



# Marin Girls Chorus

*Start Young ~ Sing Forever*

September 15, 2017

Hello Bel Canto and Chantons Families,

Miss Grace and the board have chosen our 2018 Summer Tour: we'll be traveling to the Great Wolf Lodge outside of Dallas, Texas for the first annual Texas International Choral Festival! As part of MGC's goal to tour and collaborate with other youth choirs throughout the country, we are pleased to extend this opportunity to our Bel Canto and Chantons singers.

From Wednesday, June 20 to Sunday, June 24, 2018, our singers will experience great music, great food, and extraordinary Texas hospitality, while enjoying all the fun to be had at the world-famous Great Wolf Lodge. Visit their website (<https://www.greatwolf.com/grapevine>) to see the fun in store, or just ask your singer about Great Wolf Lodge! The musical and artistic focus of the festival is broad and includes folk and world music. The festival will be led by Dr. Lynne Gackle, Baylor University's Associate Professor of Ensembles and Associate Director of Choral Activities.

The estimated costs for the festival is \$1520, which includes:

- Roundtrip airfare into either Love Field or Dallas/Fort Worth (TBA)
- 4 nights at Great Wolf Lodge
- 10 meals
- Admission to Great Wolf Lodge's indoor water park
- Ground transportation to and from the airport
- Ground transportation to/from festival activities
- Tickets to Rough Riders Baseball Game where festival participants will sing National Anthem
- Admission to Six Flags Over Texas theme park
- Festival t-shirt
- Daily rehearsals and clinics
- Final concert at Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center

We need to have three chaperones in addition to Miss Grace, and their cost is also \$1520\*.

**Founder:**

*Martha Wall*

**Board Members:**

*Autumn Allee  
Kathy Edwards  
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**Artistic Director**

*Grace Renaud*

**Associate Directors**

*Amanda Hahn*

**Director of Operations**

*Barbara Sabido*

**Mission:**

*MGC offers girls and young women the opportunity to discover the joyful experience of choral singing and the transformative power of music.*

**Our singers:**

*Use their voices with artistry and confidence*

*Share the gift of song with the community*

*Develop inner strength and self-assurance*

*Learn the value of each individual's contribution*

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*Celebrating 30 years of excellence in music education*

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Because this festival asks for families to pay registration costs to them directly, payment structure for the full trip as follows:

- **Festival registration fees of \$825 or \$875 (see below) are payable directly to TICF.**
- **MGC fees of \$645 for airfare, extra rehearsal space, accompanist costs, extra food, and conductor costs are payable to MGC**

**TICF** requires each singer AND chaperone to register on their website <http://siteline.vendini.com/site/ntchoirs.com/ticf-2018-registration-forms>

- **\$825 per person early bird rate ends September 30, 2017**
  - A \$200 deposit is due upon registration
  - Four equal installments of \$156 or pay \$625 in full
  - Due dates\*\* 10/30, 11/30, 1/30, 3/30
- **\$875 per person regular registration ends December 1, 2017**
  - A \$250 deposit is due upon registration
  - Four equal installments of \$156 or pay \$625 in full
  - Due dates\*\* 10/30, 11/30, 1/30, 3/30

**MGC** requires each person and chaperone to pay \$645 by check (preferred) or by credit card via the Member's Only area of the website

- Four equal installments of \$161.25, or pay \$645 in full
- Due dates\*\* 10/30, 11/30, 1/30, 3/30

We are very excited for this tour and we hope that all Bel Canto and Chantons singers will be able to participate! Partial scholarships are available. Please email [Barbara@marinchorus.org](mailto:Barbara@marinchorus.org) to inquire.

**Please email Barbara by October 1 to RSVP Yay or Nay**  
**Please double-check amounts and due dates to TICF AND MGC**

Non-chaperoning family members who want to attend must make their own travel arrangements and reservations at Great Wolf Lodge.

\* Possible reduction in chaperone costs if we meet a minimum of 20 singers participating.

\*\* Both TICF and MGC sends out **their own** due date reminders to registered participants

Looking forward to many Yay's, and very few Nay's!

Miss Grace and the Board

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