

UCB Newsletter October 28th, 2019

Hello everyone! It's the most wonderful time of the year again! That's right, it's time for Holiday Magic! I will do my best to cover everything you need to know for this concert and give you an idea of what is to come (Preview Night and competition season are right around the corner!). This newsletter will also be posted online at our class website: <http://mralexwillert.weebly.com/>

Holiday Magic (12/6 and 12/7) and Tech (12/5)

This year, the performances of Holiday Magic are on Friday and Saturday (12/6 and 12/7). **Friday's show starts at 7:00 PM and the two performances on Saturday begin at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. The call time for each of the 7:00 PM performances is 6:15 PM for the students while the call time for the 2:00 PM show is 1:15 PM.** The location for each of these shows is the **Performing Arts Center at Brea Olinda High School.**

The **mandatory Tech Rehearsal** will be on Thursday for this performance. Costumes and make-up are not required for tech rehearsals. Students are only required to attend the tech rehearsal in the BOHS PAC until all of the numbers they will be performing in have finished rehearsing. However, students may stay and watch the rest of the rehearsal if they would like to. Here is the schedule for **Thursday (12/5):**

4:00-4:45 PM	All Choirs set and rehearse Opening and Closing numbers
4:45-5:00 PM	Set BJH Choirs
5:00-5:15 PM	Set all BJH Acts
5:15-5:30 PM	Set Chamber Singers
5:30-5:45 PM	Set Tiffany's & Spellbound
5:45-6:00 PM	Set Masquerade
6:00-6:15 PM	Set Thunder Cats
6:15-7:30 PM	Set all High School Acts (in order Thursday, 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

Dress is holiday snow clothes, warm pajamas, a Holiday character (Santa, Elf, a Present, Reindeer, etc.) or dressed up in bright Holiday colors! We do ask to keep away from more modern looking clothes (tennis shoes, jeans, etc.), flip flops, and clothes that make noise (pieces that jingle). We also ask, for safety, to avoid jewelry and make sure 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, however, make-up may be different if it is costume specific for this concert. Boys do not need make up. We simply ask that their hair is presentable and out of their faces as well.

DVD Sales

As was the case with Fall Magic, our Booster Club will again be handling the production and sale of DVDs for Holiday Magic! Copies of each performance will be sold for \$30 and since we are making them ourselves, **all proceeds will go back into funding our program (including our upcoming trip to Nashville!).** A Booster Club member will be taking orders at each of the performances and order forms will be available the following week. **Cash, Venmo, and Checks made out to "Brea Olinda Choir Booster Club" will be accepted through Thursday, December 19th.** All copies will be delivered within a few weeks of the shows.

Donations

Thank you to all of you who have generously donated to our program! We have had a decent amount of participation thus far in the year. This helps us more than you know! Without it, we would not be able to accomplish anything close to what we do. Although we are now a few months into the school year, please continue to donate anything you can. Every little bit helps. Bills are starting to come in for competitions, music, set pieces, costumes, band members, etc. We will need everyone to contribute to accomplish the lofty goals we have in place for the remainder of the year.

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 for Fall 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/>). For this concert, however, **tickets will go on sale the Monday two weeks before the show week (11/18) due to Thanksgiving Break**. On this Monday the tickets will only be **sold at the BOHS PAC box office from 5-7:30 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 the date**. 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/XsqsJHu>

Please sign up anytime after the **page is unlocked Tuesday (11/12) at 9 AM**. After this process has concluded, tickets will only be sold in classes and at the box office before each show. Tickets sometimes 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 performance** you would like to attend.

Evening of the Arts (for Chamber and Select Holiday Acts)

Every year, all of the performing arts programs at BOHS combine for a Holiday concert before Winter Break. Due to the close proximity to our own Holiday Magic, we only ask a smaller number of students to participate in this concert. This year, Chamber Singers will be performing a few holiday pieces and a small number of student acts from the Holiday Magic Act Auditions will be asked to perform their numbers for this concert. These acts will be chosen ASAP after auditions are held. There will be a **tech rehearsal for this show on Tuesday (12/10)**. The **show will be on Wednesday night (12/11) at 7 PM**. Additionally, there will be an **assembly performance during the school day on Thursday (12/12)** followed by a pizza party!

Preview Night (1/10 and 1/11)

We are definitely coming up on our busiest season of the year. Although we are still preparing for Holiday Magic, we need to begin looking ahead to the next big concert: Preview Night. Believe it or not, it's on the week we get back from Winter Break! The **tech rehearsal will be at 3:30 PM on Thursday (1/9) and the schedule will be posted on my website at a later date**. There will be a **7 PM performance on Friday (1/10) and two shows on Saturday (1/11) at 2 PM and 7 PM**. All show choirs from the High School will perform in each of the 3 performances, however for the sake of time, we will only be having our **Junior High choirs perform on Friday Night and in the Saturday Matinee**. **Additionally, Thundercats will only be performing in the Saturday night performance**.

Ticket sales will follow the same procedures we used for both Fall Magic and Holiday Magic. Those **tickets will go on sale Monday, December 16th with the online sign up page being unlocked on Tuesday, December 10th**. The link to this online sign up page is <https://signup.com/go/csDMvTE>. We hope that all parents, family members, and friends are able to come and support everyone in the program as they unveil this year's Competition Shows for the first time!

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

OCDE Teacher of the Year Awards, Masquerade (Fri 11/1)
Fullerton College Festival, Chamber (Wed 11/6)
Holiday Magic Act Auditions (in class on Fri 11/15)
Holiday Magic Solo Auditions (in class on Mon 11/18)
Optional Disneyland Workshops (Tue 11/19)
Competition Set Solo Auditions (Tue 12/10)
UCB Caroling on Birch Street (Fri 12/13)
Preview Night Act Auditions (in class on Mon 12/16)
UCB Caroling at Lake Park Brea (Wed 12/18)
Brea Idol Auditions run by Chamber (Tue 1/14)
Musical Auditions (Wed 1/15 and Thur 1/16)
Brea Idol tickets go on sale for \$12 (Tue 1/21)
Brea Idol Tech Rehearsals run by Chamber (Mon 1/27 and Tue 1/28)
Brea Idol run by Chamber (7 PM on Wed 1/29)
Singing Valentines go on sale (Mon 2/3)
California Classic Competition at BOHS (Fri 2/7 and Sat 2/8)
Singing Valentines Delivered (Fri 2/14)

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