

THE CALIFORNIA ALL-STATE HONOR CHOIRS

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

Dear Singer:

Congratulations for being selected a member of the 2012 California All-State Honor Choir.

It is expected that you understand the necessity for coming to the honor choir weekend with all music completely learned. Your honor choir director is not there to teach notes! At the time of registration you will be tested in small groups to demonstrate your preparedness for the honor choir rehearsals. Singers who come unprepared or are **unable to comply with dates, regulations or deadlines will be dismissed from the Honor choir with their schools ineligible for participation in the 2013 All-State Honor Choir.**

New women and men are randomly placed in the Honor Choirs and all returning women and men are placed into the opposite choir from the previous year. Singers and guest directors in all choirs are of equal quality.

READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY, DIGEST IT THOROUGHLY AND ACT UPON IT APPROPRIATELY AND IN A TIMELY MANNER

LIABILTIY/MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

You, your parent, and your choir director need to carefully **read and complete the Liability/Medical Release form**. 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. Please be advised this form must be **NOTARIZED** prior to returning it to your director. All singers must submit this form, signed **by a parent or guardian**, regardless of age. **Return this form to your director along with the \$200 or PayPal receipt for your participation fee.** Note: This fee is non refundable. ACDA will accept PAYPAL on-line payment or one school/booster check or money order, payable to California ACDA, for all students from your school postmarked no later than **January 31, 2012. Absolutely No personal checks will be accepted. NOTE: THIS DEADLINE WILL NOT BE EXTENDED.**

REHEARSALS – MARCH 22 – 24, 2012

REGISTRATION AND PART CHECK

Thursday, March 22 from 9:00 AM to 12:30 pm

Registration will take place as follows:

Men's Honor Choir – The lounge in the First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 500 East Colorado Blvd.

Women's and Mixed Honor Choirs – The Gamble Hall Lounge in the Pasadena Presbyterian Church, 585 East Colorado Blvd.

HONOR CHOIR REHEARSALS

Men's Honor Choir – Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church

Women's Honor Choir – Sanctuary, Pasadena Presbyterian Church

Mixed Honor Choir – Social Hall, Pasadena Presbyterian Church

Rehearsals will be scheduled Thursday afternoon and evening, Friday morning, afternoon and evening and Saturday morning and afternoon.

HONOR CHOIR PERFORMANCE:

2:00 PM Saturday afternoon, March 24, 2012 at the Lake Avenue Church, 393 North Lake Ave. Pasadena.

The concert is open to the public – no tickets are required.

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, Burbank and the Los Angeles International airport are accessible to Pasadena.

HOUSING

Honor choir singers are not required to stay at a pre-designated site. You may make any housing arrangements you wish. The Pasadena Hilton Hotel is offering a special rate for the honor choir participants and chaperones of \$139.00 per night for single or double rooms and \$149.00 per night for Triple or Quad rooms exclusive of local taxes and fees. The Hilton is two blocks from the rehearsal sites. There is no shuttle service provided by the Hilton Hotel from either airport to the hotel.

At this time you may start making special-rate reservations at the Pasadena Hilton Hotel. Our personalized group web page address is:

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/P/PASPHHF-CHORAL-20120318/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Group Name: California American Choral Directors Association

Group Code: CHORAL

Hotel Name: Hilton Pasadena

Hotel Address: 168 South Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101

Phone Number: 626-577-1000

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If you prefer making your reservation by phone you may call central reservation at 1-800-HILTONS. The Direct Hotel reservation number is 1-626-584-3208.

MEALS

A luncheon will be provided Friday for all singers on the grounds of the Presbyterian Church. This luncheon is provided for singers only. All other meals are the singers' responsibility.

PART ASSIGNMENTS

Your basic divisi part assignment is indicated on the label attached to the acceptance letter you just received. However, there may be some other variations of part assignments depending upon the choir and individual piece of music. At the time your director receives your music packet you will need to visit the ACDA web site to download your specific part assignment if it is other than the standard divisi of 1 and 2. NOTE: If you are assigned to the **Men's** or **Women's** Honor Choir you will find two part assignments indicated on the Choir Assignment List. The first assignment is for the 4-part divisi music. The Second assignment is for the 3-part divisi music. I.e. A2/A2 = A2 or T2/T2 = T2 for both the 4 and 3 part divisi music. A1/S2 = A1 on 4 part music and S2 on 3 part music; T2/B1 = T2 on 4-part music and B1 on 3-part music.

There may be other types of divisi sections within a piece of music. A separate information sheet will be included with the music packet showing specific assignments for these other types of divisi sections.

REHEARSAL CD

The rehearsal CD for your part will be included in your music packet. If for any reason you have a problem with the CD (or lose it) the part tracks will be on the web site for you to download.

Congratulations again on this significant achievement in your musical career. If questions arise that cannot be answered by your director, please contact me.

All future information and instructions will be posted on this California ACDA Web site - acdacal.org. Be sure to check this site on a regular basis after January 1, 2012.

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