



ARLINGTON
Children's Chorus

TROUBADOUR NOTES

REHEARSAL DATE: 09/21/2016

To recap our time together, a LOT of talking was done by Mr. Carr. Too much! We are in the business of making beautiful music so less talking and more singing.

I was OVERJOYED at your sound, last evening.

CHORALE REHEARSAL ETIQUETTE REMINDER

Upon arrival to rehearsal, audiences are welcome to stay for the rehearsal. In order to keep our choristers, the Director and the accompanist focused during the rehearsal, please refrain from loud conversations and use of the phone.

REHEARSAL NOTE(S)

- The concept of a syllable was introduced, as well as the importance of the vowel in the syllable.
- The concept of standard vowels was then presented, with "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" as an example. Vowels to bear in mind: "what chew are" and over-emphasized "r" in "wonder".
- "O" and "A" were sung together (as "nooh" and "naah"). The exercise was then repeated for "nooh" and "naah" in different pitches for different rows.
- "Ugly" pitch was demonstrated. Indications were given about not singing while smiling, given the pitch ("Not bananas, oranges" in one's mouth).
- Notebooks were distributed and some choristers were paired up.
- The notebooks were briefly examined collectively to highlight the schedule and CD.
- "Jingle Bells" was rehearsed, first the melody collectively, then harmony and melody separately by rows.
- Q&A session from choristers
- Upon leaving, the choristers were asked to put their names in their notebooks

HOMEWORK

CIRCLE ROUND THE MOON

- Go through the entire song "Circle Round the Moon"
 - Circle each vowel (lightly in pencil), and
 - Draw a box around the "trouble" vowel (a vowel the singer may find difficult).
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- Check the ACC website for the season schedule and other timely information: www.arlingtonchildrenschorus.org

JINGLE BELLS

- Memorize two verses in “Jingle Bells” by next rehearsal, Wednesday, 9/28/2016.

NOTEBOOK

- Make sure your kid(s) name is in the notebooks.

As always, I am here for you. Please email me with questions, comments or concerns.

Mr. Carr

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