

# Allegro September 2008 Newsletter

Allegro Singers and Parents: We are off to a great start! You should hear your singer practicing at least 3-4 times a week. If not, today it is a great time to check-in and make sure your singer is printing off and completing homework! All singers should have received homework by now—triple check that you are receiving it! All choirs are starting to memorize music—ask them what they have memorized, ask them to sing for you!! Please read below for updates and important reminders!

## Upcoming Payment and Form Deadlines:

September 8, 2008: Moto and Brio Tour Commitment Form and \$100 Deposit Due

September 8, 2008: Moto Symphony Rehearsal Bus Form Due

October 6, 2008: Final Tuition payment (yeah!) Poco \$125, Moto/Brio \$250

*\*All forms can be found on the website, under the choir forms tab*

### September

- 8 **Regular Rehearsal**  
**Committee Head Meeting - 6:15**  
**Tour Commitment & \$100 Deposit due: Moto and Brio**  
**Moto C/D Sectional 5:15-5:45**  
**Brio C/D Sectional 6:15-6:45**
- 15 **Regular Rehearsal**  
**Make Up Night--\$10 Payable to Allegro**  
Poco 6:15-6:45, Moto 5:00-5:40, Brio 6:00-6:40
- 22 **Regular Rehearsal**  
**Fall Concert Tickets On Sale--\$10 per ticket**  
**10 Year Anniversary Committee Meeting - 5:15-6:00**
- 23 & 24 **Moto Group Lessons at Christy's**  
10460 S. Deerfield, Olathe  
Sign up begins on Sept. 8—must attend one date
- 29 **Regular Rehearsal**  
**PR Committee Concert Mailing Prep Night**  
**Moto A/B Sectional 5:15-5:45**  
**Brio A/B Sectional 6:15-6:45**
- 30 **Brio Group Lessons at Christy's**  
10460 S. Deerfield, Olathe  
Sign up begins on Sept. 8—must attend one date

### October:

- 1 **Brio Group Lessons at Christy's**  
10460 S. Deerfield, Olathe  
Sign up begins on Sept. 8—must attend one date
- 5 **All Choir Special Rehearsal with Clinician**  
Poco 1:00-2:30, Moto 1:00-3:00, Brio 1:00-5:30
- 6 **Final Tuition Payment Due:**  
Moto/Brio \$250.00; Poco \$125.00  
**Regular Rehearsal—ALL FALL MUSIC MEMORIZED!**  
**Make-up Night-\$10 payable to Allegro**  
Poco-6:15-6:45, Moto 5:00-5:40, Brio 6:00-6:40  
**All Parent Meeting - 6:15**
- 13 **Regular Rehearsal**  
**Make Up Night-\$10 payable to Allegro**  
Poco-6:15-6:45, Moto 5:00-5:40, Brio 6:00-6:40
- 20 **Regular Rehearsal**
- 21 **Community Performances—All Choirs**  
**Location and Time –TBA**
- 27 **Dress Rehearsal--Atonement**  
Poco 5:00-6:45, Moto 5:30-7:30, Brio 6:20-8:45  
**Mandatory Uniform Check—Wear complete uniform**

**10 Year Anniversary Committee:** Thank you to those of you interested in serving on our 10 Year Anniversary Committee! We will get the ball rolling at our first meeting on Monday, September 22 from 5:15-6:00. Christy will be there with all the fun details and outline to get your creative and organizational skills working!

**Tour commitment and deposit due Sept. 8 Moto & Brio:** The Tour Commitment Form is due whether you plan to attend or not. Deposit is \$100 payable to Allegro. Forms were given out at rehearsal and are available on the Choir Forms tab of the website if you were absent or lost your form.

**First Make Up night, Sept. 15:** Plan to attend if you know you will miss or have missed an Allegro rehearsal. You do not want to be ineligible for the concert because of more than one absence. Just show up at your choir's scheduled make-up time if you wish to attend a make-up. Poco 6:15 - 6:45, Moto: 5:00-5:40, Brio 6:00-6:40. Bring \$10.00 payable to Allegro. If you forget your payment, come anyway - we will bill you. **There are only 3 make up's available before the Fall concert.** You are only allowed to have one absence that has not been made up prior to Fall Dress Rehearsals. Plan Ahead! Remember – the full Attendance Record is available on the Choir Forms tab of the website.

**Moto/Brio Group Lessons at Christy's House:** Sign-ups are now available for group lessons at Christy's house. The sign-up book will be at the check-in table on Monday nights! Every Moto and Brio singer needs to attend one lesson. Group lessons are part of attendance!!!! These lessons are essential and homemade chocolate chip cookies are served!

\*Christy's Address: 10460 S. Deerfield Ln., Olathe, Ks 66061

Directions from 435/I-69: Take 435 West to K-10 West (Lawrence). Get off at Woodland Rd. Exit. Turn left (south) on Woodland Rd. Turn right (west) on 105<sup>th</sup> St. into Mill Creek Farms. Turn right on Deerfield to house with bright blue front door.

\*You can also take College Blvd. straight out to Woodland Rd. If you do, turn right (north) on Woodland, turn left (west) on 105<sup>th</sup>, turn right on Deerfield Ln. to house with bright blue door.

**Uniforms are in!!!** Wow! Thanks to Renee Blackman and her wonderful uniform committee, the uniforms are here and ready to send home with your singer on Monday, September 8! To prevent lost or uniform mix-ups, parents are welcome to pick up the uniform *BEFORE* rehearsal. Otherwise, the uniform will be given to the singer/parent *AFTER* rehearsal! Hemming instructions will be sent with the dresses! (Garment bags will be in later this month.)

### **Audition Opportunities for State and National Choirs!**

There are two amazing honor choir opportunities for Allegro singers. If interested in auditioning, Christy will schedule 20 minute recording sessions on Friday, September 19 beginning at 4:00 p.m. Due to Christy's crazy schedule, only a few recording times are available. Only singers that can prepare the necessary singing items for the audition and can come to the audition completely prepared at the time of the audition recording should sign-up! Honor Choir Recording Sign Ups will be in the black Sign Up book at the check in table at rehearsal.

\*Parents are responsible for: mailing the audition according to specifications and deadline, chaperoning their singer and for all music, travel, and registration fees associated with these honor choirs.

Kansas Choral Director Association's Treble Honor Choir, Wichita, Kansas, Friday, February 25, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. in conjunction with the KMEA annual convention.

1. For treble voices in grades 5-9.
2. Audition must be postmarked by October 1, 2008.
3. Print off and complete the application and guidelines from [www.kansaschoral.com](http://www.kansaschoral.com), click on the 2009 KCDA State Treble Choir Info. Tab.
4. You will want to print off a copy of the Alleluia used for the audition.
5. A rehearsal CD is available at the check-in table for practice.

American Choral Director Association's 6-9 Mixed Honor Choir March 4-7 in Oklahoma City, OK:

1. For singers in grades 7-9, ages 11-15
2. Audition must be postmarked by October 1, 2008.
3. Print off the guidelines and applications from [www.acdaonline.org](http://www.acdaonline.org), click on General Convention Tab, then click on Honor Choirs.
4. Singers will need to have prepared a solo piece of classical music one minute in length, sing a low scale as well as a high scale and sing "My Country 'tis of Thee" unaccompanied. Ask Christy if you have questions about appropriate music.

**How to Memorize Music:** We try to get the music out of the singers' hands as quickly as possible so that they can focus on the artistry and presentation aspects of performances. With only 4 weeks until ALL FALL CONCERT MUSIC needs to be memorized, we thought it may be helpful to share some tips on memorizing music!

1. Speak the words only in correct rhythm two or three times with the music out, and then two or three times with no music.
2. Write down the words. This is especially useful for verses or tough spots to sing.
3. Sing through the song while looking at the music, close the music and sing again. Go back and see how great you did and fix places that need help!

4. You can also sing through just parts of the song with the music, close the music and sing it again, continue until finished with the piece of music.
5. Singers that review their music 2-4 times per week RIGHT now will have no trouble memorizing words and notes by October 6.

**Parent Volunteers Needed:** PR committee will need volunteers to help with the concert invitation mailing on Sept. 29 during rehearsals, email [pr@allegrocc.org](mailto:pr@allegrocc.org) and RSVP to Jane Jarboe if you can help. Thank you!

**Fundraisers:** Take advantage of the easy ways to put funds into your account!!!! Wouldn't it be great not to have to write a check for October's tuition payment? Here are 3 VERY easy, PROVEN and EFFECTIVE ways to fundraise for yourself:

1. Are you planning to buy pumpkins or Fall mums? How about friends, neighbors, and family? Allegro sells Johnson Farms gift certificates in \$10.00 & \$25.00 increments. Singers get \$1.40 credit for each \$10.00 Gift Certificate purchase and \$3.50 credit for each \$25.00 Gift Certificate purchase. Gift Certificates do not have an expiration date. See the Johnson Farms Notebook at the Check In Table for more info or contact Shari with questions - [shari@allegrocc.org](mailto:shari@allegrocc.org) or 645-2794.
2. Have you been to Hyvee or Price Shopper without a coupon book!!!! AHHHHHHH!! Cost is \$5.00, you receive \$3.50 credit. Plus, the first coupon is \$5.00 off on grocery purchase on \$50 or more. Coupon Books are available at all rehearsals – see Shari to purchase. Sonic Discount Cards are also available.
3. We strongly encourage you to send out Sponsor Letters to Businesses/Family/Friends. Singers get 70% of all Program Ad/Donation money that comes in on their behalf and the sponsors receive tax or advertising benefits! Remaining 30% goes to Allegro's General Fund for all singers. Sponsor Form is available on the Choir Forms tab of the website. If money comes in on your behalf, you will receive notification via email from Shari.

**Moto Symphony Rehearsal Bus Commitment form due 9/8:** Please return the Rehearsal Bus Commitment Form whether you plan to use the bus or go it alone so that we have an accurate headcount! Forms were given to singers at last rehearsal. If you were absent or lost your form, it is available on the Choir Forms tab of the website. **NOTE: This bus is for the Mandatory Rehearsals on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> only – no bus transportation is available for the actual performances.** Choir Families are encouraged to carpool for performances. Questions? Contact Shari: [shari@allegrocc.org](mailto:shari@allegrocc.org) or 645-2794.

**Moto, can you sing at Extra Symphony Performances???:** We need an additional 4-6 singers for each performance at The Magic of Christmas! If you can and would be willing to sing at another performance, please sign yourself up in the Sign-Up book at the check-in table! If you want to sign up for all performances, that is fine too.

**Poco Day Tour Date change:** Poco day tour will be Sunday, April 19, not April 11 due to Easter weekend. Look for more details in January 09!

**Allegro T-shirt, Sweatpants and Music Bags:** These goodies will be available for sale in the coming weeks. These are not Tour t-shirts. They can be ordered by anyone. Watch for more info.

**Purchase CD's?:** Several have asked about purchasing CD's from last year! Allegro 2007/2008 Fall Spring Compilation CD's are available for \$25.00. We also have Winter Blessings 2007 available for \$20.00 and Allegro Live - Favorites from 2004-2007 available for \$20.00. See Shari at the Check In Desk to purchase.

**In Case of an Absence:** Absence notification needs to go to [attendance@allegrocc.org](mailto:attendance@allegrocc.org) - not your director!!!! If there is an error on the Attendance record (you forgot to check yourself in or checked the wrong square), please notify Lori Plank at [attendance@allegrocc.org](mailto:attendance@allegrocc.org).