

## MYC & MADISON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: A MADISON SYMPHONY CHRISTMAS REHEARSAL & CONCERT PRIMER 2015

**Con Gioia** sings in the first half of the concert only; **Cantabile and Ragazzi** sing in the entire concert—hence the different pick-up times.

**IMPORTANT:** This concert is a collaborative effort among hundreds of musicians and several different organizations. **The ending times listed below are everyone's best guess. It is possible that rehearsals may run late.** We know this is a busy week, and everyone involved wants to avoid late nights, but there are only two rehearsals to put this concert together. We appreciate your flexibility!

### I. Rehearsals and Concerts

Wednesday, December 2 (rehearsal)

Con Gioia: 6:15pm drop-off, 7:45pm pick-up

Cantabile & Ragazzi: 6:15pm drop-off, 8:30pm pick-up

Thursday, December 3 (rehearsal)

Con Gioia: 6:15pm drop-off, 8:30pm pick-up

Cantabile & Ragazzi: 6:15pm drop-off, 10:30pm pick-up (possible this evening will end by 10pm)

Friday, December 4 (concert, 7:30pm)

Con Gioia: 7:00pm drop-off, 8:45pm pick-up

Cantabile & Ragazzi: 7:00pm drop-off, 9:45pm pick-up

Saturday, December 5 (concert, 8:00pm)

Con Gioia: 7:30pm drop-off, 9:15pm pick-up

Cantabile & Ragazzi: 7:30pm drop-off, 10:15pm pick-up

Sunday, December 6 (concert, 2:30pm)

Con Gioia: 2:00pm drop-off, 3:45pm pick-up

Cantabile & Ragazzi: 2:00pm drop-off, 4:45pm pick-up

### II. Drop-off/Pick-up

Please drop-off and pick-up singers at the Overture Hall Security Entrance (121 North Henry Street, across from the courthouse). We will have staff inside the Security Entrance for both drop-off and pick-up so your singer should see a familiar face upon arrival! Only MYC singers, staff, and official parent chaperones will be allowed past the security entrance; there is no "open" dress rehearsal.

**Con Gioia families:** We assume you are picking up your singer at the pick-up times above. **On concert evenings these times coincide with the beginning of Intermission.** As a reminder, if you are planning to stay for the second half of the concert (highly recommended) your singer will need her own ticket to enter the hall.

**All pick-ups are from the security entrance (121 North Henry Street, across from the courthouse).**

Singers: Upon entering, show your backstage pass to the security guard, get buzzed in, and proceed directly downstairs to our warm-up rooms. MYC staff and chaperones will be available to help direct singers to the appropriate places. Singers should bring their music and backstage pass to each rehearsal and performance.

### III. What to Wear

For Rehearsals: Red MYC polos or It's My Choir t-shirt and jeans or pants

For Concerts: Full Concert Dress

Con Gioia: Black concert dress, black hosiery/undergarments, low/flat black shoes

Cantabile: Black concert dress, black hosiery/undergarments, low/flat black shoes

Ragazzi: Tux (jacket, shirt, bowtie, pants), black dress shoes/socks

Singers should not wear any excessive jewelry, perfumes/scents.

Please do NOT bring any valuables. We do not have a private space to keep our things, and no electronics are allowed on stage. Homework and books are OK off-stage, but it's hard to predict what kind of down time there will be. In addition, if singers bring cell phones, please SILENCE them during rehearsals and performances (and please no texting during rehearsals or on stage!).

Questions? Please ask. ☺