

TO: Cantabile Families
FROM: Amy
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RE: Cantabile Presents: A Night in Italy



Cantabile Presents: A Night in Italy: For several months, we (directors, office staff and parent volunteers) have been busy working on ideas for a fundraising event for Cantabile. After much discussion, we settled on "Cantabile Presents: A Night in Italy!" We are excited about the opportunity to fundraise in Dickinson and hope you will join us in this new endeavor.

"Cantabile Presents: A Night in Italy" will be family friendly event that includes a spaghetti dinner, silent auction, raffle, and performances by Cantabile, CDCC's Angelica, and the DSU Chamber Singers. **The event will be held at the Dickinson Elks Lodge on Sunday, February 26th from 4:30pm to 7:00pm.**

What do we need from you? As with any fundraising event, we need volunteers. We need help with everything from ticket sales to baking desserts to setting-up the day of the event. As the event gets closer, please watch your email, as that is the best way for me to solicit volunteers.

Raffle Tickets: As part of the evening, we will be holding a raffle drawing and are asking the students to presell raffle tickets. This is an easy way to help the choir raise funds. Choir members should be bringing home raffle tickets and instructions on January 31st. (All monies collected, along with tickets, should be turned in February 21st during rehearsal.)

Silent Auction Donations: This event also includes a silent auction. We will be putting together themed baskets made up of items donated by choir families. A list of suggested items for your child to bring is included on a separate sheet. **Because we need time to organize and create the themed baskets, we are asking that you bring these items in by Tuesday, February 14.** You should also be aware that we have not asked each child to bring the same items. We've split the singers into groups based on the school they attend. We've done this to increase our chances of having a variety of donated items from which to build baskets. We ask you to bring an item or items from the attached list to rehearsal on Tuesday, February 14. Please do not bring items after that date as we will not have time to put baskets together.

Of course, you are also welcome to donate your own basket. We simply ask that the basket be at least a \$35 value. These baskets should be brought to choir rehearsal by February 21st. Please label or somehow indicate your name on these baskets so that we know who to contact if we have questions. Please do not bring any baskets or silent auction items to the event. We need to enter items into our data base and will not be able to do this the day of the event.

Included with this note are two very important forms:

A NIGHT IN ITALY TICKET ORDER form: (salmon) Tickets will be available for sale at the choir office, online at www.aboutcdcc.org and will be sold at rehearsals on February 14th & 21st. See note for details.

A NIGHT IN ITALY SILENT AUCTION BASKET DONATION LIST: (white) Items due February 14th.

Thank you!! And we hope to see you, your family, your friends and neighbors, and people you don't even know on **Sunday, February 26th** at "**Cantabile Presents: A Night in Italy!**"