

# Rehearsal Bulletin #1

21 January 2010 – Our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year!

CELEBRATION  
CHORUS

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1. **Welcome new and alumni choristers!!** 0 rehearsals completed – 13 remaining.
2. **Weekly, choristers should:** Sign in on the attendance roster, pick up a rehearsal bulletin + handouts, and be in place on time at 7:29 p.m. Thank you!
3. **NEW! Number measures:** Please number measures in all scores by 4 February.
4. **NEW! SA / TB Sectionals: Sectionals will begin NEXT week, 28 January and go for 3 weeks.**
5. **NEW! New Choristers: All new choristers please meet with Tom following rehearsal tonight.**
6. **NEW! Season vital information:** On the registration table is the season rehearsal schedule which also explains attire specifications and performance details. Please note this important information.
7. **NEW! Rehearsal attendance:** Choristers are expected to faithfully attend all (100%) rehearsals. Exceptions may be for travel or sickness, and then singers will notify the conductor and section leader in advance. **Please notify section leader and conductor (see below) in advance of absence.** Notification of absence demonstrates courtesy, responsibility and respect. Singers absent too often from rehearsals will forfeit their place in the Chorus for the season.
8. **NEW! Section leaders:**  
Tenors / basses: Colin Lim, [colin@celebrationchorus.net](mailto:colin@celebrationchorus.net)  
Sopranos: Grace Young, [grace@celebrationchorus.net](mailto:grace@celebrationchorus.net)  
Altos: Lim Lay Nee, [neehowma@singnet.com.sg](mailto:neehowma@singnet.com.sg)  
Conductor: Tom Anderson, [conductor@celebrationchorus.net](mailto:conductor@celebrationchorus.net)
9. **NEW! Chorus calendar online:** Our Google Groups now has our rehearsal schedule included. Unsure of time or venue? Check the Calendar feature on our Google Groups. Not a Google Group member yet? Inform our webmaster, Colin Lim, (see email above) and he will send you an invitation to join. Get connected!!
10. **NEW! Pencils & score markings:** Choristers must mark their scores. Bring a pencil to every rehearsal.
11. **NEW! Bless God:** Please keep this song in your folder. We will refer to it throughout the season.
12. **NEW! Mozart Season photos:** Past season photos of the Chorus are available for viewing and/or purchase at our online gallery, Shutterfly. Digital downloads (for purchase) are now available! See link below. <http://www.shutterfly.com/pro/CelebrationChorus/CelebrationChorus>
13. **NEW! Use of Chorus Pictures:** Each season a photographer takes pictures of our dress rehearsal and our performance. Please note that Chorus photos may be used in publicity or web content. Please let us know if you do not want your picture included.
14. **NEW! Seating Chart:** A seating chart will be used to best group singers within each section. The seating chart will be posted after registration has closed 4 February. Please leave your name card **IN YOUR SEAT** after each rehearsal. There will likely be some adjustments so please be patient.
15. **NEW! Black folders:** All singers will use the same black folder for the presentation. Folders will be distributed prior to the concert and are to be returned at the end of the season. Lost files chargeable at \$15 per file. Files can be purchased for \$15.00 at the registration table.
16. **NEW! No Fragrances please!** When we request 'no perfumes, colognes, lotions or fragrances' please take it seriously. Such fragrances cause mucus membranes in the nose, sinuses, and throat to swell and secrete. They negatively affect the vocal mechanism and are too strong to inhale when standing in close proximity to one another. Thank you.
17. **NEW! Repertoire for this season:**
  1. Creation Medley..... new anthem – received
  2. The Music of God..... new anthem – received
  3. There is a Redeemer..... new anthem – received
  4. Thou Art Worthy..... repeat anthem – received
  5. An Expression of Gratitude..... repeat anthem – **NOT** received



## Today's Quote

**“When God measures a person, he puts the tape around the heart – not the head.”**

6. Thy Will Be Done ..... new anthem – received
7. Medley of the Cross ..... new anthem – received
8. O Worship the King ..... new anthem – received
9. A Mighty Fortress is Our God..... new anthem – received
10. Lamb of God..... new anthem – **NOT** received
11. 5-8 congregational hymns ..... to be distributed later

Dear Chorus Friends:

Welcome to the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of Celebration Chorus! I am so pleased to welcome back alumni choristers and new singers. This is going to be an exciting and meaningful season!

Celebration Chorus is a musical family where friendships are formed and people care about one another. Though we do not know every face and we come from different churches and backgrounds, we share common goals musically, spiritually and in worship. Each week in rehearsal, we experience a bond that joins us together, not only singing as a unified chorus, but in heart and mind as we express our faith and love for Father God.

I am very excited about the weeks ahead as we prepare these beautiful sacred anthems.

**My goals this season:**

1. Use a resonant, tall tone
2. Look up more – improve eye contact
3. Improve diction
4. Utilize online tools for greater efficiency
5. Make each rehearsal efficient, productive, meaningful
6. Deepen connections with each other, with the music, with Father God

These anthems come from among the best choral writers of our day. They are modern traditional anthems yet are not really considered ‘contemporary’ Christian music. Some are hymn settings – others are choral arrangements of modern worship songs. I believe you will be moved and challenged by many of these beautiful pieces.

Each season we build on the previous seasons advance. Therefore, rather than rest on the achievements of last season’s Mozart, I want to improve our overall sound, attention to detail, and ability to communicate the essence of each composition. This will require each singers focus, determination, and hard work. Singing is FUN – but it also requires your commitment and effort.

Your packet contains 8 of 10 anthems, and a rehearsal schedule. Name badges have not been popular in the past, so I ask you to introduce yourself to those in your section and get to know those around you. Join the Google Group, which is private and confidential. Add your picture to your profile. It will help new and returning choristers learn names and network with each other.

**For the most productive rehearsals, please:**

1. Be **PUNCTUAL** – In place, ready to sing at 7:29 p.m.
2. Introduce yourself: meet your neighbors
3. **BRING A PENCIL WEEKLY!! Score markings are mandatory!**
4. Number measures in each anthem by 4 February
5. Practice outside of rehearsal

I look forward to growing musically and spiritually with you. Please pray with me about this season — for each rehearsal, for our growth, and for the attendees at the presentations.

Blessings,



Tom Anderson  
Conductor, Celebration Chorus