

# *Fargo-Moorhead Youth Choir*

## *Member Handbook*

# *2018-2019*

*The policies and procedures presented in this handbook are created and approved by the FMYC Board of Directors, which has the authority to make changes to its contents at any time. FMYC families will be promptly notified of any significant changes by email.*

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## ***About Us***

The Fargo-Moorhead Youth Choir is a non-profit community choral arts organization for youth in grades kindergarten through grades twelve who have a desire to sing.

## ***Our Roots***

The Red River Boy Choir was founded in 1983 in Fargo-Moorhead by music educators with a desire to bring quality vocal education and vocal literature to boys. The Lake Agassiz Girls' Choir was founded in 1990 by four Fargo music educators: Linda Ferreira, Holly Meester, Renae Gruchalla, and LaVonne Rustad. LAGC finished its 2013-2014 season with three choirs allowing youths in grades 3 - 12 to share in this fantastic musical experience.

The summer of 2014 brought great promise as the two organizations joined forces to create the Fargo-Moorhead Youth Choir.

## ***Our Vision***

The vision of the Fargo-Moorhead Youth Choir is to build a fun and respected choral program that enriches the community and the region by fostering a love of music.

## ***Our Mission***

The Fargo -Moorhead Youth choir strives to engage children in meaningful experiences of high-quality music education and performance opportunities, and maintain a strong, collaborative presence within the education and music communities. Through intensive choral training and high-profile public performance experience they learn discipline, develop leadership skills and self-esteem, and proudly represent the Fargo-Moorhead Community as ambassadors of harmony.

The Fargo -Moorhead Youth choir is committed to growth and sustainability as the area's only community youth choir, fulfilling a need for extracurricular performing arts opportunities for youth of all ages.

## ***Our Goals***

### ***Progressive Music Education***

FMYC pursues innovative and excellent music education for choir members.

### ***Collaboration and Harmony***

FMYC encourages teamwork among choir members, the choirs, the board of directors, the staff, the parents, and the Fargo-Moorhead community.

### ***Personal and Social Growth***

FMYC fosters musical growth, leadership, self-confidence, teamwork, pride, and appreciation of music among singers, parents/guardians, and audience members.

### ***Diversity and Accessibility***

FMYC enriches the lives of FMYC members\* from all religious, racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds.

### ***Service to Society***

FMYC performs and provides service to the community and region.

### ***Fun***

FMYC incorporates fun activities that encourage friendships and teamwork among members\* to create excitement and enthusiasm for FMYC.

*\*Note: Members include the Board of Directors, music professionals, administrative staff, and the parents, guardians, or legal custodian of each youth who is a member of FMYC in good standing.*

## ***Our Choirs***

### ***Emerald Choir (Beginning Treble)***

Youth grades Kindergarten through second can begin their FMYC experience in the Beginning Treble Choir where they are encouraged to develop good vocal skills, rehearsal and performance skills and behaviors, and music reading ability. The Beginning Treble Choir performs at each major FMYC concert.

#### ***Rehearsal Information:***

NDSU  
Reineke Fine Arts Center  
12th Avenue North & Bolley Drive  
Fargo, ND

Sunday evenings 6:30-7:15 PM  
Director: Mrs. Kirci Wagner  
Accompanist: Donna Atherton

### ***Garnet and Ruby Choir (Intermediate Treble)***

This intermediate treble choirs are available to youth in grades three and up. These choirs are designed to advance vocal skills, refine rehearsal and performance skills and behaviors, and increase music reading ability. Repertoire for the intermediate choirs include unison and two-part music with a possible introduction to three-part music. These choirs will perform at each major concert, special community events throughout the season, and may include an optional summer tour.

#### ***Rehearsal Information:***

NDSU  
Reineke Fine Arts Center  
12th Avenue North & Bolley Drive  
Fargo, ND

Sunday evenings 6:30-7:30 PM  
Director: Mr. Josh Dahl  
Accompanist: Donna Atherton

### ***Diamond Choir (Advanced Mixed)***

Advanced choir is available for youth in grades seven through twelve. Advanced choir is open to experienced singers in grades seven and above who have demonstrated excellent vocal skills, music reading ability, good rehearsal and performance skills and behaviors, and vocal independence. Performances include two major concerts, community events throughout the season, and may include an optional summer tour.

#### ***Rehearsal Information:***

NDSU  
Reineke Fine Arts Center  
12th Avenue North & Bolley Drive  
Fargo, ND

Sunday evenings 6:30-7:45 PM  
Director: Dr. Charlette Moe  
Accompanist: Eric Saari

## *Our Staff*

### *Executive Director*

The position of Executive Director reports to the Board of Directors and is responsible for the organization's consistent achievement of its mission and financial objectives including the day-to-day operation of FMYC.

### *Artistic Director and Choir Directors*

The primary objective of the artistic director is to oversee the artistic vision and musical growth of the organization. This includes the selection and coordination of rehearsal and concert venues and programming for fall camp and winter retreat. The choir directors are responsible for selection of the repertoire, member assessment and placement within the choir program, instruction of musical skills, and conducting rehearsals and performances. The artistic director and choir directors also coordinate artistic aspects of FMYC collaborations with other arts organizations, arrange instrumental accompanists and guest artists, and assist with FMYC promotion and recruiting.

### *Accompanists*

The pianists are primarily responsible for providing piano accompaniment and assistance to the director at rehearsals and performances.

### *College Interns*

Area college students working toward a degree in music education. Responsibilities include: assisting choir directors, aiding students, teaching vocal lessons, and running sectionals.

## *Parent Organization / Board of Directors*

### *Board Meetings*

The Board of Directors meets monthly to conduct the business of the organization. The Board of Directors consists of the officers of the parent association, parent members at large, the artistic directors, the executive director, a choir representative, and when possible, other community representatives who bring a wide variety of expertise to the organization. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend the monthly board meetings.

### *Parent Volunteer Teams*

FMYC is a non-profit organization that depends heavily on the talents and skills that parents can share. All parents of choir members are automatically members of the parent association and are strongly encouraged to sign up for one or more parent volunteer teams. These teams are used to facilitate the many aspects of keeping our organization running smoothly. Each family is expected to have a representative serve on at least one Volunteer Team and provide a total of 5 or more hours of service to FMYC over the course of the season. Parents may volunteer for specific teams at Fall Camp. Available teams include the following:

Recruitment  
 Silent Auction - spring  
 Spring Concert  
 Fall Camp – each choir  
 Socials  
 Fundraising & Development

Winter Concert  
 Uniforms  
 Winter Retreat – each choir  
 Photo Night  
 Summer Tour



## ***Parent Responsibilities***

Membership in the Fargo-Moorhead Youth Choir requires a strong commitment from choir members and their families. Please note the following:

- Parents should read all FMYC communications and the Weekly Notes at [www.fmyouthchoir.org](http://www.fmyouthchoir.org)
- Parents should check the music binder or folder for announcements and instructions following each rehearsal.
- Parents should provide safe and prompt transportation for choir member(s) to and from rehearsals, activities, and performances.
- Parents should make sure choir members arrive at rehearsals with water bottles, sharpened pencils, and binders/folders.
- Parents should promote the choir and distribute promotional materials as needed.
- Parents should attend FMYC Parent meetings.
- Parents should feel comfortable with communicating choir-related concerns to the Artistic Directors, Board President or Executive Director. Parents who encounter conflicts or experience frustration with any aspect of the organization are encouraged to follow the grievance policy which is posted on the website.
- Parents should ensure the appropriate behavior of siblings and singers in the common areas only of venues while not rehearsing.
- Parents should spread the word! We want all children in the Red River Valley area who want to sing to have the opportunity to do so!

## ***General Policies and Procedures***

### ***Placement Process***

The Fargo-Moorhead Youth Choir strives to nurture the musical growth of each youth who chooses to become a member. The choir directors assign each youth to the choir that will best meet his/her individual growth and developmental needs. Each youth is a valued and respected member of the choir. The choir directors have the option of moving a member from one choir to another whenever it is considered to be in the best interest of the choir and the choir member. This usually happens at the end of each choir season in preparation for the next. Occasionally, the directors discover the current placement is not a good match to a youth's musical or behavioral development, and a change is assigned. A choir is a team in which all members are dependent upon each other, so it is uncommon for changes to occur mid-season.

### ***Music***

Music is distributed on loan to members and must be returned at the end of the session or within one week of leaving the choir. FMYC members will forfeit the \$25 uniform/supply deposit for music that is not returned promptly or for music returned in poor condition.

### ***Weather Cancellations***

In the case of inclement weather, a decision to cancel will be made by 3:00 p.m. The cancellation will be posted on the FMYC website and an email will be sent to FMYC families. As always, the safety of FMYC families is of utmost importance and choir members will be excused upon request when individual travel circumstances are unsafe.

### ***Plans for Success***

Families are required to sign a participation contract at the beginning of each session, which is a commitment to excellent attendance and full participation for one entire session. In the unusual case that circumstances prevent a choir member from honoring the commitment, students and parent will meet with their child's director to discuss the child's dismissal from the session. Tuition will not be reimbursed.

### ***Behavior Plan***

FMYC uses a group management approach stressing democratic values where choices are clear, discipline is logical, and self-discipline is encouraged. We believe this is the best way to promote a healthy environment where children and adults can function successfully while maximizing the opportunities for fun and learning!

### ***Behavior Goals***

- Establish a climate of equality and mutual respect
- Encourage a positive atmosphere in which individuals encourage and support one another
- Involve youth in some of the decision-making
- Set consistently clear, logical guidelines for behavior

FMYC members are expected to show respect for other choir members, parents, and staff members before, during, and after rehearsals and performances. Rarely is a behavior plan needed, but in the case that a choir member behaves in a way that is inconsistent with the guidelines, the following procedures will be followed:

#### ***First Offense***

Choir member will receive a verbal reminder from the director.

#### ***Second Offense***

Choir member will be dismissed from the rehearsal and parents will be contacted. This will be considered an unexcused absence.

#### ***Third Offense***

Consequences will be the same as those defined in the second offense. In addition, a conference will be scheduled with the parents to determine a plan for the member's future in the FMYC. This may include suspension without reimbursement of tuition.

### ***Attendance Policy***

Membership in the Fargo Moorhead Youth Choir is a commitment to faithful, consistent and punctual attendance. It is expected that rehearsals, events, and performances take a high priority in one's life. Students are holding a valuable place in the choir. Listed below are the attendance requirements.

A maximum of 3 absences per session are allowed. Any absence beyond the third will jeopardize the student's opportunity to perform. Students are encouraged to maintain perfect attendance.

Any absence beyond the 3 allowed times will require a conference with the director. Should an excessive number of absences occur, removal from the program will be considered.

#### ***Absence from Rehearsal/Events Beyond the 3 Allotted Times.***

The appropriate director will consider excessive absences for any reason. Attendance that does not demonstrate commitment to the Fargo Moorhead Youth Choir will result in not being allowed to perform and possible removal from the program. Tuition will not be reimbursed.

### ***Commitment***

Each singer has made a commitment to sing for the entire session. If, however, an extremely unusual circumstance occurs which would prohibit a singer from honoring the commitment, a personal conference between the director and parents must occur. If a student resigns from the program the parent remains responsible for the entire tuition for that session. Tuition will not be reimbursed.

### ***Planned Absences***

To notify an absence for any reason, please contact child's director via email or in person as soon as possible.

### ***Emergency Absences***

If a student must be absent, notification must be given to the choir director by sending an email before rehearsal on Sunday. Directors' contacts are included in this handbook.

### ***Make-Up Rehearsals***

Students will be required to participate in make-up rehearsals if they have exceeded the allotted 3 absences. Make-up rehearsals will be required as to the discretion of the director. If a student knows that he/she will be absent, he/she may choose to make-up a rehearsal in advance. Please make arrangements with the directors, with at least one-week notice, that a make-up rehearsal will be necessary. Make-up rehearsals will count for 2 missed rehearsals.

## ***Rehearsal Procedures***

### ***Items to bring***

Positive attitude and smiles!  
 Music binder/folder and music  
 Sharpened pencil  
 Non-breakable bottle with a lid - filled with water only

### ***Arrival routine***

Use the bathroom, if necessary  
 Check in with intern and /or director

### ***Good Rehearsal Skills:***

Turn off and store your cell phone!  
 Talk only before rehearsal and during break.  
 Use good singing posture/alignment.  
 Make eye contact with the director at all times.  
 Stay focused, listen carefully, work hard, and stay involved.  
 Use the restroom during break only, unless it is an emergency.

## ***FMYC Performance Attire***

Each singer is required to have both formal and casual performance attire. If a family has more than one youth in the choir(s), they each must have their own formal and casual uniform.

### ***Formal FMYC Performance Attire***

The formal performance attire is the same for all of the choirs:

#### ***Female***

Girls wear a floor-length black concert dress with black flat or low-heeled dress shoes. Please provide black undergarments and black pantyhose, tights, or knee-high nylons. Dresses will be available for sizing at fall and spring rehearsals as determined by uniform committee. Dresses are provided by FMYC and the cost is included in the uniform/supply deposit. Members who own dresses from previous years may wear their own dresses, provided they fit and are of appropriate length. We welcome donations of dresses from returning

members so that we may build our stock of dresses for future years. Hemming and washing instructions will be distributed with the dresses.

Returning choir members should bring their concert dresses to Fall Camp so the uniform committee can check them for correct fit and length.

Members who wish to donate their old dresses should contact the uniform chair via the executive director.

### **Male**

Boys wear black dress pants, a black button-down shirt, and black shoes and socks. These items may be purchased at any retailer. The choir provides a green, red, or white tie to complete the uniform.

## **Casual FMYC Performance Attire**

The casual performance attire is the same for all of the choir members:

### **Shirt**

All FMYC members wear the official red T-shirt at designated performances. The shirt is purchased through the choir. T-shirts should be worn tucked with no bands holding the shirt tight.

### **Pants**

All FMYC choir members will wear black dress pants. These can be either a trouser style with a button/zipper front or newer, very-black jeans. No sweatpants, yoga pants, leggings or worn/faded/acid washed jeans should be worn for performances.

### **Shoes**

All FMYC members should wear low-heeled black shoes and black trouser socks.

## **Performance Grooming Guidelines**

Hair should be styled back and away from the face with natural hair colors. Choir members should use black hair bands or black headband to hold back hair (no caps, bows, ribbons, colored barrettes or tiaras, please!).

Makeup should be discreet and minimal.

Simple stud earrings (gold, silver or pearl) are appropriate for performances. Please avoid dangling or sparkly earrings.

## **Optional FMYC Clothing**

### **Additional FMYC Logo Wear**

Sweatshirts and other casual FMYC attire are generally made available for optional purchase in the fall. Often these items can be personalized upon request. FMYC logo wear is a great way to advertise our organization in the community.

### **FMYC Tour Clothing**

Special tour t-shirts, jackets or other required uniform items for tour will be included in the price of the tour for each participant.

## **FMYC Events**

### **Fall Camp**

This event is for parents and members, both old and new, and will usually take place on a Saturday morning or a Sunday afternoon in early October. This camp includes rehearsals, dress fittings, parent meeting, social time, and a family meal. All FMYC families are expected to participate. (See attendance policy)

## ***Winter and Spring Concerts***

The Fargo-Moorhead Youth Choir presents two major concerts each season. The winter concert is in December and the spring concert is held in May. These concerts provide the opportunity for choir members and their families to share in the artistic progress of each choir in our program. FMYC hires a professional videographer to record the concerts. DVDs and CDs of these major concerts are available to members as an optional purchase.

## ***Spring Social***

The FMYC season includes a half-day spring social for all choir members. This is usually in early March on a Saturday morning and afternoon. This fun spring activity is designed to strengthen skills and provide rehearsal time, recreation, and team-building activities. Participation is required.

## ***Additional Performances***

Additional performances are occasionally scheduled. Choir members will be notified in advance to allow them to plan accordingly. These performances may occur at conventions, banquets, sports events, community celebrations, church events and festivals. In addition to performances, the youth may get together periodically for group or social activities. An optional combined choir tour will be offered in early summer.

## ***FMYC Tours***

The Fargo-Moorhead Youth Choir is committed to providing a tour experience as part of our program. Our goals for touring include:

- To provide enrichment through performance opportunities
- To provide a supplemental music education opportunity
- To provide a musical and social “team-building” experience

Intermediate and advanced choirs have the opportunity to partake in a joint early summer tour, which usually lasts from three to seven days, beginning choir members are able to attend when accompanied by a parent or guardian. Tour destination is chosen by the Board of Directors under the advisement and recommendations of the Artistic Directors of the Choirs. The tour may be a performance-based tour and/or it may include participation in a local, regional or national festival.

Tour plans are made as early as possible so that families are able to plan their own activities, vacations, and finances accordingly. Each choir member and chaperone pay for his/her own tour and FMYC offers several (optional) fundraising activities in order to assure that the tours are affordable to all. All tours are chaperoned on an approximately 4:1 ratio of choir members to adults. All chaperones are required to fill out a chaperone application that is available from the executive director.

FMYC members, families, and tour chaperones pay for their tour expenses. The tour team, consisting of the artistic directors, select board members and choir parents, works diligently to make each tour as affordable as possible. FMYC families are provided with information about tour expenses and a tour payment schedule for each tour, as much in advance as possible. Tours are priced to be all-inclusive and include transportation, meals, lodging, festival fees, tour garment, entrance fees, taxes, tips and required tour apparel. Tour deposits are non-refundable.

A parent meeting will be held prior to the tour to review the tour, meet the chaperones and discuss expectations. Tour itinerary, contacts and additional information will be posted on-line.

## ***Tuition and Fees***

Tuition fees cover approximately 50% of the cost of running the FMYC program. The balance of the funds are raised by members and parents, donations from members of the community, corporations, foundations, the cities of Fargo and Moorhead, and the state of North Dakota. We work together to keep expenses as low as possible without jeopardizing the integrity and quality of the program. FMYC expenses include, but are not limited to, personnel salaries, rehearsal and concert facility rental, communication expenses, concert promotion, print music, supplies, social activity expenses, insurance, participation certificates, fall camp and retreat expenses.

### ***Beginning Level Choir***

Tuition	\$160.00 per season/ \$80 per session
New FMYC Polo Shirt	\$15.00 per member
Uniform/Supplies	\$25 one-time supply fee*

\* \$25 deposit will follow child from session to session as long as uniform/supplies are returned in usable condition.

### ***Intermediate Level Choirs***

Tuition	\$260.00 per season/ \$130 per session
New FMYC Polo Shirt	\$20.00 per member
Uniform/Supplies	\$25 one-time supply fee*

\* \$25 deposit will follow child from session to session as long as uniform/supplies are returned in usable condition.

### ***Advanced Level Choir***

Tuition	\$360.00 per season/ \$180 per session
New FMYC Polo Shirt	\$20.00 per member
Uniform/Supplies	\$25 one-time supply fee*

\* \$25 deposit will follow child from session to session as long as uniform/supplies are returned in usable condition.

The term of the FMYC tuition contract is one entire session, September to December and/or January -June. If a choir member leaves the program without fulfilling the session commitment, the family remains responsible for the entire amount of tuition. No refunds or reimbursements.

Tuition is to be paid at the beginning of each session, September and February.

Fees for a new polo must be paid at the beginning of the season before the order will be placed. If a child is able to wear their polo from a previous season, a new polo is not necessary.

All checks/cash payments for any choir fees are payable to FMYC and may be given directly to the Executive director at designated times during rehearsals. (Times are posted on the member homepage on the FMYC website.) Directors and Board Members will not accept payments. Alternatively, tuition can be paid on the website or /tuition payments can be mailed to FMYC at:

**Fargo-Moorhead Youth Choir  
P.O. Box 773  
Fargo, ND 58107-0773**

## ***Scholarship Information***

Partial tuition scholarships are often available to FMYC members. The scholarship application is posted at [www.fmyouthchoir.org](http://www.fmyouthchoir.org). Early submission is recommended. The Board of Directors reviews the applications and awards scholarships in September and February. Remaining tuition is due during the first month of each session and can be fundraised.

## ***Fundraising Information***

FMYC offers fundraising opportunities throughout the season. All fundraising activities are optional! Members may participate in three easy ongoing fundraising opportunities: Scheels Arena concession stand shifts, SCRIP, and Hornbacher's gift cards. Funds raised may go toward Spring semester and/or tour.

### ***Scheels Arena***

Members age thirteen and up and their family members and friends are able to work shifts at the FMYC concession stands during athletic and musical events at the Scheels Arena. For each shift worked, a set amount will be placed in the member's account. If members sign up for shifts and are unable to work, they must find their own replacements to work the shifts.

### ***SCRIP***

SCRIP is a simple system of purchasing gift cards for a wide variety of businesses. A percentage of each purchase is deposited into the choir member's account. Many families benefit from buying cards for businesses they consistently use!

### ***Hornbacher's***

Similar to SCRIP, members purchase gift cards from the Executive director at rehearsals. For each card purchased, a set amount is deposited into the member's account.

## ***Other Fundraising Opportunities***

Throughout the year, other fundraising opportunities may be available. Information regarding additional fundraising opportunities will be posted on the FMYC website and in the weekly notes. Past fundraising opportunities have included selling Butter Braids, Papa Murphy's discount cards and other items. All fundraisers are completely optional.

All funds raised are automatically deposited into the choir member's account and will automatically be applied to unpaid tuition and/or tour expenses. Funds carry over from year to year as long as membership continues. Funds may be shared among siblings who are FMYC members. When a family leaves the choir, any funds remaining in their account must be retained by FMYC and released into the general fund after one year, as required by law.

Once tuition has been paid in full, additional fundraised amounts will be applied toward tour payments. A maximum amount of \$150 may be withdrawn from the account for spending money on tour but must be requested at least 2 weeks prior to tour.

## ***Unused Fundraised Amounts***

While families are able to use fundraised money toward their spending money on tour, we are unable to allow families to "cash out" their unused fundraiser amounts after they leave the choir. The fundraised amounts are required to go to 501(c) (3) non-profit organizations and therefore, fundraised amounts must be forfeited to the general fund after a year of account inactivity. While our organization does our best to see that families benefit from their personal fundraising, policies do not allow funds that have come strictly from fundraising to be returned.

Overpayments or unused deposits may be handled differently, and are subject to executive committee review.

# *Fargo Moorhead Youth Choir 2018 Fall Calendar*

\*All Rehearsals start at 6:30 at NDSU Reineke unless otherwise stated.

## **September**

9-9 Rehearsal  
9-16 Rehearsal  
9-23 Rehearsal: Parent Meeting 6:30 in room 116.  
9-30 Rehearsals

## **October \* Fall Social \*Sing National Anthem**

10-6 Fall Social and Rehearsal (National Anthem Sing) 9:00-Noon  
\*30 Minute Concert for family and friends at 11:40.  
10-7 No Rehearsals  
10-13 Ruby choir Performs at "Relevance- Choral Symposium" 7:30  
10-14 Rehearsals  
10-21 Rehearsal  
10-28 Rehearsal

## **November Sing at "It's a Wonderful Night"**

11-4 Rehearsal sight TBD  
11-11 Rehearsal \*Families will be asked to donate 2 doz. treats to contribute to the Bake sale.  
11-18 It's a wonderful Night West Acres Shopping Mall **(6:00-8:00)**  
11-25 No rehearsals Thanksgiving weekend

## **December \*Concert \*Nutcracker**

12-2 Rehearsal  
12-8 Winter Concert Rehearsal 9am to 10:30 am (Olivet Lutheran Church)  
12-9 Winter concert and bake sale, 2:30 call time, 3pm Concert. (Olivet Lutheran Church)  
12-13 Nutcracker (Diamond Choir, Ruby Optional) 7:00 p.m.  
12-14 Nutcracker 7:00 p.m.  
12-15 Nutcracker 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.



## *Fargo Moorhead Youth Choir 2019 Spring Calendar*

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### **January**

1-27 Rehearsal

### **February**

2-3 No Rehearsal (Super Bowl)

2-10 Rehearsal

2-17 Rehearsal Parent meeting 6:35 rm 116

2-24 Rehearsal-Picture Night

### **March**

3-1 National Anthem sing Ruby and Garnet Fargo Force

3-2 Spring Social at NDSU Reineke and Union Hall, 9am to 12 pm.

3-3 No Rehearsal

3-10 Rehearsal

3-17 Rehearsal

3-22 Rehearsal

3-31 Rehearsal

### **April**

4-7 Rehearsal

4-14 Rehearsal

4-21 Happy Easter

4-28 Rehearsal

### **May \*Sing National Anthem at RedHawks TBA**

5-5 Rehearsal

5-13 No Rehearsal Mother's Day

5-18 Concert Rehearsal at Olivet Lutheran Church 9:00-10:30 \*Bring Silent Auction items

5-19 Concert/Silent Auction at Olivet Lutheran Church 2:00

5-? Sing National Anthem at RedHawks **TBA**

5-30<sup>th</sup> through June 2<sup>nd</sup> NYC MidAmerica concert residency 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up optional

### **June**

6-8- Day trip and performance at Valley Fair

6-14 Midwest Kids Fest: Time TBA

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### *Donation Levels*

Grande: \$1000 or more  
Magnificent: \$750 - \$999

Fantastic: \$500 - \$749  
Excellent: \$250 - \$499

Generous: \$249 - \$100  
Bravo: Up to \$99

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### *FMYC Supporting Donors Donation Form*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print your name as you wish it to be listed in the concert program)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(A receipt will be sent to you)

Please send your donation to:

Fargo-Moorhead Youth Choir  
Box 773  
Fargo, ND 58107-0773

THANK YOU for supporting Fargo-Moorhead Youth Choir!