Music Matters

## Serendipity Singers



September 2011



Let the fun begin!

Our goal is to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Murrieta Valley School District Choral Festival on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Mesa High School, as well as the Elementary Choral Festival at Vista High School on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Sign-ups are from Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> through August 18<sup>th</sup>. Auditions will be held before and after school for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and during recess for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Once a student has returned the application form, an audition time will be assigned. The students <u>should not</u> come prepared with a song. They will all be singing an easy, familiar song. The students do not have to have experience, only a love for singing. Students will be required to have excellent behavior, consistent attendance, and a positive attitude.

Students must have their teacher from last year complete the recommendation form. Give it to the teacher by Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> and *the teacher will give it directly to Mrs. Ackley*. If a student is new to the school, the parents can send the teacher's name and email address to Mrs. Ackley at: sackley@murrieta.k12.ca.us.

For the performances, the students will be wearing a white long-sleeved collared shirt or blouse, black pants for the boys, a black skirt for the girls, and black shoes. The clothing is to be provided by the parents.

We would love to have parents support our group by donating \$8 to help defray the cost of the buses and miscellaneous costs for the choral festivals. Any amount would be greatly appreciated!



Composer of the Month George Gershwin 1898 - 1937

George Gershwin was an American composer and pianist. His compositions spanned both popular and classical genres, and his most popular melodies are widely known. Among his best known works are the orchestral compositions Rhapsody in Blue (1924) and An American in Paris (1928), as well as the opera, Porgy and Bess (1935).