



# QUARTER NOTES

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS/WINTER 2015

## Registration Open for Spring Dec. I

CAPA's spring semester will be starting the week of January 11 for all choirs, so make sure you get signed up right away!

### USING THE WEBSITE

Parents can sign up for any of CAPA's choirs at [www.capaaustin.com](http://www.capaaustin.com). Just click on the drop down menu for the choir you want and then click on the register button. That will take you to an online form that you can fill out. Once you have checked the box concerning class policies and procedures and clicked send, your information will automatically be sent to Mrs. Maeurer.

### TUITION AND REGISTRATION PAYMENTS

All registration and tuition payments may be made through the website using PayPal, sent by mail, or dropped off at rehearsal with Mrs. Maeurer or at the information table at the Christmas Concert, Dec. 17. Please make sure your account is up to date.



## Christmas Concerts

December is such a busy time, but there are so many wonderful events to look forward to! CAPA's concert season will kick off this year with the concert choir's nursing home tour on Dec. 4. They will spend the whole day visiting

four different nursing homes around Austin. The next day, the Master's Singers will be performing at the Ladies' Christmas Brunch at Hope Bible Fellowship in Round Rock.

The following Wednesday, Dec. 9, the Men's and Treble

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### MASQUERADE BALL FUN!

The ball was the first I'd ever been to. It was a lot of fun setting up because everyone seemed so excited for the dance to start. I was really happy to



learn how to dance with a partner in the lesson and we ended with a few trickier moves like spins. There were a lot of dances that everyone knew. by Megan C.



**COSTUME CONTEST RESULTS:** Best Girl's Costume and Most Creative-Lauren, Best Guy's Costume - Luke, Best Overall - Ivy, Funniest - Daniel

## FROM THE DIRECTOR:



With our concert season directly in front of us, it's nice to look back at all that we have done this semester. I enjoy getting to know the students week after week as we learn, laugh, and sing together.

Thanks to so many who have helped us to get our first full school year with CAPA off the ground. Many thanks to the choir students who helped move and organize the music library, including Luke, Daniel, Lauren, Joey, Jonny, Hannah, Hailey, and others. More help is needed, so please let me know if you have any available time between semesters.

I am especially thankful for your support during my recovery from my fall and surgery. I appreciate Mrs. Martin stepping in to cover the Middle and High School choirs with short notice. Thanks also for your patience in waiting for recordings to be posted and for your extra help with the lifting and carrying when I couldn't do it myself.

# Choir Updates

**CONCERT CHOIR: THIS FIRST SEMESTER OF CONCERT CHOIR FLEW BY SO QUICKLY, IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE IT'S ALREADY NOVEMBER! WE'VE ALL BEEN**

busy preparing for the nursing home concerts and the big concert with everyone else.

There have been events like a game night and the masquerade ball, as well as planning for upcoming events like the Christmas Party. Game night was one of the first events of October. We played games like headbands, Apples to Apples, and at one point we all went outside to talk and climb trees. The masquerade ball was the second big event in October. There were a lot of wonderful dancers and cool costumes, like a Valentine's day, Poison Ivy, a unicorn, and three of Riley's emotions from the movie Inside Out. It was fun being able to talk to people from the other Choir groups in CAPA and the friends of other CAPA students.

We've all been working very hard on our music for the concerts. This semester we have learned 6 songs and when asked about his favorite song, Carson, a bass in concert choir, said "E'en So Lord Jesus. I like it because it has a beautifully low bass part and an overall beauty that is hard to come by in choir music." Part of the work we put in to get ready for the concerts is taken up by warming up at the beginning of practice and there are many different warm ups that we do, from breathing exercises to learning more about sight reading. Kevin, a tenor, said that his favorite warm up is "the harmonize one from Seussical. I like it because harmonizing is one of my favorite things to do." by Megan C.

**TREBLE CHOIR: WHO ARE THOSE AMAZING SOUNDING GIRLS? THEY ARE CAPA'S** Treble Choir! Let me introduce you: there are three groups. Our first sopranos are Emma, Hailey, and Hannah. Our second sopranos are Catherine, Zoe, and Therese. Finally, our altos are Katie, Tiffany, and yours truly. Each of us have our different interests, from performing ballet or playing in a symphony orchestra, to listening to country music, playing volleyball, reading Harry Potter, writing Dr Who fan fiction, or acting in musical theater. Even though we have our many different talents, we work together in harmony and are becoming great friends. We would love to sing for you! by Yahva W.



**ROUND ROCK ANGEL CHOIR: WE'VE HAD A BUSY MONTH, ALWAYS BEGGING** Mrs. Maeurer to let us play "Charlie Over the Ocean". The Round Rock kids enjoy performing for their pretend "audience", which is a wall full of photos of U.S. veteran's. In November, we were also excited to celebrate our friend, Helen, who received one of the Angel choir solos. We can't wait to hear her sing at the concert. Congrats, Helen! by Mrs. Covington



## From the Director cont'd

In October, we took eight, hard-working, dedicated Concert Choir members to the TMEA Region auditions: Ivy, Lauren, Louisa, Rachel, Hannah, Carson, Kevin, and Daniel. Six of those students performed in the TMEA Region concert, Carson, Kevin, Daniel, and Hannah advanced to Pre-Area, and Rachel is heading directly to Area auditions via the small school choir route. Of the four who auditioned at Pre-Area, Hannah and Daniel have advanced to the next level (Area Auditions) in January. This process is a grueling one and our students are to be commended. I am so proud of all that you accomplished!

In January, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will also have an opportunity to audition for the Middle School TMEA Region Choir. Anyone interested in singing up for that should contact me via email as soon as possible.

Thanks to those who took the time to create designs and logos in the

contest. For the Angel Choir t-shirts, the artwork included in the final design came from four Angel and Children's Choir students: Helen, Cort, Max, and Danielle. The logo contest had several entries. After narrowing the designs down, the final decision was to remain with the current emblem that Mr. Anderson had used on the website at least for now. Honorable mentions to Daniel and Jacob whose designs were also in the running for the final choice.

The T-shirts and polos will be handed out this week. If you do not receive yours by the date of the nursing home concert, please see me prior to the concert that day to receive yours.

Please help spread the word about the CAPA choirs and invite friends to our final concert on the 17<sup>th</sup>! We'd love to continue to re-build this program, and word-of-mouth has been the best way to bring new families into it.

## News from the Board

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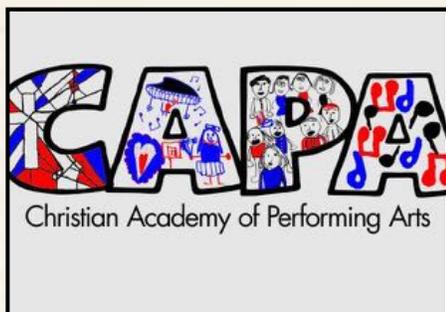
The 2015-2016 has gotten off to a great start! We had a total of 81 students this semester and are hoping for a few additions this coming spring. We could use everyone's help in spreading the word that spring registration is open as of Dec. 1. Our best advertising has always been the word-of-mouth recommendation of parents.

We are also ending our first fiscal year for CAPA as a non-profit organization. Please make sure you have settled your account for the fall semester before Dec. 31. A year-end financial report will be available in the new year.

We are still looking for volunteers who would be willing to help set up and moderate social media for us. If you are interested, please contact

[admin@capaaustin.com](mailto:admin@capaaustin.com).

## SPRING SEMESTER MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Thanks to all our Angel and Children's Choir kids who helped make our new t-shirt design!



Concert Choir rehearsal - tenor section!

Spring Reg. Opens	12/1
Classes start	1/11
TMEA HS Area comp.	1/9
TMEA MS Regions	1/23
Spring Break	3/14-18
TPSMEA Contest	3/31-4/1

# Christmas Concerts cont'd

# Thank You!



Last year's Master's Singers performing at Mozarts.

(cont'd from page 1) choirs will return to Buckner Villas for their nursing home tour. The Angel and Children's choirs' turn is on Thursday the 10th. Performing for the residents at these facilities is such a wonderful opportunity for our kids. The residents are so welcoming and enjoy the performances so much - sometimes they even sing along! They love to visit with the kids afterwards. So many of them do not have family close by or are very limited in their mobility, so attending holiday events is difficult.

Our formal **Christmas Concert** this year will be on **Dec. 17th** at 7pm at Crestview Baptist Church at 7600 Woodrow Ave in Austin. This is a new venue for us and we are looking forward to working with the folks at Crestview.

We will have plenty of room for everyone and parking will be much easier than in the past. There is a lot to look forward to, including songs featuring harpist Hannah Malone and organist Brooks Whoitmore.

Please make every effort to come to the tech rehearsal at Crestview on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 15. This is a very important rehearsal where students find out where to meet and get to rehearse in the new venue. You can double check your student's call time for both the tech rehearsal and Thursday night on the "What's Next" sheet from Mrs. Maeurer. Also make sure you check what uniform everyone needs to wear--either polos/t-shirts or formal uniform. We can't wait to start off the Christmas concert season and see what everyone has been working on!

### Friends or family not able to be at the Christmas concert?

Listen live over the internet starting at 7P on the 17th through **headphoneout.com**

Christi Covington

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Amy Slayton, Sonya Martin

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### FROM THE BOARD

A huge THANK YOU! to all of our homeroom moms who have helped make this whole semester run smoothly. For the younger choirs, the homeroom moms help with keeping attendance, checking homework, and even setting up crafts. They are also an essential part of the nursing home and Christmas concerts as they make sure all the kids are lined up with their bow ties and cummerbunds on. While the elected officers take over some of those responsibilities for the older choirs, we have had moms making sure everyone has a uniform that fits and making orders as necessary. We also want to thank the parents and kids who moved and organized the CAPA library. Thank you for all your hard work!

*Merry Christmas!*

### CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS

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