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Hello Singers!

We're once again looking forward to an exciting season of delightful and inspiring choral singing. The spring concert, "Mass of the Children" is May 16, 2010 at 7 pm. The featured work is Mass of the Children, by John Rutter (published by Hinshaw Music Inc. -HI.HMB238).

We will start rehearsals for the concert on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 7 to 9:30 pm at Winters Mill High School. We will rehearse every Tuesday through May 4. The Tuesday, May 11 rehearsal will be in McDaniel College's Big Baker Chapel. There will be a rehearsal with the orchestra on Saturday, May 15 from 2 to 5.

In addition to our May concert, we will perform the Rutter in collaboration with the Children's Chorus of Carroll County on Sunday, April 18 at 3 pm. At this time there are two rehearsals scheduled, one Friday evening, April 16 from 7-9 (with the orchestra) and Saturday, April 17 sometime between 1-3 (as needed to touch up). The most important rehearsal will be the Friday night one. More details will be given at the start of rehearsals.

In addition to "Mass of the Children," we will be singing songs from across the spectrum of the American choral tradition. These will include a variety of American folk song settings, including one by our own Justine Koontz (Black is the Color) and one by me (Johnnie's Gone for a Soldier), as well as the spiritual "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel," arranged by Undine Moore. We will sing Randall Thompson's "Alleluia," and "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need," by Virgil Thompson. To match the theme of "innocence" as reflected in the Rutter, we will do a couple of pieces from Earl George's "Songs of Innocence." If you went to the College Choir concert you will have heard "Little Lamb," and "Laughing Song."

You, with all of your individual voices, coming together in such a powerfully united and joyfully ecstatic sound, are what make choral singing such an incredible experience for the whole community. We're looking forward to making this year the best ever!

See you soon!!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Margie Boudreaux, Artistic Director