performance end of our organization. This involves everything from selecting our group pieces and deciding program order to teaching extra classes at High Prairie for special event days. Wearing this hat, I ask for input from many people before making any decisions, always aware that I work with the best! Dawn, Mike, Karen, Gwen, Carol, Julie, Amy and Tammy – you people are worth your weight in gold.

My 'other' hat is that of CDCC Board Member. With this hat on, I give a report, and then sit back and listen to absolutely brilliant people, solely interested in our "organizational health and welfare," make sound decisions

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Notes from Karen

by Karen Traeholt,
Executive Director

In February, I had the privilege of performing with Timothy Mahr, a guest conductor for a concert in which I performed. I am a member of the Bismarck-Mandan Wind Ensemble, and we were the reading band for the clinic Dr. Mahr was conducting for college students.

His comments regarding the written music were this: "It's all black and white." The black, of course, refers to the written music on our paper. The white is the interpretation of everything we as musicians perform. Whether you are a singer, instrumentalist, or conductor, it's not just about the notes. It is about all the nuances that it takes to change music that has no sense of

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Spring Concerts

Please join us as Central Dakota Children's Choir presents "Growing Together with Song" on Saturday, May 15, at 7:30pm and Sunday, May 16, at 4:00pm at the Belle Mehus Auditorium. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$9 for senior citizens and students, and free for children age 5 and younger. Tickets will be available at Eckroth Music, Herberger's and the choir office prior to the concert or at the door the day of the event. We would like to thank Starion Financial for sponsoring this concert series.





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 Janeen Bonine.

Originally from Johnston, Iowa, Janeen has lived in Bismarck for 15 years and has a strong musical background. She is a member and past president of the Bismarck Mandan Civic Chorus and has enjoyed performing with CDCC choirs on a number of occasions. She was a vocal education major at the Univ. of Northern Iowa, a member of the Bach Society of Minnesota, and performed the role of Mercedes in Bismarck/Mandan Symphony Orchestra's 2003 production of Bizet's Carmen, among other musical accomplishments.

Janeen joined the CDCC board in 2008 because she believes in both the benefits of music and the positive impact that CDCC can have on area youth. In her words, "This is an incredible organization with the extraordinary opportunity to foster musical excellence in the region's youth. The children in CDCC are already recognized in the region for their professionalism and excellence. That reputation will help open doors for them later in their collegiate endeavors." In looking to the future, Janeen would like to see CDCC expand to accommodate many more voices and more specialized programs.

We appreciate Janeen's musical expertise as well as her vision and look forward to working with her in the years ahead.



CDCC Introduces 2nd Grade Program

In an effort to better prepare our singers for a choral setting, CDCC will offer a class (non-performance) to second graders. Students will learn to use their "light" (head) voice as well as learn basic music reading skills in a Kodaly based class. Children will also sing, dance, and play in the tradition of the Orff philosophy.

Classes will meet 45 minutes per week and run from January through April.

For more information, call the choir office at 258-6516.

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on our behalf. With this hat on, I don't make the decisions. I am often called upon to give information, but the decisions to be made are not mine to make. We have an incredible board whose sole interest is to see us succeed at every endeavor. How fortunate we are to have them steering our ship!!!

How grateful I am to all of you!!!!

DRESS REHEARSAL...

Dress Rehearsal for Spring Concerts for all choirs is scheduled for 3:00pm on Saturday, May 15th at the Belle. Please wear your choir t-shirts to rehearsal and enter through the SE door of the Belle on Broadway.



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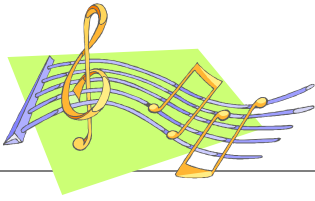
musicality into a work of art. A living, breathing entity that can make you feel and take you places in your imagination.

This concept applies to CDCC not just musically, but in your appreciation for what choir can do for a child and family. One choir parent, who has been involved with CDCC for 8 years, shared with me that she was talking with a first year parent who was enjoying the opportunities CDCC gave her child. The "old-timer" said, "I'm glad you are enjoying your year, but I'd like to explain that CDCC isn't just a one year experience. You like it the first year, and as each year goes long, you see more of the benefits that your child is experiencing. Before you know it, CDCC is this richly layered experience that has evolved from a child's experience into a family experience."

For some families, CDCC is just a brief stop in a varied palette of experiences. They experience the black part of the music, and that is enough. They may stay one or two years and be ready for something new and different.

Other families choose to savor the nuances. Some of them will be a part of CDCC for 10 years, and maybe even beyond that – we do have an alumni choir! They do what they can, when they can, and they consider it part of a journey.

Whatever your color is, black or white, your time with CDCC is important to us. Whatever your time with us, we hope that you gain something that you can keep in your heart for your entire life. Music is a lifetime endeavor. You don't have to be in CDCC to keep singing.



Choir Updates



Jubilate

by Dawn Hagerott, Director

Here we are, wrapping up the year already, yet it seems like we just began. I can so vividly remember our first day of choir camp in August. Yet, when I look out at the choir today, it seems like a completely different group of children. They have grown and developed so much as singers and musicians. We are preparing for our final three concerts of the year. On May 8th, Jubilate will be performing as the guest choir at the Bismarck Mandan Civic Chorus Spring Concert. It is so much fun to get on the risers with them and sing together. We will also get the opportunity to try out a few of our songs slated for our final CDCC concerts on May 15th and 16th. All three of these performances are invaluable learning experiences for these young singers. We will have plenty of time as audience members which will give us the opportunity to work on our concert etiquette. We will also get to watch other more experienced choirs. This is always an enjoyable learning experience. We hope to see you there!

Kantorei & Cantus

by Mike Seil, Director

FINALLY, spring is here. Both Kantorei and Cantus have been working diligently to complete our repertoire for the spring concert season. Kantorei has nearly completed work on Tom Porter's inspiring *The Hope of Discovery* while Cantus has continued our work on such fine literature as Stephen Sametz's *Pai duli vvihdul ja*. Cantus had the tremendous privilege to tour to UND, Concordia, and NDSU and work with the directors at each of these universities. This was an amazing experience for the students and was truly inspirational for me.

The Kantorei Choir again had the privilege to perform for many of the 6th grade classes in our region on April 9th. It is always nice to perform for such a polite and responsive audience. Thank you again to Simle Middle School for hosting this event. Also, a special thank you to the 6th grade teachers, students and administrators for making this concert possible. We look forward to performing for you again next year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Carol Huck for sharing her incredible talents with the students and I this year. I would also like to remind everyone that auditions are less than a month away. While I regret that we will lose such gifted and committed individuals, I am looking forward to the May auditions for next year's choirs. Please encourage all the wonderful and talented singers that you know to give CDCC consideration. Before we know it, the 2010-2011 editions of Kantorei and Cantus will be meeting for camp and preparing for what will surely prove to be another remarkable year. Again, thank you for your support of the Central Dakota Children's Choir. Have a great summer!

Angelica & Bel Canto

by Teri Fay, Director

Angelica, after some time off following our Mid-Winter Warmth, is back at it, putting some finishing touches on many of our pieces, working hard on some memorization, and adding a few more pieces to our repertoire. This hard working group of fabulous young ladies continues to be a highlight of my week! We are still hoping to schedule an 'out of town' performance soon!

As I write this, Bel Canto has just finished their performances with the Symphony, and what a wonderful experience it was for all of us! We are looking ahead to our annual 2nd and 3rd grade performances – usually a highlight in the year for these singers – and our Spring Concert. These young ladies and gentlemen have had a VERY busy year with so much expected of them, and they have been absolutely incredible!

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Eighth Note

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Jordan Roll

Tessa Rychlik

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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 9th** at 7:00pm. If you're in the mood for an elegant evening of great music and tasty treats served up in a relaxing atmosphere, be sure to save this date. Tickets are available in advance by calling the choir office or online at www.aboutcdcc.org. Tickets will also be available at the door.

CDCC Uniform Sale

Used uniform sale dates are set for June 2nd and 3rd. You may bring uniforms in for sale by consignment starting May 26th. **You will need to have garments in by May 31st in order for them to be included in the sale.** You may bring uniforms to the Choir Office at High Prairie. Choir office hours are 11am—3 pm. If you need to bring garments in at a different time, please call the office at 258-6516 to schedule an appointment. Please be sure that all garments are **laundered** and **labeled** with your name. We reserve the right to refuse sale if a garment looks unusable. If it is dirty, a laundering fee will be assessed. CDCC will assess a fee for consignment sales. This fee will be deducted from the sale of your garment. If your child is continuing on in CDCC, the information you need in regard to the sale of used uniforms and the deadlines to purchase new uniforms will be in your registration packet. You can expect a letter and check (if your garment sold) regarding the sale of your child's uniform sometime in September.



2010-2011 Choir Registration and New Parent Meeting

Families of students who intend to return to CDCC next year, please fill out a **Letter of Intent** and return to the choir office by **May 4th**. Once we have our choir lists for next year, we will send out a letter with registration details. Returning members will be asked to stop by the choir office between the dates of May 26th and June 11th to complete registration packets for next year. All information in regard to next season (dates, costs, uniforms, etc.) will be in your packet. **Registration must be completed by June 11th. After that date, a \$15 late fee will be assessed.** (Please note, this is not the deadline for tuition. Please check your packet for tuition deadlines.) For those of you who would rather attend our parent meeting for students new to CDCC and take care of registration at that time, you are welcome to do so. **Our New Parent Meeting is scheduled for 7pm on May 19th in the large auditorium at FLHPASC. Your acceptance letter should arrive by May 18th—depending on the US Mail!**

2010-2011 Choir Camps

Please reserve these dates on your summer calendar!



Jubilate	August 9-12	10am-12 noon
Bel Canto	July 26-29	9am-12 noon
Kantorei	August 16-19	1-3:30pm
Angelica	August 9-11	6:30-8:30pm
Cantus	August 16-19	6:30-9:30pm

Coming Soon—CDCC Karaoke and Trivia Night

Attention Trivia players and closet divas: CDCC will be hosting a karaoke and trivia night this summer. Plans are still “in progress,” but the tentative date is Tuesday, June 8th. Please check our website for more information as the date draws near. Interested? Start practicing your favorite tunes and brushing up on current events—this just may be your time to shine!!

Auditions for 2010-2011 Season

Spread the news! Auditions for the 2010-2011 season will be held on Wednesday, May 5th and Thursday, 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 2010-2011 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 on our website, www.aboutcdcc.org.



CDCC Seniors

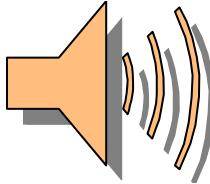
We would like to acknowledge this year's Senior class and thank them for their contribution to CDCC: Hannah Andring, Amanda Bennes, Krista Boehm, Clay Burghart, Meghan Conlin, Jeffrey Delfs, Kirstie Dienert, Lindsey Ellefson, Haley Gratz, Travis Humphrey, Trina Johnson, Katie Kirschmann, Robert Kramer, Cole Kuester, Allison Martin, Katie McCleary, Shaylee Meyer, Ammon Miller, Evan Morgenson, Rachel Patrie, Bridget Riley, Devin Roll, Kayde Schafer, Lacey Schouweiler, Josh Schumaker, Vanessa Stumpf, Emily Theurer, Marissa Van Vleet, Bobbi Jo Vandal, Kelsey Weigel, and Andrew Wolfram.

We will miss their input and leadership, but we wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

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 the whole. For this article, directors were asked to look back at CDCC's first eleven seasons and share some thoughts, experiences and memories.

Directors Sound Off

Contributed by Dawn Hagerott



I would definitely have to say that my fondest memories as the director of Jubilate have all taken place in the rehearsal room. This is where I see the children learn something new and see their confidence grow. It is the glint in their eye when they feel the freedom to express with no boundaries. It is the smile on their faces when we are all being silly and having fun. It is the time before rehearsal, when I see all the friendships they have formed. There are no barriers of school, socioeconomic status, or race—just a group of kids who all love music and love to sing. It is when they show such growth as musicians and artists that I stand in front of them in amazement. I don't think that these young individuals realize the impression they make on me.

When I became the founding director of Jubilate, I set goals. These goals have been, and continue to be, how I challenge myself most. I strive to make Jubilate a safe place where every child can feel the freedom to express themselves; where learning about music and making music become so fun that they become “hooked” for life; where young singers discover the magic of music and challenge themselves as musicians and artists; where each child knows how important they are as individuals, even though there are so many in the group. Each singer in Jubilate is invaluable and makes our choir complete.



Presents...

Frances Leach Arts & Science Camp! Aug 9-13

Ready for sunshine, action & summer fun? Let the partners at High Prairie jump start your planning with our fun summer programs, including *Frances Leach Arts & Science Camp!* We have science, theatre, art and music classes galore. Try as many as fit your summer schedule.

Visit www.highprairiecomplex.com for the full schedule of summer programs and to register online, or stop at the High Prairie Complex, 1810 Schafer Street, Bismarck, during business hours (11am to 3pm M-F) to get information and registration forms in person.

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Performances & Events

Surround the State in Song—Angelica—October 10th—CHS—4:00pm
Waterford—Angelica—October 11th—Waterford—7:00pm
Singing in Style—All Choirs—November 1st—Ramkota Hotel—5:00pm
Tree Lighting at the Belle—Bel Canto—November 18th—Belle Mehus—5:15pm
BSC ChoirFest—Jubilate—November 21st—Belle Mehus—3:00pm
Bismarck Optimist Club—Jubilate—December 5th—Civic Center—10:00am
ND Dept of Agriculture—Bel Canto—December 5th—Civic Center—2:00pm
ND Water Convention—Cantus—December 10th—Ramkota Hotel—6:30pm
BPS Sips Concert—Jubilate & Bel Canto—December 16th—Belle Mehus—9:00am & 10:30am
CDCC Christmas Concert—All Choirs—December 17th & 18th—Belle Mehus—7:30pm
DWAC Live Art in Motion—Jubilate—February 6th—Kirkwood Mall—10:30am
MidWinter Warmth—Angelica—February 20—FLHPASC—10:30am
Cantus Tour—Cantus—March 19th & 20th—Grand Forks, Fargo, Moorhead
Bismarck/Mandan Symphony Carmina Burana—Bel Canto—March 20th—MHS—7:30pm
Bismarck/Mandan Symphony Carmina Burana—Bel Canto—March 21st—MHS—2:30pm
6th Grade Educational Concerts—Kantorei—April 9th—Simle Middle School—8:00am-noon
2nd & 3rd Grade Educational Concerts—Bel Canto—April 22nd—Simle Middle School—All day
Kantorei Tour—Kantorei—April 25th & 26th—Grafton, Grand Forks, Moorhead
Bismarck/Mandan Civic Chorus—Jubilate—May 8th—Belle Mehus—7:30pm
Cantus Unabridged—Cantus—May 9th—FLHPASC—7:00pm
2010-11 Choir Auditions—May 5th & 6th—FLHPASC—5:00-8:00pm
CDCC Spring Concert—All Choirs—May 15th—Belle Mehus—7:30pm
CDCC Spring Concert—All Choirs—May 16th—Belle Mehus—4:00pm
CDCC New Parent Mtg—All Choirs—May 19th—FLHPASC—7:00pm
CDCC Used Uniform Sales—June 2nd & 3rd—FLHPASC—7:00pm
CDCC Karaoke & Trivia Night—June 8th (Tentative)—TBA
Choir Camp—Bel Canto—July 26th-29th
Choir Camp—Jubilate & Angelica—August 9th-12th
Choir Camp—Kantorei & Cantus—August 16th-19th

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.