

# BJH Choir Newsletter September 4, 2019

Hello everyone! It's hard to believe, but it is almost time for our first concert of the year, FALL MAGIC! I will do my best to cover not only the info for this concert, in this newsletter, but also the basics to know for all concerts throughout the year. These newsletters will also be posted online at our class website: <http://mralexwillert.weebly.com/> ©

## *Fall Magic (10/3 and 10/5) and Tech (10/1)*

For BJH students, there are 2 performances of Fall Magic on Thursday and Saturday (10/3 and 10/5). **Thursday's show starts at 7:00 PM and the performance on Saturday will begin at 2:00 PM. The call time for the 7:00 PM performance is 6:15 PM** for the students while the **call time for the 2:00 PM show is 1:15 PM. There is a third Fall Magic performance on Saturday night for the high school choirs, however, the junior high students will not be performing and do not need to attend.**

All performances of Fall Magic will take place in the **Performing Arts Center at Brea Olinda High School** (this will be the location for all home concerts). The two concerts (Thu./7 PM and Sat./2PM) will feature both the BJH and BOHS choirs. Since they are sharing the concert with all of the high school choirs, students will have a considerable amount of time to spend backstage between their numbers. They are encouraged to bring homework to work on during this time, if they would like.

The **mandatory Tech Rehearsal** will be on the Tuesday the week of the performance (most tech rehearsals will be on Thursday). Costumes and make-up are not required for tech rehearsals. BJH students are only required to attend the tech rehearsal in the BOHS PAC from **4-5 PM**, however, they may stay and watch the rest of the rehearsal if they would like to. Here is the schedule for **Tuesday (10/1)**:

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| 4:00-4:30 PM | <b>All Choirs</b> set and rehearse Shine Down                |
| 4:30-4:45 PM | Set <b>BJH Choirs</b>  |
| 4:45-5:00 PM | Set all <b>BJH Acts</b>                                      |
| 5:00-5:15 PM | Set <b>Chamber Singers</b>                                   |
| 5:15-5:30 PM | Set <b>Tiffany's &amp; Spellbound</b>                        |
| 5:30-5:45 PM | Set <b>Masquerade</b>  |
| 5:45-6:00 PM | Set <b>Thunder Cats</b>                                      |
| 6:00-7:00 PM | Set all <b>High School Acts</b> (in order Friday & Saturday) |

The concerts are expected to run between 2 and 2 ½ hours .  
Please come dressed in your costumes with hair and make-up ready for the performance.

## *Costumes / Hair and Make-Up*

The costumes for our competitions throughout the year have been ordered, but for home concerts, we ask that students bring in their own costumes. We do this because our set costumes will not fit the theme of each show. For this concert we are asking for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" themed outfits. Anything within that theme will be fine. In the past, many students have gone to Goodwill and Savers to find costumes at a reasonable price. We do ask that students keep away from more modern looking clothes, flip flops, and clothes that make noise (pieces that jingle). We also ask, for safety reasons, that the only earrings worn are studs. Other than that, the possibilities are endless! ©

As for hair and make up, our choreographer, Doug Kuhl, always asks for the girls to wear their hair half up and out of their faces. He also asks that they wear purple eye shadow and red lipstick. It sounds awful, but it reads very well on stage. The students will talk more about this in class and many of the girls at the high school will be willing to help them at the tech rehearsal. Boys do not need make up. We simply ask that their hair is presentable and out of their faces.

## *Buying Tickets*

To ensure that every family has a fair and equal chance to purchase the best seats, we will be continuing the ticket selling process used at the end of last year for Spring Magic. Tickets are **\$12** and will typically **go on sale the Monday of the week before the concert** (The dates are also posted online on our class website

calendar: <http://mralexwillert.weebly.com/>). On these Mondays (9/23 for Fall Magic), the tickets will only be **sold at the BOHS PAC box office from 5-8 PM**. All BOHS and BJH parents are welcome to have the first pick of tickets for the concert. **However, anyone purchasing tickets on this night will need to sign up for a 15-minute purchasing window (ex: 5-5:15 PM) prior to arriving.** Each window will be limited to 15 purchasers. Anyone there who has not signed up for that slot will not be able to purchase tickets during that time. The link to this online sign up page is:

<https://signup.com/go/ckGNcUT>

Please sign up anytime after the **page is unlocked Tuesday (9/17) at 9 AM**. After this process has concluded, tickets will only be sold in classes and at the box office before each show. Tickets often sell out fast, so I cannot guarantee that there will be any left on the nights of the concerts. It is always best to purchase them within the first couple days that they are on sale. You can send in a **check (made out to "BOHS Choir")** or cash with your child to buy seats. Please be sure to **specify which date** you would like to attend.

### ***Donations***

Thank you to all of you who have generously donated to our program! It takes a great deal of funding to keep such a large competitive program like this going and unfortunately we are not funded through the school or district. All of our expenses (choreography, band members, music, buses, costumes, sets, props, etc.) are all paid from the funds collected from your donations and the fundraisers being run through parents. Thus far, we have **raised approximately \$3,000**. This is a good start, however, we just received the bill for our competition costumes as well. This **costume invoice came to just over \$25,000**. This is only one of our expenses for the year. We still need to pay for music, our band members, busses, entrance fees to competitions, our choreographer, and more. If you have yet to donate funds to our program, we ask that you please contribute anything that you see fit so we won't have to cut back and take away from the wonderful experiences being created for your children. **We will continue collecting donations every Thursday (Please only send them in to the choir room on these days).** If paying by check, please **make donations out to "BJH Choir."** Thank you again for your willingness to give us the resources we need to keep this program running at such a high level! ☺

### ***Optional Disneyland Workshop Day (11/20)***

The next event on our schedule is the **optional Disneyland trip on November 20<sup>th</sup>**! On this day, we take the students that choose to participate to Disneyland where they work with a Disney Entertainment Professional backstage in a **workshop setting for 90 minutes**. After they finish, the students spend the rest of the day in the park. It is always a wonderful experience! Since **Disney charges \$95 per participant (even with an annual pass)**, this trip is optional. They are asking us to turn in these funds soon, so we will be collecting them in the next few weeks. Checks should be **made to "BJH Choir."** **The final day we will be accepting these funds and adding students to the trip is Thursday (10/10). Please turn in your funds on any Thursday before or on this date.** We will also be selecting a **limited number of chaperones** to accompany the students for the day. For every 10 students in attendance, Disney will give us 1 free chaperone ticket. We will determine who the chaperones will be at a later date.

### ***Other Upcoming Events (all online at <http://mralexwillert.weebly.com/>):***

Fall Magic Tickets on Sale: Monday (9/23) with online sign-up open on Tuesday (9/17)

Fall Magic Medley Solo Auditions: Monday (9/23)

Fall Magic Act Auditions: Wednesday (9/25)

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