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On Sun, Jul 2, 2017 at 7:36 PM

David Haas <dhrabbit@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear MMA alums! Greetings from David (Papa Bear). This is a VERY RISKY message to send to so many of you – but it is so critically important. I cannot state strongly enough, that this message MUST be kept secret because of the tender topic being brought up here. It is a bit lengthy – but the topic requires it to be so. Please, take the time to read this through, carefully and slowly.

Of the 2300 some alumni that have attended MMA as youth participants over the years (this is our 19th year), I have been able to ascertain FB addresses, etc, for about 800 or so of you. I am sending several messages here – because I cannot include 800 people in one message. I also need each of you reading this to PLEASE, PLEASE, not share the contents of this with Lori True, Fr. Ray, Jes, other leadership team folks, any existing team member (I will list their names below) or former team member. They do not know I am sending it – and I would get into so much trouble from the leadership team especially, if they knew I was sending this (Lori would kill me in a variety of ways). Also, it cannot and must not be shared in anyway whatsoever with any former adult track attendee, and ESPECIALLY (and this is important), with any youth participant attending this year (we have 105 coming from 30 states, as well as England, Guam, Canada, and 9 from the Philippines!).

So I think you are getting the gist that this is important to keep very, very confidential. Obviously there are some alumni from past years who I am not able to locate – and so, of course, I invite you to share this information with your MMA alum/friends .. but HERE IS ANOTHER IMPORTANT THING – do not, DO NOT, share any of this information with ANYONE on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or any other social media platform. If the word were to get out to people (especially our 2017 attendees), the result would be devastating.

OK – now that I have your attention. It is 99% certain, because of a huge confluence of circumstances and recent events (mostly economic; because of the change of direction of the leadership of St. Catherine University; because of the difficulty administratively, rising costs, and too many other factors to share here) – it seems that while the mission of MMA is going to continue in some new and creative ways; MMA as we know it – the 6 day summer institute that you all have been a part of here at St. Kate's – will no longer be able to continue after our 19th institute next month. It has been quite a ride – and all of you are the most important characters in this marvelous story and program. Now, I think you understand now, how important it is that our 2017 participants (youth, adults, and team) NOT find out about this, as it would seriously be upsetting to them and we want the week this year to be as joyful and wonderful as it always has been. The participants will probably be informed at the final SING and closing liturgy (as will the audience and others).

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As of right now, only a very small handful of our team members for this year even know this news. They will be informed about it at our opening team meeting when we gather on Monday of that week.

So – here is the invitation ... I would LOVE to have the O’Shaughnessy Auditorium at St. Kate’s FILLED to the brim with people this year – especially with MMA alumni. I want to make an invitation to all of you – and I know this is financially very challenging for so many of you – to consider coming to St. Paul, and being with us for the real, FINAL, MMA “Festival Sing” on Saturday, July 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the O’Shaughnessy Auditorium at St. Kates’, and also join us for the final Mass the next morning, Sunday July 30 at 11:00 a.m. (with Fr. Ray presiding and preaching), in the CDC Building on campus, in the third floor ballroom. Please wear your favorite MMA T-shirt for the SING. Tickets are presently available at our MMA website (www.musicministryalive.com), for an early bird price, or you can get them at the door. Unfortunately we have no ability to offer any housing or anything like that.

Again – you cannot, MUST not let anyone know – especially Lori and the other team members, any friends that you know that may be attending as participants this year – basically NO ONE except among yourselves, or in communicating with other alumni to share the news (but again – only by email or phone – NO SOCIAL MEDIA!). It will be a challenge to keep this quiet and secret, so the risk here is VERY HIGH. Even if you are a child of a former or present team member or adult track participant, or a sibling of an attendee ... mum MUST be the word! Even when you show up that evening of the SING, you have to keep it quiet, until I inform the audience as to what is happening toward the end of the evening. We have some amazing young people attending (like all of you when you were a part of this), and we do not want ANYTHING to get in the way of their having the most positive experience possible. We know there will be tears. They are streaming down my face as I write this. I will be sending a similar message to former adult track attendees and to former team members.

Important note to more recent alums – those of you who attended MMA the past couple of years – REMEMBER, that some of your friends are attending this year for their 2nd or final year – so you MUST not tell this this information.

If you are able to come, try to let me know via email: dhrabbit@gmail.com. If you cannot figure it out until the last minute – do not worry about it. Just come. I cannot offer any discount beyond our early bird price – so sorry.

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The concert starts at 7:30 – it would be cool if you would be able on the lawn right next to the auditorium sign looking at the front entrance between 6:45 – 7:00 p.m. ... Maybe a photo could be organized! And then you could all go in and sit as a group...

The good news is that MMA is going to continue ... and we are working on those efforts now – perhaps exploring some smaller gatherings; retreat format, regional meetings of smaller numbers, etc. The cause is too important, and we are no less committed to it – but times and circumstances are demanding that we begin a new chapter.

These are the team members that are part of MMA 2017, that you MUST NOT tell that I was in touch with you. In fact, even AFTER the SING, let's just keep this or secret, as to how you all found out. Here are the names (so read through these and DO NOT share any of this information – because some of them are alumni (they are in caps) and I do NOT want them to know yet): myself, Lori True, MATT REICHERT, Fr. Ray East, ZACK STACHOWSKI, JES GARCEAU, Bonnie Faber, Kate Cuddy, Anna Betancourt, George Miller, Lynne Gray, Lisa Habeck, GREG PAPESH, Bill Gokelman, Jaime Cortez, Gary Daigle, Tom Franzak, Kathy and Glenn Baybayan, Mary Kay Werner, Sr. Bridget Waldorf, Fr. Alapaki Kim, Joel Loecken, Chrissy Fritzen, Lisa Cressy, Mary Reimann, Tony Och, KATHERINE TRUE, CARMEN GRACE POPPERT, ELLEN LARSON, MATT MAUS, DAN GERSHGOL, KEVIN KEITH, Eileen Bird, CAMERON CABOT, JUDY GAUNT, Alissa Hetzner, KEVIN KEITH, Patrice Pakiz, Jim Waldo.

This going to be a hard secret to maintain ... I am asking for your commitment to secrecy here. So I hope you can join us and help us give thanks to God, for each other, for song, for MMA. It would mean the world to me and to so many others, if you would be able to join us. So communicate with each other – strategize your travel plans, car pooling, meeting up, etc. (again – phone, private messaging, email ONLY), and let's come together. I love you all. And may God bless MMA 2017.

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