

GCCC QUARTER NOTES

March 2026

Volume 3

Notes from the Operations Director

I'm not sure how it happened, but here we are, wrapping up another incredible GCCC season—and what a semester it's been! From the first rehearsals to the finishing touches, our singers have grown in confidence, musicianship, and joy, and it has been such a gift to watch their hard work shine. Now it's time to celebrate at our Spring Concert and annual certification ceremony: a big, bright moment to share the music we've built together and to cheer on every singer for the commitment, courage, and heart they've brought all semester long. We can't wait to welcome you, fill the room with applause, and send this semester out in the best way possible—together.

Below you will find our upcoming calendar of events along with notes and instructions for dress rehearsal and concert day, along with spring audition information.

I truly enjoyed having all of you as part of our GCCC family this year!

Sara Twite

What's coming up:

- Thursday, April 2 – Poco & Canto Rehearsal only
- Thursday, April 9 - Spring Concert Dress Rehearsal
- Saturday, April 11 - Spring Concert & Presentation of Singer Certificates
- Thursday, April 16 - Current GCCC singer Re-Auditions @ Red River High School
- Monday, April 20 – New & current singer auditions @ Red River High School
- Tuesday, April 21 – New & current singer auditions @ Red River High School
- Thursday, April 23 – New & current singer auditions @ New Heights Elementary School in EGF, MN

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Spring Dress Rehearsal & Concert Information

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

1. Dress Rehearsal is at the Chester Fritz Performing Arts Center. **Note the time changes for Poco, Canto and Accordo choirs:**
 - Poco - 5:15-6:45pm – report up the stairs to the stage
 - Canto – 5:15-6:45pm – report down the stairs to the large rehearsal room
 - Accordo – 6:30-8:00pm – report up the stairs to the stage
 - Primo – 6:45-8:45pm – report down the stairs to the large rehearsal room
2. Singers should bring their binder of music with them to rehearsal to be turned in for the season. (Families will be charged a small fee for any binders that are not returned.)
3. Drop off your singer at the end of the sidewalk that leads to the south side of the CFPAC near the loading dock. Look for the flag.
4. Formal concert uniform should be worn to assure everyone has what they need. Uniform pieces are as follows:

Poco, Canto, Accordo

- Choir Polo Shirt
- Black Skirt or Black Pants (Black skirt issued by GCCC, Black pants provided by you)
- Black Tights or Black Socks
- Black Dress Shoes

Primo Treble

- Green Top
- Black Pants
- Black Knee-Hi's (feet & ankles covered in black)
- Black Dress Shoes

Primo Tenor/Basses

- Black Pants
- Black Vest
- White Tux Shirt
- Black Crew Socks
- Black Dress Shoes

*Studs, cufflinks, and button covers will be onsite for the tenors and basses

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

1. **Call Time for singers is 1:45pm.** Call Time means that singers are in their formal uniform and in their seat by this time. All singers should report to the lower level.
2. Singer can be dropped off at the end of the sidewalk that leads to the south side of the CFPAC near the loading dock. Look for the flag! Binders and music should be brought with them if they were not brought in on Thursday. (Families will be charged a small fee for any binders that are not returned.)
3. We will have a photo backdrop up on the mezzanine. You are welcome to take photos before or after the show. All singers must be in their rehearsal seat by call time.
4. We are looking for additional parent helpers to be downstairs prior to the show to help run singers to the restroom, adjust uniforms, etc. You may sign up to volunteer at the following link: [GCCC Spring Concert Help - Saturday, April 11](#)
5. Doors will open for the audience to be seated at 2:30pm. Concert is free and open to the public.
6. If you follow our Facebook page you have seen that the concert will be streamed by clicking on that event link. Please let friends and relatives know who live too far to attend the event in person.
7. **Pre-Concert guest performance:** Mixed Voices Community Choir 2:45pm
8. **Concert Begins:** 3:00pm
9. **Concert Ending Time:** 5:00pm (concert ends with all choirs singing together)
10. After each group's performance, the singers will be presented with their choir certificate and star pins
11. **After Concert Singer Pickup:**
 - One Parent of a Poco, Canto or Accordo singer should exit out the side doors and go to the basement to meet their singer.
 - For those Poco, Canto, and Accordo singers that borrowed a skirt, these singers should bring an additional pair of pants to change into. Skirts will be collected after the show. (Families will be charged a small fee if skirts are not returned.)
 - Primo parents can wait in the auditorium as Primo singers will collect their jackets and then return to the auditorium.

Audition link is LIVE!

All **current** singers who wish to remain in our program for the upcoming season are required to re-audition. Singers currently enrolled can sign up for re-auditions on Thursday, April 16 @ Red River High School.

Any **NEW** singer interested in joining our program or **any returning singer** who is unable to attend the re-audition date can sign up for an audition time slot on Monday, April 20; Tuesday, April 21 (both at Red River High School); or Thursday, April 23 @ New Heights Elementary School in East Grand Forks.

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The link can be found here: <https://gccspringauditions.as.me/>

Season 25

This upcoming year we will be celebrating our 25th year as an organization! We are currently finalizing plans and season calendar. Watch our social media pages for fun facts about our program, throw back photos and memories from our alumni, and so much more!

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!!

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