Girl Choir Update

Dear Singer:

We are grateful that you have been part of the Girl Choir program and/or are interested in joining us this fall! The teacher-conductors in our program are committed to providing instruction no matter the format. We look forward to the day when we will sing together once again, but we are also preparing for the possibility of online music-making.

To that end, we'd like to share some specifics with you:

- If you have **music and uniforms** from this year, please put them somewhere safe! We will still collect them, but not until later this summer. We'll be in touch about that as Lawrence clarifies our reopening procedures.

- All **auditions** will take place in August, but we are significantly streamlining the process. They will likely take place in a real-time, online format. Although all new singers will audition, many returning singers will not need to re-audition and will be invited simply to register. Specifically:
  - All current Ragazze singers will receive registration information based upon teacher recommendation and student age
  - All current Primo singers will register for Allegretto
  - All current Allegretto singers will register for Capriccio
  - All current Arioso 9th graders will register for Cantabile
  - All current Cantabile 8th graders will re-register for Cantabile
  - All current Cantabile 10th and 11th graders will register for Bel Canto
  - All current Bel Canto singers will re-register for Bel Canto

Because singers in Capriccio and Arioso are in the midst of the most significant changes to their growing voices, individual letters regarding registration or audition will be mailed to those who do not fit the categories above. Similarly, 9th grade Cantabile members will receive audition information by mail. **All information about registration and auditions will come to you via email later this month.**

- We are excited about the possibility of online instruction! Each choir will have unique opportunities if we are in an online format; some of these include a group songwriting workshop with a nationally known composer (with a "virtual choir" performance of our composition), exchanges with other girl choirs in different parts of the country, and workshops and clinics with nationally-known choral educators. We will spend more time learning about the female voice change, sharpen our musicianship skills, discuss and explore musical scores, and yes - we'll still sing!
• We hope to sing together in person next year but will follow safety guidelines put forward by health authorities. In addition, there are studies currently underway to learn more about safe singing protocol. Girl Choir will offer in-person instruction or virtual instruction based on what we learn over the next few months.

Girl Choir will continue to deliver instruction that enables every girl to find her voice, and our teachers will spend the summer collaborating to ensure our continued success. March of 2021 will be our 30th anniversary, and we know that the Girl Choir community remains relevant and important.

On behalf of our teacher-conductors, I look forward to welcoming you to the Girl Choir community of singers this fall. Thank you for your continued support, and we'll be in touch again soon!

Sincerely,
Karen L. Bruno, artistic director
Lawrence Community Girl Choir Program