

Redwood Coast Children's Choir

WELCOME!

August 26, 2002

For Fall Choir: September 4 to December 11, 2002

Choir Director: Wendy Platt

Accompanist: Annette Wilson

Welcome to the second Redwood Coast Children's Choir!

Singing and music is a passion of mine and I hope to give that same passion to our children. As everything is still pretty new, there will be bumps in the road as we find the best approach. My goal for the students is to make music fun and enjoyable.

This semester I am testing out separating the children roughly by age. My intent is to have the children who are ready to be a little more serious about learning to read music in the "older" group. The "younger" group will have the others. Younger children who have the attention span (and stamina!) and wish to participate in both groups could give it a try. I am open to seeing what works best.

Included in this packet are several sheets. Please fill out and return all forms. You can keep the informational sheets. Please let me know if any of the information for your student changes so I can keep current.

In the beginning, we will be singing without music, just to get a feel. If music comes home with your child, please make sure they bring it back to practice.

To simplify things, I will be providing snacks for the children. However, due to logistics, they won't be anything fresh (such as cut up fruit). If any parent is bringing a child and wishes to contribute some fresh cut up fruit or anything else, feel free. I can always keep my snacks for another week!

To contact me, my first choice is email. I check it often and will get back to you as soon as possible unless I am out of town. Second choice is phone. Third is by mail!

WENDY PLATT

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FORMS TO BE FILLED OUT AND RETURNED UPON
REGISTRATION

Registration

Contract (2) copies (one for Wendy, one for student)

Dates checklist

Volunteer checklist

INFORMATION SHEETS TO BE KEPT BY PARENT

Welcome letter

FAQs (Frequently asked questions)

Dates sheet

Volunteer information

Will my child have fun?

Yes, if they want to and participate.

Will my child learn to read music?

Eventually. We will start slowly, but my eventual goal (and it may take more than one semester) will be to have all children reading music and learning some music theory.

What kind of music will the children sing?

Just about everything. For this Fall semester we will concentrate on holiday music from a variety of sources.

What can I do to encourage my child?

Listen to music. All kinds. If there are local performances, take them. Children get in free to Gualala Arts performances.

What if my child is disruptive?

I'll tell you. This choir is NOT school. It is something you and your child has chosen to participate in. The only reason I will ask a child to leave the choir is because they have been disruptive or disrespectful to themselves or others. Three strikes, they're out! This is supposed to be fun. For ALL of us, including the choir director, accompanist and volunteers. We are NOT a babysitting service!

What if I sign up and find my child can't attend the performance(s)?

If the student still wants to sing, great! However, I will need to know so I can plan who will be where and when.

What can I do to help?

There's plenty to do, musical and non-musical. Check out the volunteer information sheet to see where you can help! Then sign up on the Volunteer Checklist!

What if my child has to miss a practice?

Not a problem, but I would like to know as I will be expecting him/her and will worry if he/she doesn't arrive.

What if my child is sick?

PLEASE keep sick children home. Germs spread all too easily.

What if I know a child that wants to join but didn't get to sign up?

Have the parent/guardian call me. They can start late, but depending on the timing may not be able to participate in some of the optional performances.

Is the December 11 performance the only one?

I am working on some other possibilities. With the children in school during the day, it will be difficult to add any performances such as a Senior Lunch or something like that. I would love to have the children perform in a few places, but that will have to be arranged as the semester progresses. I will send home information as soon as I have it.

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DATES SHEET

FALL SEMESTER 2002: SEPTEMBER 4 THROUGH DECEMBER 11, 2002

PRACTICES:

Please be prompt. We are REALLY going to try to start on time as we have a lot to cover!!!

All practices at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Point Arena

Younger group: Wednesdays, 3:00 to 4:30 pm

There WILL NOT be practice on Wednesday, Nov. 20. (Thanksgiving holiday)

Older group: Wednesdays: 4:30 to 6:00 pm

There WILL NOT be practice on Wednesday, Nov. 20. (Thanksgiving holiday)

DRESS REHEARSAL:

Both groups will rehearse and perform together. There will be a few songs both groups will learn and a few each group will perform separately

Wednesday, December 11 at 4:00 pm at Gualala Art Center

PERFORMANCES:

Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 pm at Gualala Art Center. Call time is 6:45 pm.

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VOLUNTEER/HELP INFORMATION SHEET

To make this choir happen, I will need as much help as I can get. There are a variety of ways to help. I know just how busy everyone is, so do what you can, when you can, but PLEASE if you have signed up to do something, please come through or try to find someone (other than the choir director or accompanist) to fill that job.

SNACK HELP

- Snacks for practice
- Snacks for dress rehearsal (s)
- Refreshments for performances

LOGISTICS HELP

- Phone tree
- Transportation/dates

SCHOOLS CONTACT

- Arena
- Pacific Charter School
- Manchester
- Horicon

SET UP/CLEAN UP PRACTICES HELP

- CLEAN UP after younger group at 4:25 pm:
check areas that all in back in its place
(children will help, but someone needs to check that it was done properly)
- CLEAN UP at 6:00 pm: check areas that all in back in its place (children will help, but someone needs to check that it was done properly)

SET UP/CLEAN UP DRESS REHEARSAL

- Gualala: Gualala Arts Center on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002 at 4:00
- SETUP arrive at 3:30: help with room setup, risers, greet students, give out snacks, put away snacks
- CLEAN UP at 5:45: check areas that all in back in its place (children will help, but someone needs to check that it was done properly)

SET UP/CLEAN UP PERFORMANCE HELP

- Gualala: Gualala Arts Center on Wednesday, December 11, 2002 at 7:00 pm
- SETUP arrive at 6:30 pm: help with room setup, risers, greet students
- CLEAN UP at 8:30 pm : check areas that all in back in its place, chairs put away, risers put away (children will help, but someone needs to check that it was done properly)

FUNDRAISING HELP

- Community fundraising
- Service group fundraising
- Church groups fundraising

COSTUME HELP

- Help produce performance costumes

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

- Odd jobs!

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REGISTRATION

Attend practices:

3:00 pm 4:30 pm

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name _____ Date of birth _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Physical Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Grade in school _____ School _____ Teacher _____

PARENT INFORMATION

Responsible adult #1: Mother Father Legal guardian Other _____
Name _____

Home Phone _____ Work phone _____ Email _____

Yes, email is a good way to contact me

Responsible adult #2: Mother Father Legal guardian Other _____
Name _____

Home Phone _____ Work phone _____ Email _____

Yes, email is a good way to contact me

MEDICAL RELEASE

In case of emergency, Wendy Platt, or an adult designated by Wendy Platt has permission to seek emergency medical care for my child _____.

Primary physician _____

Health insurance company _____ Policy/ID# _____

Signature of responsible adult _____ Date _____

SPECIAL NEEDS

Food allergies (snack type foods) _____

Other special needs _____

MISCELLANEOUS

It is OK to include my child and contact information on a roster of students to be given to other parents of the choir.

Do not include my child's name on any list.

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CONTRACT

Fall 2002 choir: September 4 to December 11, 2002

There are two copies of this form. Fill out and sign both. Wendy Platt will also sign and return one copy for your records.

Contract for _____ Younger Older

STUDENT

- I agree to listen, practice, participate, be helpful, learn the music and attend all practices and performances unless I (or my parents/guardians) have contacted the choir director.
- I agree to be helpful and respectful to the choir director, accompanist and my fellow singers.

Student name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

PARENT

- I (We) agree to encourage practice, attendance and applaud the success of our child.
- I (We) agree that we will contact the choir director via phone or email if our child cannot attend, is delivered or picked up via any other manner than listed above, and that we will not be late to pick up our child. I (We) understand that we may be charged \$1 for every minute after the end of choir rehearsal should we or the designated responsible adult be late to pick up.
- I (We) agree to help/volunteer with the choir in a way appropriate to our situation.
- I (We) agree to attend at least one choir performance of my child.
- I (We) agree to pay \$50 in materials fees payable to: Platt & Company.
- I (We) agree to transport safely to and from practices and performances

My child will normally arrive to practice via school bus parent/responsible adult other _____

My child will normally be picked up from practice via parent responsible adult other _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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CHOIR DIRECTOR

- I, Wendy Platt, agree to teach singing in a manner I find best suited to the entire choir.
- I, Wendy Platt, agree to do my best to instill a love of singing and music for this child.
- I, Wendy Platt, agree to inform parents/guardians of changes, additions, special events applicable to the choir.

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Yes, my child will participate in the following:

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Older group: St. Paul's Methodist Church, Point Arena, Wednesdays, 4:30 to 6:00 pm

Mandatory performance on Wednesday, December 11, 2002 at 7:00 pm

Both groups combined

Dress rehearsal

Wednesday, December 11 at 4:00-6:00 pm at Gualala Art Center

Performance

Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 pm at Gualala Art Center. Call time is 6:45 pm

Optional performances to be announced

Day off: Wednesday, November 20 NO CHOIR!!!

Choir ends for the year after the performance on Dec. 11.

I also promise to contact Wendy Platt as soon as possible if any of the above changes!

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VOLUNTEER/HELP CHECKLIST

Please indicate any you can help with! Don't bite off more than you can chew...but your help is greatly

Volunteer name _____ Date _____

Home Phone _____ Work phone _____ Email _____

What you are able to help with _____

OTHER!!! _____

OTHER!!! _____