

The California Central Region Honor Choir

A collaborative effort of
the American Choral Directors Association and
the Southern California Vocal Association

Dear Central Region Choral Director,

Thank you for encouraging your singers to audition for the California Central Region Honor Choir. Members of this year's honor choir were selected by a team of two judges using raw scores. As in the past, all returning singers were placed into the opposite choir from the previous year, when possible. New singers were randomly divided in the honor choirs. Singers in all choirs are of equal quality.

Please carefully read the following information:

- 1. School Registration Form and Singer/Parent Contracts:** All forms must be scanned and submitted by the director via digital google [school registration form](#) and payment must be made by October 19th, 2018. Honor choir participation fees must be paid through PayPal on [calcda.org](#) (central honor choir page). No checks will be accepted. Singers do not send any forms directly. Directors must receive a copy of the PayPal receipt from each singer before distributing the sheet music.
- 2. Please sign up for our remind text system** - this will keep you up to date on part tracks, paperwork, business items, website updates, etc. Text the following to the phone number **81010**:
@hc-central (this is for students, families, and directors)
@central-d (this is specifically for directors only)
- 3. Singer Preparation:** Honor choir music must be thoroughly learned prior to arrival at the honor choir weekend. Memorization may be required for some pieces if the guest conductor requests it. Singers will be required to test in octets upon arrival at registration in order to show proficiency. Singers failing the first part check will be re-tested again with you present. Unprepared singers failing the second part check will be dismissed from honor choir without a refund. We will send unprepared singers home.
- 4. Singer Participation:** If a singer is accepted into one of the honor choirs and then declines the opportunity to participate, they have taken that spot from someone else. The CCDA board has adopted the policy that a school may be subject to a one (1) year suspension from honor choir should any singer from that school not attend any or all required activities after being accepted (except in rare and unusual emergency circumstances), or is a discipline problem during any honor choir function.
- 5. Rehearsal/Performance:** Rehearsals take place Thursday, November 15th through Saturday, November 17th @ Clovis North Educational Center. The performance takes place at Clovis North Auditorium - November 17th, 3:30pm. Tickets are \$10 each sold at the door.
- 6. Lodging:** CCDA does not arrange housing for your singers. You may make any arrangements for housing that you choose. There is a limited block of rooms available at a special rate.
Comfort Suites Fresno River Park
102 E Herndon Ave, Fresno, CA 93720
(559) 435-5650

Reservation method: Guests should contact the hotel directly or the Group Desk at the number above ask for the special rate for CCDA Honor Choir.

7. **Dress Codes:** Each director is responsible to ensure that the singers from their school follow the rehearsal and performance dress codes. Please be sure to discuss these items with your singers.
8. **Talk to your singers about All-State Honor Choirs:** Singers will be asked at Regional Honor Choir to make a final decision about whether they want to be considered for All-State, which is held this year in San Jose on March 14-16, 2019. The cost is \$210. Please discuss this with singers and parents before the Regional Honor Choir weekend. Note: saying “yes” to All-State does not mean they are accepted, but it does mean that if they are selected, they will be committed to going.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance!

Patrick Burzlaff
California ACDA Central Region Honor Choir Chair