

Southeast District **MCDA**
2009 All-District Choir
Audition Information

DISTRICT CHOIR AUDITIONS

Audition Fee: \$8.00

Saturday, September 26, 2009
Registration: 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Auditions: 8:00am – 12:00pm
Cape Central High School

You may bring an unlimited number of 9th-10th graders to audition.
You may send up to 8 per voice part for the 11th–12th grade auditions.

Audition Deadlines:

Eligibility Forms are due to Judy Henry by: Tuesday, September 14th

Please send registration sheets enclosed in this letter to Judy Henry neatly written so she can read the names and grade levels of your students. As by STATE REQUIREMENTS, all forms must be turned in by the deadline of 4pm on the 14th or those students will not be allowed to audition. Please make sure that both principal and director sign the forms! **Forms will not be valid without Choir Director and Principals signature.** Each teacher will receive a reply from Judy with their audition numbers and approximate audition times. **Teachers need to make any time requests on that registration sheet. Please direct all questions about registration and eligibility to Judy Henry.**

Audition Literature:

Each student will perform a solo. It does not have to be memorized. The audition is timed to a maximum of 2 minutes and a minimum of 1½ minutes. **NOTE THE CHANGE:** You will need to choose a song from the five series of books listed below for each of your students to sing from this year. The district will provide the CD with the accompaniment for each student to perform their selection. The accompaniment CD's, along with the books for the judges, will be purchased for the district for all 9th thru 12th grade solo rooms (they are the CD accompaniments that come with the books). Students **MUST** perform with an accompaniment CD that is provided. ****In an attempt to shorten the time spent waiting for a book or fiddling with a tape or cd that may or may not work in the boom boxes, the district will purchase the companion cd accompaniments for the books and judges' copies for all books.*** **Students may not sing a cappella!** Please provide an original copy of the solo music for the student to sing from and all other materials will be provided. Judges of Soprano and Tenor rooms will be given the appropriate books, i.e. Sop/Ten or High; and judges for Alto and Bass rooms will be given Baritone/Bass, Mezzo-Soprano/Alto, Contralto, or Low voiced books. Please pick appropriate voiced books for your singers to sing from at auditions.

PHOTOCOPIES WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE SOLO ROOM!

The following series of song books will be used (all have companion CD accompaniment tracks):

- ❖ “Twenty-Four Italian Songs and Arias”, Med. High and Med. Low Voice, G. Schirmer(Hal Leonard)
- ❖ “Folk Songs for Solo Singers”, vol. 1 and 2, Med. High and Low, compiled and edited by Jay Althouse, Alfred Publishing
- ❖ “The Young Singer Series”, Book 1~Soprano, Contralto or Mezzo-Soprano, Tenor, Baritone or Bass, compiled and edited by Richard D. Row, Carl Fischer, Inc.
- ❖ “The First Book Series” Soprano, Mezzo-Soprano/Alto, Tenor, Baritone/Bass, compiled by Joan Boytim, G. Schirmer (Hal Leonard)
- ❖ “15 American Art Songs”, High and Low Voice, compiled by Gary Arvin, G. Schirmer (Hal Leonard)

Sight Reading:

After the solo audition students will go to the sight reading room where they will be asked to name two key signatures and sight-read a single melodic line and a part-specific line. Please go over the **example** included with this letter so that your students will know the process and what to expect in the sight-reading room. Please note: Material included is. Examples of the last couple of years can also be found at www.moacda.org if you would like to see something different than what is included.

TEACHER REGISTRATION:

Each teacher or certified staff member from student's school must register before students will be allowed to sing. At that time you will need to provide current information; your home and school address, phone number, and email address. If you are unsure about your school address please find out before you arrive at the auditions. In order to cut down on the large lines of students registering, when each teacher or certified staff member arrives with their students at Cape Central HS, **teachers only** (not the students) will register and pay for the students either by check or collection from the students. Judy will give each teacher a folder with a list of their students and an audition card for each student. It will be the teacher's responsibility to inform students for their audition. Students do not line up for registration. ***Please send all students to the Commons area to wait for their audition numbers from their teacher.*** You will also be asked to turn in your teacher preference form for the 9-10th grade choir at this time. We have enclosed the teacher preference form in this mailing so that you can fill this out prior to the auditions and just hand it to Judy.

Teachers will be assigned to help monitor rooms for the auditions. All-District Choir is a major undertaking and cannot be done without the help of **ALL** our directors!!!! If you have a question or special request, contact Beth St. John as soon as possible. Your room assignment will be included in your student registration folder that Judy Henry will give you when you arrive to register. We are in need of 8 tape/CD players for the audition. Please contact Beth if you would be able to bring a boom box.

Note that the fee for registration is \$8. Make checks payable to SEMMEA. Students will be pre-numbered prior to arriving at the auditions. If you have questions please contact Judy Henry. Please let Ms. Henry know if a student needs to go at a certain time due to another school conflict so we do not have so many students out of order this year. ****Judy will email you the student's audition numbers and times so you can plan accordingly.***

DIRECTORS, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT MSHSAA GUIDELINES STIPULATE THAT YOU OR A CERTIFIED STAFF MEMBER OF YOUR SCHOOL BUILDING MUST BE PRESENT AT ANY EVENT IN WHICH YOU HAVE STUDENTS AUDITIONING OR PERFORMING.

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