

## Moto Symphony Notes—UPDATED 10/6/2008:

Thank you for your patience! Last Friday, I finally received answers to our symphony questions! The symphony made several **critical** changes that directly impact our choir.

**Change in Rehearsal Schedules:** AHHHHHH--there are changes in the rehearsal schedules. The symphony normally rehearses from 7:30 to 10:00, but because we are sticking to our guns about dismissing by 9:00 p.m., we now need to arrive earlier for rehearsal so that our stage positions can be blocked before the symphony arrives! Please make the necessary changes to your personal calendars!

**Wednesday, December 10 Rehearsal 5:45-9:00 p.m.** (Bring your homework and H2O.)

*\*Bus leaves Atonement at 4:45 and should arrive back at 9:30.*

*(Bring your homework, H2O and a disposable sack dinner)*

**Thursday, December 11 Rehearsal 6:00-9:00** (Bring your homework and H2O.)

*\*Bus leaves Atonement at 5:00 and should arrive back at 9:30.*

*(Bring your homework, H2O and a disposable sack dinner)*

*P.S. the bus is full!*

### Additional Performance for Each Singer Now Added:

-- Due to the Symphony's changes coming from the new assistant director, we need more singers at every performance than **THEY** originally requested. *It was never our intention for this experience to be such a burden to our singers and families. We greatly appreciate your understanding and know it will be a once in a life-time opportunity!*

--Please check the list to see your additional performance. It is crucial that we maintain the same balance and level of excellence at each performance. Because of this, **you are expected to perform according to your group's assigned date and time.** **We need to know any changes by NOV. 1.** If you can not attend a performance, you will need to exchange with someone that is the exact same part. (Example: Group 1 Part A, would exchange with Group 3, Part A for all performances.) Need help, see Shari!

**CARPOOL, CARPOOL, CARPOOL! Start planning to make your lives easier!!!!!! Carpool list is available at the check in table!**

### Performances:

Friday, December 12	7:30 p.m.	Groups 1, 3, 5 + <b>Group 2</b>
Saturday, December 13	2:00 p.m.	Groups 1, 2, 4 + <b>Group 3</b>
Saturday, December 13	7:30 p.m.	Groups 1, 2, 4 + <b>Group 5</b>
Sunday, December 14	2:00 p.m.	Groups 2, 3, 5 + <b>Group 4</b>
Sunday, December 14	6:00 p.m.	Groups 3, 4, 5 + <b>Group 1</b>

**\* Plan to arrive 45 minutes ahead to check in with the Stage Manager at the back door. If you arrive later than this, you may not be allowed in by the stage manager!**

### Inclement Weather:

The performances will take place regardless of the weather. The only reason for cancellation would be no power.

## **What to do during and between the performances?**

\*Space is limited at the Lyric; there is no room for waiting parents. We can store our coats and backpacks. Do not bring valuables! The singers will be with Allegro staff before and during the performances. We will not be able to stay in the Lyric between performances. Parents: Remember – you are responsible for your singer between performances. Staff will not be available between performances.

## **Questions now answered by the Symphony:**

### **1. Where do we sing within the program?**

We sing in both the first and second act. Our final song is #5 in Act II. Once the symphony has timed the music, we can give you specific times for pick up. The performance lasts about 2 hours.

### **2. *Parent tickets.*** We are still working to get a group number for you to order the tickets. Please look for an email containing our group number and online ordering information.

### **3. *Where to drop off/pick up the singers?*** Singers will enter and exit with all the other performers through the side door entrance of the Lyric Theater. The side door entrance is located on the east side of the Lyric, located at Wyandotte and 11<sup>th</sup> Street. There is a parking lot at the corner as well as an alley. The door is right along side the alley. We will have a staff member positioned there beginning at 5:30 the night of the rehearsals as well as an hour before each performance to help the singers. For a detailed map as well as parking lot information, go to **<http://www.kcsymphony.org/TheSymphonyExperience/HallInformation/LyricTheatre/directions.jsp>**

### **4. *Does my singer need to stay for entire performance?***

Your singer can leave as soon as we finish our last song which is #5 in the second act. We will have a specific time once the symphony times the music! Singers whose families plan to stay for the entire performance as audience members will remain backstage for the remainder of the performance.

### **5. *Arrival time for each performance?*** You will need to arrive 45 minutes prior to each performance to check in with the stage manager at the back door.

### **6. *Pick up time for each performance?*** Once the symphony has timed the music, we can give you a specific pick up time at the back door!

## **Planning needed by parents:**

1. Create carpools
2. Water, snack, and homework to do
3. Plan activities and food between performances
  - a. Crown Center—Mayor's Christmas Tree, food, shopping, skating (food courts, Panera, etc.)
  - b. New Light District
  - c. Union Station—IMAX, museum, etc.
4. Change of clothes to protect your uniform between performances