

## **Timeline:**

August 2015: Online auditions open

October 15, 2015: Auditions close at midnight

November 15, 2015 Sponsors notified of audition results

November 30, 2015: US Mail postmark date for participation forms and fee; fee may also be paid online via Sponsor

December 2015: Music sent to singers upon receipt of required materials and payment

February 11, 2016: Honor Choir Registration, San Jose, California

February 11-13, 2016: Honor Choir rehearsals

February 13, 2016: Middle School and Women's Honor Choir Concert (10:10-11:30 a.m.), St. Joseph Cathedral, San Jose, Ca

## **Eligibility**

All applicants must sing under the direction of and be recommended by a current member of the American Choral Directors Association, California Music Educators Association, or Southern California Vocal Association, who is herein referred to as Sponsor.

## **Financial Commitment**

Audition fee: \$15 (non-refundable)

Participation fee: \$200 (non-refundable) includes expenses for Honor Choir conductor, accompanist, rehearsal and performance facilities, music packet and rehearsal voice files, concert program, office materials, and miscellaneous costs. This fee does not include housing, meals, or travel.

## **Housing**

The designated Honor Choir hotels will be listed in the acceptance packet. Students are required to provide and pay for their own housing.

## **Chaperones**

Each Honor Choir participant must be accompanied to San Jose by a parent or other designated chaperone, age 21 or older. It is permissible for one chaperone to be responsible for more than one singer.

## **Meals**

Singers and chaperones are responsible for all meal costs in San Jose. A list of local eateries from markets to fast food to restaurants of all types will be issued.

## **Travel**

Honor Choir participants and chaperones will arrange and pay for their own travel.

## **Rehearsals (subject to change)**

Thursday, February 11, 2016

2:00-5:00pm First Rehearsal (SJSU campus)

7:00-9:00pm Rehearsal (SJSU campus)

Friday, February 12, 2016

8:30-11:30am Rehearsal (SJSU campus)

1:00-3:30pm Rehearsal (SJSU campus)

4:30-6:15pm Honor Choir Exchange Concert (St. Joseph's Cathedral)  
6:30-7:15pm Sound Check at St. Joseph's Cathedral

Saturday, February 13, 2016

8:30-9:30am Warm-up and Final Prep (SJSU campus)  
9:30am Walk to St. Joseph's Cathedral  
10:10am All-State Concert at St. Joseph's (Middle School & Women)

### **Concert**

The Honor Choirs Concert will be presented in the beautiful St. Joseph's Cathedral at 10:10 a.m. on Saturday, February 13th. The Cathedral is located at 80 S Market Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

### **II. Online Application Information**

Up to 200 singers for each Honor Choir will be selected by audition. All applicants must be sponsored by a current member of ACDA or CMEA, and may be members of school, church, and/or community choral organizations.

Details on instructions for Sponsors to access the OpusEvent website and complete the online auditions will go out via e-mail and Facebook as soon as the auditions are up and running. Please keep your eyes and ears open!

### **Required Vocal Audition Elements**

Element 1

Upper Range Vocalization (determine your highest pitch and sing an ascending major scale up to that pitch, a capella)

Element 2

Lower Range Vocalization (determine your lowest pitch and sing a descending major scale down to that pitch, a capella)

Element 3

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee" (America): Sing the first verse unaccompanied beginning on the pitch designated according to your chosen voice part.  
(Soprano and Tenor: F; Alto and Bass: D flat)

We are looking forward to having your singers audition!

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