

SRYS Treble Choir Director Notes - Week 2

Dear Treble Choir family,

We had another EXCELLENT rehearsal this week!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK!



REHEARSAL RECAP

- We warmed up our bodies by working on our best singing posture (remember that puppet string!) and we practiced listening to one another and being aware of intonation by singing the round, *Scotland's Burning*, that we started learning last week.
- We continued working on concert repertoire concentrating heavily in this rehearsal on *All Things Bright and Beautiful* and *All Praise to Thee*. We also read through the rhythmic section of *Baseball Fever* and sang through our part on *Jubilate Deo*.
- 🎉 Special thank you to Ms. Dianna Parrish for her SUPER help today in rehearsal!

LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS

- As recordings become available, please have your child listen to them several times during the week. When possible (and most of the time), singers should listen while looking at their music, following along as the songs are sung.
- On songs that have PARTS, look for your singer's initials in the box below. He/she should listen to the corresponding part.

Part 1		Part 2	
EB	CE	GB	TB
RC	AK	LC	AD
MH	EO	OH	AL (Ash.)
EO	CP	ML	AL (Ant.)
TP	GW	AS	JW

- ***Jubilate Deo* - ALL on PART 3**
 - Practice proper pronunciation of your Latin:
 - Jubilate is [yoo-bee-lah-teh]
 - Deo is [deh-oh]
 - Alleluia is [Aw-leh-loo-yah]
 - All singers are singing part 3 which begins at measure 17.
 - You sing **only** when the voice on the recording is singing. The piano represents all the other parts.


- Listen to your intervals on the ending “Alleluia.” Sing them correctly.
- This should be memorized for rehearsal on 2/26.

- ***All Praise to Thee - PARTS***
 - Everyone sings at the beginning (marked “Voices in Unison”)
 - See box above to know which part you are singing. Mark it in your music.
 - Part 1 begins at the bottom of p. 2, m. 10
 - Part 2 splits off at the top of p.3, m. 11.
 - We are back to unison at the top of p. 8 (last page)

- ***All Things Bright and Beautiful - UNISON***
 - Unison - mark the vocal part in the score.
 - Boys: Take the weight out of it for those high notes; use your head voice.
 - Watch the intervals. Don’t guess - listen! When you feel confident, sing along.
 - Remember the breath marks we mentioned in rehearsal as well as the North/South mouth shape and AW vowels on “brightly” and “sky.”

- ***Goin’ to Sing - PARTS***
 - The soprano line will be Part 1; the alto line will be Part 2. Mark your music.
 - The copies for this one, somehow, are single pages.
 - We have some difficult intervals and really interesting rhythmic interaction between parts. Listen well.

- ***Baseball Fever - UNISON & PARTS - recording coming soon***
 - We are unison until pg. 7 (m. 75)

- ***Little Birch Tree - PARTS & UNISON***
 - If viewing this as a PDF, follow the link below to hear a recording on YouTube done by a choir out of Oregon State University. An in-house recording will be available soon.
 - If the link does not work, search “Little Birch Tree Belle Voce” and that should get you there.
 - Note: This Russian folk tune and poem are quite famous; thus, there are MANY versions of “A Little Birch Tree” out there. The only version of the one like OURS is the one by the OSU choir. Please make sure you listen to the correct arrangement. Thanks!
 -  “Birch Tree” - OSU Belle Voce

- ***Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing - SOPRANO 1 (top notes on top treble clef line)***
 - Boys: think high, light - head voice!

- The melody of this song uses lots of leaping intervals. In the middle, however, there is a softer section in which we are moving stepwise much of the time.
- Listening to this song many times will help you master those tricky intervals - both far apart and close together!



REMINDERS

- **Be in your seat ready to SING at 3 pm.**
- Each week, Treble Choir members must have their 1" 3-ring binder, music, a pencil, and water bottle.
- A BIG THANKS to today's volunteer CREW: Owen, Grayden, Evy, Charlotte, Caleb, Anthony & Leland. Awesome job, Treblers!
 - Crew for February 19th
 - SET-UP: Jonah, Evy, Rylie, Charlotte;
 - RESET: Anthony, Gibson, Caleb

Prepare well, Treblers! I look forward to seeing you all again on Sunday!

Mrs. Heidi