

California High School Honor Choirs

A collaborative effort of CCDA and SCVA

<http://acdacal.org/calendar-of-events/honor-choirs>

There are three Regional Honor Choirs: Coastal, Central, and Southern/SCVA. Each region has a Men's Choir, Women's Choir and a Mixed Choir. Singers audition in September/October to become a member of one of the state's regional honor choirs in November. Students who have participated in a regional honor choir and have indicated that they want to be considered for All State Honor Choir will have their audition scores assessed for participation in All State Honor Choir. The All State Honor Choir is "the cream of the crop", bringing together the finest high school singers from the entire state of California to sing in the All State Honor Choirs in February.



Not sure what region you are in? Please email All State Chair, Molly Peters, honorchoir.allstate.ca@gmail.com.

Singer Eligibility

Current enrollment in and participation in the choral program at your high school or community organization is required, and your director must approve your audition application online. Your choir director must be a member of CCDA or SCVA.

In accordance with the current policy and procedures of National ACDA:

- Hotel reservations and payment for All-State honor choir participants are the responsibility of the singer's director/chaperone and are to be made directly with the hotel reservation personnel. Singers who are registered at a hotel must have someone over the age of 21 register the singers on-site. This is a hotel rule and is non-negotiable. All singers must be chaperoned regardless of age.
- The Honor choir chairperson will not reserve hotel rooms or collect any money for hotel reservations for All-State Honor Choir participants.
- It is not a requirement for singers in the All-State Choirs to stay in any designated hotel. Singers who reside locally or have family/friends in the area may commute to the rehearsal/performance sites.

THE AUDITION (100 points)

We recommend that teachers/directors review each of these skills with their singers so that they are well prepared.

1. **SOLO:** (40 points) Prepare an Italian, French, or German song to be sung from memory. We recommend Schirmer's *24 Italian Songs and Arias* or *26 Italian Songs and Arias edited by John Glenn Paton* or a comparable song or aria. The singer will sing the song once through with NO repeats or *da capo*. Each singer must provide an accompanist or recording with sound reproductive equipment. Singers must provide two copies of music for the adjudicators. **Students may sing in any key they wish, regardless of their voice part they mark on their application.**
2. **SCALES/TRIADS:** (15 points) Sing the following: ascending and descending: major scale, major triad, minor triad, and chromatic scale, sung on any syllable.
3. **TONAL MEMORY:** (25 points) Five-note passages will be played on the piano for the singer to repeat, sung on any syllable.
4. **SIGHT-READING:** (20 points) A single line, unaccompanied melody will be supplied, sung on any syllable.

Participation Policy

By submitting an application, the singer, director, and school/organization agree to follow through on their commitment for that singer to participate in the honor choir should he or she be accepted. You are required to attend all of the rehearsals. *Your school/organization may be subject to a one-year suspension from participation in honor choirs if any singer from your school/organization does not attend any or all required activities after being accepted, unless there are extenuating circumstances such as illness, injury, or death in the family.*

Placement in Choirs

1. If you are new to honor choirs this year you will be randomly placed into your Regional and All- State Mixed, Men's or Women's Honor Choir.
2. Singers who sang in a Regional Mixed Honor Choir last year will be placed into the Regional Women's or Men's Honor Choir this year. Singers who sang in a Regional Women's/Men's Honor Choir last year will be placed into the Regional Mixed Honor Choir this year. The same rotation system is applied to the All State Choirs as well.

Teachers/Directors:

3. Directors whose singers apply for the honor choirs must be members of CCDA or SCVA.
4. All documents (including sheet music) will be emailed or mailed to the school/organization and posted on the CCDA web site for download.
5. If you send singers to the honor choirs it is your responsibility to distribute information, forms, and music to your students.
6. It is your responsibility to make sure your students are prepared for honor choirs and that they turn in their forms and pay their fees on time.
7. If you have two or more students attending the honor choir, you will be expected to attend the honor choir and volunteer during the weekend.
8. It is strongly recommended that directors assist the singers in filling out the online form, especially those fields dealing with school/community organization and director information. The application cannot be processed unless the singers enter their director's correct email address. We need complete and accurate information.
9. *Your school/organization may be subject to a one-year suspension from participation in honor choirs if any singer from your school/organization does not attend any or all required activities after being accepted, unless there are extenuating circumstances such as illness, injury, or death in the family.*

California High School Honor Choirs Schedule & Information at a glance

ONLINE APPLICATION DEADLINE: September 14, 2018 Audition times posted online Sept. 18, 2017
AUDITIONS FOR CCDA/SCVA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR CHOIRS: September 23 & 29, 2018

REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCE

COASTAL November 15-17, 2018 San Mateo HS/San Mateo Center for the Performing Arts (performance)
CENTRAL November 15-17, 2018, Clovis North HS, Fresno
SCVA November 15-17, 2018 (Redlands)***SCVA has eliminated the October rehearsal and is moving to a three day honor choir weekend in November.

ALL-STATE March 14-16, 2019 (San Jose)

Fees

Audition Fee (for all three regions) \$ 10.00

Audition fees cover adjudicators, audition materials and audition site costs.

Regional Honor Choir Participation Fee Central & Coastal Regions \$100.00

SCVA (Southern Region) \$ 90.00

Participation fees include conductors, accompanists, facilities, music and practice tracks. Singers are responsible for their own transportation, lodging and meals.

Tickets for Regional Concerts and All-State Concert \$ 10.00

All-State Honor Choir Participation Fee \$210.00

All-State fees cover: Conductors and accompanists, facilities, music, practice tracks, t-shirt, and each student will receive a professionally recorded audio and video concert file to download.

Coastal, Central and All State Choirs:

Payment Options include PayPal or a School/Boosters/Organization check paid via the Paypal check feature.

Absolutely no personal checks.

Southern Region (SCVA):

Please consult the SCVA web page http://scvachoral.org/honor_choir.php for appropriate procedures regarding financial and application procedures. Direct all questions concerning the Southern region (SCVA) honor choirs to the SCVA VP of Honor Choirs.

Please direct questions to the high school honor choir chairs.

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| <p>Central Region Chairperson Patrick Burzlaff Centennial High School 8601 Hageman Rd Bakersfield, CA 93312</p> <p>honorchoir.central.ca@gmail.com</p> | <p>Coastal Region Chairperson Mary Stocker Albany High / Albany Middle School 603 Key Route Boulevard Albany, Ca 94706</p> <p>coastalhonorchoirchair@gmail.com</p> | <p>SCVA VP of Honor Choirs Matt Netto Patriot High School 4355 Camino Real Jurupa Valley, CA 92509</p> <p>matthew_netto@jUSD.k12.ca.us</p> |
| <p>All State Honor Choir Chairperson Molly Peters West Ranch HS/Rancho Pico JHS 26255 W Valenica Blvd Stevenson Ranch, Ca 91381</p> <p>honorchoir.allstate.ca@gmail.com</p> | | |

Regional Honor Choirs Audition, Rehearsal & Performance Dates and Locations

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR ALL CHOIRS: September 14, 2018 - Audition times posted online Sept. 18, 2018

Central Region

Rehearsals: November 15-17 – Clovis North High School, Fresno

Concert: Saturday, November 17, Clovis North High School, Fresno

Conductors: **Dr. Joe Modica, University of Redlands – SATB Choir**
Dr. Shawna Stewart, Biola University – SSAA Choir
Dr. Josh Palkki, California State University, Long Beach – TTBB Choir

| Saturday, September 22 – AUDITIONS | Saturday, September 29 – AUDITIONS |
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| Fresno State: 2380 E Keats Ave, Fresno, Ca 93710 Host: Cari Earnhart | College of the Sequoias: 915 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia, Ca 93277 Host: John Sorber |
| Sacramento City College: 3835 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95822 Host: Daniel Paulson | Enterprise HS: 3411 Churn Creek Redding, Ca 96002 Host: Deborah Divine |
| | CSU Stanislaus: One University Circle Turlock, Ca 95382 Host: Daniel Afonso |
| | Bakersfield HS: 1241 G St, Bakersfield, CA 93301 Host: Amanda Isaac |

Coastal Region

Rehearsals: November 15-17 – San Mateo High School, San Mateo

Concert: Saturday, Nov 17, San Mateo Performing Arts Center

Conductors: **Dr. Angel Vasquez-Ramos, California State University, Bakersfield – SSAA Choir**
Dr. Tim Seelig, San Francisco Gay Men’s Chorus – TTBB Choir
Dr. Anna Hamre, California State University, Fresno – SATB Choir

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| Christopher HS: 850 Day Road, Gilroy, Ca 95020 Host: Kira Dixon | Del Norte HS: 1301 El Dorado Street Crescent City, Ca 95531 Host: Dan Sedgwick |
| King Middle School: 26890 Holly Hill Ave, Hayward, CA 94545 Hosts: Ash Walker and Laryssa Sadoway | Pacific Collegiate School: 3004 Mission Street Santa Cruz, Ca 95060 Host: Alice Hughes |
| | Lynbrook HS: 1280 Johnson Avenue San Jose, Ca 95129 Host: Crystal Isola |
| | Will C. Wood High School: 998 Marshall Rd, Vacaville, CA 95687 Host: Colby Hawkins |

Audition sites with dates TBD: Morro Bay High School (Morro Bay)

Please see <http://calcda.org/calendar-of-events/honor-choirs/coastal-region-honor-choirs/>
for updates on all Coastal Region Honor Choir audition locations.

SCVA/Southern Region

See SCVA website, www.scvachoral.org for all audition details

Rehearsals: Nov 15-17, University of Redlands

Concert: Saturday, November 17, 7 pm, University of Redlands, Memorial Chapel

Conductors: **Dr. Trey Davis, Louisiana State University–SATB Choir**
Dr. John Russell, Palomar College--TTBB Choir
Ms. Desiree LaVertu, Occidental College – SSAA Choir

California All-State Honor Choirs

No additional audition needed; eligibility based on participation in Regional Honor Choirs

Rehearsals: March 14-16, 2019 San Jose State University

Concerts: March 16, 2019 Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph, San Jose

Conductors: **Dr. Kevin Johnson, Spelman College-SSAA Choir**
Dr. Gisele Wyers, University of Washington-SATB Choir
Dr. Richard Bjella, Texas Tech-TTBB Choir