

THE CALIFORNIA ALL-STATE HONOR CHOIR

An effort of the California Choral Directors Association And the Southern California Vocal Association

Dear Director:

Congratulations on having students selected as members of the 2018 California All-State Honor Choir. Your hard work is appreciated and a large number of people, including me and your students. I look forward to seeing those of you who are old friends and to meeting many of you for the first time.

I know this is a long letter, but please read the following information carefully as it contains details that are very important in your student's participation in this year's All-State Honor Choir.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED DURING HONOR CHOIR WEEKEND (especially Thursday for check-in and octet testing) As the director of students in the honor choir, it is expected that you (or a representative from your school) will be available to assist at some point during the honor choir weekend. If you are unable to be in San Jose, please designate a parent chaperone to volunteer for a few hours on one of the days. A sign-up will be posted online. You will be notified of this via email. We need people to help with registration, conductor assistance, and many other small duties.

As a volunteer organization, CCDA relies upon its members to make our events an amazing experience for our students and audience members. Your work does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. Much thanks in advance.

PART ASSIGNMENTS

The basic divisi/part assignment for each student will be indicated on the label attached his/her music when they receive it. There may be some other variations of part assignments depending upon the choir and individual piece of music. Some of this may be very confusing to students. Please assist your students with understanding what notes they should sing on each piece. The conductors have asked for some creative part-splitting and I will need your help in clarifying this information for the individual students. Encourage students to mark their scores with the conductor's notes.

If there are questions regarding which part or notes should be sung by and individual on a given piece, please email me at mepeters79@gmail.com.

HONOR CHOIR PERFORMANCES

Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.: Junior High and Men's

Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.: Mixed and Women's

St. Joseph's Cathedral

80 S Market Street

San Jose, CA 95113

The concert is open to the public.

Tickets for the concert are \$10 per audience member and will be sold online before the honor choir performance through eventbrite.com. Directors should look for an e-mail with a link to tickets approximately one week before the concert.

Choral directors who have at least one student in the All-State Honor Choir will receive one complimentary ticket; however, that ticket must be reserved on eventbrite.com in advance.

REHEARSAL TRACKS

All rehearsal tracks are available online on the CCDA HighSchool Honor Choir webpage:
<http://www.acdocal.org/calendar-of-events/honor-choirs/junior-high-all-state-honor-choir/>

PARTICIPATION FEE

The participation fee for the 2018 All-State Honor Choir is \$210. This fee includes: conductors, accompanists, rehearsal and performance spaces, music, program, t-shirt, and both video and audio downloads of the concert. It does NOT include: housing, food, other personal needs during the honor choir weekend.

PAYMENT:

1. Pay online with a credit card: <http://calcda.org/calendar-of-events/honor-choirs/>

***Please scan and e-mail Medical Release forms to mepeters79@gmail.com. When scanning, be sure that each singer from your school is in a separate file (with both pages of the medical release in one PDF or image), and name each one LAST, FIRST.**

Please note: California ACDA no longer accepts checks of any kind for honor choir payments.

REHEARSALS – FEBRUARY 15-17

We have a tentative rehearsal schedule posted on the CCDA website. Once the schedule is finalized, I will e-mail all participating teachers. Please note that every effort is made to keep to the written schedule as posted; however, changes may need to be made at any time.

All rehearsals will be held at San Jose State University, and both honor choir performances will take place at the beautiful St. Joseph's Cathedral on Saturday, February 17 (see performances above or the CCDA website for times). The Cathedral is located at 80 S Market Street, San Jose, CA 95113. Rehearsals are scheduled for Thursday afternoon and evening, Friday morning, afternoon and evening and Saturday morning.

REGISTRATION/PART CHECKS

Thursday, February 15 beginning at 9:00 am, closing at 12:30 pm

Specific details for registration locations and part checks will be posted on the CCDA All-State page and e-mailed to directors: <http://calcda.org/calendar-of-events/honor-choirs/>

LIABILITY/MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

1. Director, student, and parents need to carefully read and complete the Liability/ Medical Release form.
2. NOTE: The following statement appears in the liability section of the Liability/Medical Release form: "I expressly agree that this agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with laws of the State of Oklahoma, with Oklahoma County being the court of exclusive jurisdiction, and I consent to the jurisdiction of the State of Oklahoma and of the courts of Oklahoma County." The California ACDA is part of a national organization the headquarters of which is located in Oklahoma.
3. All singers must submit this form, signed by a parent or guardian, regardless of age.
4. All students should return the completed form to you. **Directors: Scan and e-mail the forms instead of mailing hard copies. When scanning, be sure that each singer from**

your school is in a separate file (with both pages of the medical release in one PDF or image), and name each one LAST, FIRST.

5. NOTE: The \$210 participation fee is non-refundable.
6. ACDA will ONLY accept online credit card payment for honor choir.
7. This deadline will not be extended under any circumstances.

MEALS

All meals are the responsibility of the individual singers and chaperones. There are restaurants and grocery stores within a short walk of all rehearsal venues.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from the All-State Honor Choir venue is your own responsibility. If you live locally or plan to stay with relatives or friends in the area you may commute to and from the rehearsals and performance. If you are arriving by air, San Jose Airport is closest. A cab from the airport will cost ~\$25.00.

HOUSING

Honor choir singers are not required to stay at a pre-designated site. **Singers and chaperones may make any housing arrangements they wish including other hotels or private homes.**

All hotel information will be released in late November, once the high school honor choir participants are selected.

Congratulations again on providing such wonderful opportunities for your students. If you have any questions regarding the above information, or any other issues that may arise, please do not hesitate to contact me.

All future information and instructions will be posted on the California ACDA website. <http://calcda.org/calendar-of-events/honor-choirs/>. Be sure to check the site on a regular basis after December 1, 2017.

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