

MassACDA and UMass present

High School Festival Choir and Choral Spectrum Concert

Saturday, October 29, 2011 at UMass Amherst.

- An exciting day for outstanding high school choral singers and their directors. No auditions required; an opportunity for directors to honor their finest singers and network with colleagues from throughout the region.
- Separate SSAA and TTBB HS choirs, directed by **Lynnel Joy Jenkins** (Princeton Girlchoir) and **Sal Ciccirella** (Hartt School of Music).
- Participation in UMass Choral Spectrum evening concert, Fine Arts Center; Honor Choirs and UMass ensembles combine in a final number under the baton of **Dr. Tony Thornton** (Director of Choral Activities, UMass Amherst).
- Students must be accompanied by a teacher or parent chaperone—at least one for each school or organization represented—available on site throughout the day. Students may not drive themselves to or from the Festival.
- ***New this year***: conductors' chorus, led by Dr. Thornton, along with a reading session and networking opportunities.
- 15 PDPs available to participating conductors.

REGISTRATION

Directors may register up to two outstanding singers of each voice part [SSAA/TTBB]. \$45 per singer by Sept. 30; \$50 late registrations to Oct 7. No registrations accepted after October 7. Payments (one check per school, payable to MassACDA) due on the day of the Festival. These fees cover the music, lunch and dinner for the students, and stipends for the guest conductors and accompanists. Directors' free registration includes reading session, Directors' Chorus (Tony Thornton, conductor), luncheon with colleagues, and music packet. Once the music is mailed out, registrations are non-refundable. Registration form can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dDMtZUkzbTdRQVZtY0xqcThxX2l4bnc6MQ>

SCHEDULE

STUDENTS' SCHEDULE

8:30-9 am Registration/Payment

9- noon Rehearsal I with guest conductors. *Any ill-prepared singer may be removed.*

noon-1:30 pm Students eat together in Berkshire Dining Commons

1:30-2:30 pm Rehearsal II

2:30-3:30 pm Women's Chorus on stage; Men's Chorus Rehearsal III

3:30-4:30 pm Men's Chorus on stage; Women's Chorus Rehearsal III

4:30-5:15 pm Combined ensembles rehearse *Fanfare for a Festival*

5:15-6:30 pm Dinner in Dining Commons/Change to concert attire

6:30 pm Warm-up (and clean up!)

7-9:30 pm Choral Spectrum CONCERT

DIRECTORS' SCHEDULE

8:30-9 am Registration/Payment/Refreshments in directors' room

9-9:30 am Observe beginning of Honor Choir rehearsals

9:45-11:00 am Reading session. Details to follow after you register.

11:00-noon Help lead sectionals (if needed)

noon-1:30 pm Directors are guests of MassACDA for private luncheon on campus

1:30-2:45 pm Conductors' chorus rehearsal with Dr. Thornton.

2:45-4:30 pm Observe rehearsals

4:30-5:15 pm Directors welcome to sing with Dr. Thornton & combined ensembles

5:15-6:30 pm Dinner on your own/Change to concert dress?

7-9:30 pm Choral Spectrum CONCERT

MUSIC

All selections will be mailed to directors upon receipt of registration.

Women's Chorus: *Come Ye Makers of Song*, Ruth Watson Henderson; *Weep No More*, David Childs; *No Rocks a-Cryin'*, Rollo Dilworth.

Men's Chorus: *El Yiveh Hagalil*, arr. Peter Sozio; *Shenandoah*, arr. Paul Basler; *Vive L'Amour*, arr. Parker-Shaw.

Combined Ensembles: *Fanfare for a Festival*, Ron Nelson.

CONCERT TICKETS, CONCERT DRESS, DIRECTIONS, PARKING, CONDUCTORS' NOTES

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WHAT WE ALL HOPE FOR

- Participation from many high schools and community youth choirs across Massachusetts and neighboring states
- All participants representing themselves and their institutions at the very highest level musically and personally
- Singers very well prepared by directors in advance of the Festival
- An uplifting, memorable musical and social experience for everyone involved!

Questions?

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