

# Tribute

## DESSERT THEATER 2010

Dear parents,

As you are aware, Dessert Theatre 2010 is upon us – **Sunday, March 7** -- and promises to be the best yet! Parent volunteers are so important to this effort. Our support allows Caitlin and the kids to concentrate on the show itself as we help make it run in the background. Your time and effort would be very much appreciated.

There are two components of volunteering. The first is time. For those of you who are not able to attend the **parents meeting this Sunday, Jan. 10 at 4 p.m. at the church (Room 391)** and/or are not able to commit to volunteering at that time, please look at all the work areas below and let me know what fits your availability and interests; there are opportunities every week from now until the completion of the show. Simply check the boxes that interest you and I will forward your name to the appropriate lead parent. **I would like each parent to commit to at least two volunteer times (i.e. you could volunteer to fill one shift in ticket sales and bring some bottled water for one of the rehearsals).** This will help keep the load doable for each family.

In addition to your time, we have certain financial requests for the show and have tried to consolidate these requests at this one time. By filling in the financial form attached and sending one check, you can cover all financial commitments up front. Details for the components of our financial commitment are as follows:

- a. The parents have responsibility for providing desserts for the show. In recent years, we have begun serving a combination of purchased desserts and homemade desserts. If you would like to bake, we have a recipe for fudge pie (would need you to make 3 pies). If you would prefer, you may donate \$20 per choir member to help fund the other desserts.
- b. Costumes – most of the costumes are items that the kids can bring from home. However, we are asking each choir member to purchase 1 DT 2010 t-shirt for \$15. Additionally, the kids wear tux shirts, bow ties and cummerbunds to serve dessert and coffee (guys wear them in Act 1 as well.) If your youth does not have these items at home or from the show last year, we can order them for you at a cost of \$17 for the tux shirt and \$12 for the bow tie/cummerbund.
- c. We have traditionally recognized our Seniors as well as provided appreciation gifts for our Choir staff. Please consider a donation of any amount for this recognition; we recommend between \$5 and \$25.
- d. A DVD of the performances will be available within a few weeks after the show. This year we will ensure it is professionally taped and edited to improve the quality. Cost for the DVD is \$15.
- e. As parents of choir members, you have the opportunity to buy tickets before we begin ticket sales to the public. Ticket prices are \$10 for reserved seats in the newly configured Wesley Hall (will no longer be tables on the floor there).

We hope that by outlining all of the expenses at the outset we can make one collection rather than repeatedly request contributions throughout the next 6 weeks. **On the form below, please indicate your choices and dollar totals. We will collect checks or cash at our meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> or checks/forms may be sent to Pat Norris at 3641 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, TX 75205 or dropped off with Sandi Dillon at the Choir office.**

**Thank you for your excitement and enthusiasm and assistance. It will make all the difference.**

Gina and Pat Norris

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## DESSERT THEATER 2010 Parent Volunteer Form

Parent Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Name(s) and Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Work areas: (please check all that you are interested in)  
[Chairs are noted below as of press time]**

\_\_\_\_\_Costumes – Jan Madigan, Co-Chair -- **Need one new co-chair for coordination the week of the show and share coverage of rehearsal week nights.**

\_\_\_\_\_Costumes -- **Need one other person to coordinate any sewing/mending of costumes as necessary**

\_\_\_\_\_Costumes -- *A few helpers needed to help on Wed. night, 3/03 (costume check), dress rehearsal on Saturday, 3/06, and during each show (3/7). Main responsibility is to help kids with their costumes and general organization in the changing room. Time commitment for a shift would be approximately 2 hours.*

\_\_\_\_\_Desserts – Angie Pirok, Co-Chair. **Need one other person to co-chair**

*Helpers needed to set up desserts (cut, plate and prepare for serving) for each of the two performances. Time commitment is day of show in one of two shifts (2:00 – 4:45 or 5:30 – 6:45). Also need help with clean up after second show (30 minutes).*

\_\_\_\_\_Stage Manager -- Tim Stephens and Stan Jovicich, Co-Chairs

*Helpers needed to work Friday night, Saturday dress rehearsal and both performances. Main responsibility is to get kids to right entrance at right time and keep things calm backstage. Also may involve moving small props/microphones on and off stage. Commitment is approximately 4 hours, as helpers on day of show must also have helped either Friday or Saturday. (Counts as two volunteer slots)*

\_\_\_\_\_Tickets –Betsy Hurst and Lauri Lueder – Co Chairs

*Helpers needed to man ticket tables on the 2 Sundays before the event. Two tables are set up for two-man teams for 2-hour shifts from 9-11 a.m. outside the Main Sanctuary and Wesley Hall. Additionally, helpers needed before each performance to man the “will call” booth (1 hour for each shift).*

\_\_\_\_\_Decorations/Set up -- **Need 2 parents to co-chair this area**

*Six Volunteers needed to set/“turn” the tables before the first show and then between shows. Lead parents job entails helping develop and pull together the centerpieces for the table (can be and should be a very simple centerpiece), plan the rest of the table set up (tablecloth, what goes on the tables,...), and organize the volunteers on the day of the show in terms of setting up and turning the tables. Time commitment is about one hour for each shift on the day of the performance. Additionally, one Serving Trainer needed to coach kids on service etiquette (1-hour commitment before first show)*

\_\_\_\_\_Recognition/Appreciation – Cathy Bryan

*One person needed to assist in choosing/purchasing senior recognition and appreciation gifts. (1-2 hours)*

\_\_\_\_\_Dress rehearsal – Sara Alleman to host Dickinson Place residents for the show and luncheon

*Need three people to drive vans to and from Dickinson Place to transport guests to the show/luncheon. One helper also needed to set up/serve/clean up at the luncheon. (3 hours on Saturday March 6)*

\_\_\_\_\_Rehearsal Food – Michelle Patison, Carolyn Hartley -- Co-Chairs

*Helpers needed to (1) buy food and deliver to church (1 hour); and (2) set up, monitor(i.e. make sure no food goes into Wesley Hall) and clean up food for a certain rehearsal night (5 – 8pm on one night the week of March 1 – counts as 2 shifts)*

\_\_\_\_\_Rehearsal Week Help – Ginger Sholden

*Helpers needed to attend one rehearsal the week of February 23rd including the Friday night dinner served to the Choir, and help “keep the peace”. (5:30 – 8pm on one night) – counts as 2 shifts.*

\_\_\_\_\_Dinner on Day of Show – Suzan Guthery and Lucy McDaniel, Co-chairs

*Will arrange for catered dinner, set up, serve and clean up food the night of the show between performance (5:15 – 6:30 on March 3)*

-----Slide Show/Pictures – Pat Norris, Powerpoint Introductions for each piece

-----Video Clips of Kids – Tom Lueder will provide assist to Videographer

**Financial Participation:**

Dessert donation. For each choir member, please donate either 3 fudge pies \_\_\_\_\_  
or \$20 per choir member.

Recognition/Appreciation (recommended amount \$5 - \$25) \_\_\_\_\_

DVD (delivered in Spring) - \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket total from Presale form \_\_\_\_\_

Dessert Theatre T-Shirt - \$12      Quantity \_\_\_\_\_  
Size (Youth SML; Adult SMLXL)\_\_\_\_\_

Cummerbund/ Tie Set (if needed) -- \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

Tux Shirt (if needed) -- \$25      Size—(to be measured at rehearsal) \_\_\_\_\_

Total      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please make checks payable to HPUMC; forms may be returned to Pat Norris at 3641 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, TX 75205 or to Sandi Dillon at the HPUMC Choir office, 3300 Mockingbird Lane, Room 320, Dallas, TX 75205)