

District 14 Honor Chorus at Brenau University

Friday, November 15th and Saturday, November 16th

Directors of District 14:

This letter contains important information regarding District 14 Honor Chorus. ***Please read this carefully and fully so you are well informed about our venue and the nomination process.***

You will notice that middle school choirs are rehearsing at the Downtown Center (aka "Georgia Mountain Center") and the high school choirs are rehearsing at Pearce Auditorium on Brenau's main campus, as they did last year.

Because of the separate spaces, there will be a check-in table and someone in charge at the Downtown Center and Pearce Auditorium. Directors can check-in and report to these tables for assistance needed at any time. Schools will check-in beginning at 8:30 a.m. Upon arrival, directors will check-in students and students will be directed to the rehearsal space for their choir.

Middle School Choirs (rehearsals at Downtown Center, aka "Georgia Mountain Center")

- Middle Treble (7/8): Clinician, Rebecca Atkins; Accompanist, Brenda Poss
- Middle Mixed (7/8): Clinician, Jay Champion; Accompanist, Denise Nylander

High School Choirs (rehearsals at Pearce Auditorium)

- Intermediate Mixed (9/10): Clinician, Ryan Wason; Accompanist, Donna James
- Senior Women (9-12): Clinician, Ashley Whelchel; Accompanist, Stacie Mavis
- Senior Mixed (11/12): Clinician, James Williams; Accompanist, Lisa Bassett

Qualified Singer

- When nominating students, please include any qualifications that would indicate they are above average in musical ability and work ethic: *All-State Chorus, Reading Chorus, 6th Grade Statewide Honor Chorus, any honor chorus (i.e. UGA Choral Day . . . many colleges offer similar experiences), GHP, Literary Meet (trio, quartet, solo), private lessons (voice, piano, etc), section leader or other positions of leadership in choral program, featured soloist for major performances.*
- I encourage you to think strongly about the students who you nominate. Students should not only be advanced choral singers, they should also have good work ethic and be prepared to take on responsibility.

Nomination Process

- Directors will complete the "School Information" Google Form. Then, directors will nominate students via the appropriate Google Forms. This will allow us to efficiently fill and balance choirs in a timely manner. Please be sure that each time you enter your school name on a document, that you use the exact same name for that school (i.e. C.W. Davis Middle School vs. Davis Middle School).

- Each middle school director will nominate a trio for each choir:
 - SSA for Middle Treble
 - SAB for Middle Mixed
 - If you do not have students to fill ALL spots, that is fine. You should only nominate qualified singers, as quality is better than quantity.
- Each high school will nominate a trio or quartet for each choir:
 - SSA for Senior Women
 - SATB for Intermediate Mixed and Senior Mixed
 - Again, if you do not have students to fill ALL spots, that is fine. What is not covered at one school, may be covered from nominations made by another school.
- Additional voices **MAY or MAY NOT** be needed to balance each choir. We will NOT be looking for or accepting additional nominations after the deadline.
 - Middle school directors may nominate up to 3 additional, qualified singers by using the "Additional Nominations" Google Form.
 - High school directors may nominate up to 7 additional, qualified singers by using the "Additional Nominations" Google Form. This may be up to two female singers and five male singers.

Timeline

- **Submit ALL nominations through Google forms (links available HERE) by Friday, August 30th.**
- All choirs will be set, and all directors will receive a confirmation email, by **Wednesday, September 11th.**
- **Payment must be postmarked by Wednesday, September 18th. MAIL PAYMENT TO HALEY MITCHELL. Winder-Barrow High School 272 North Fifth Avenue, Winder, GA 30680. PAYMENT IS NON-REFUNDABLE.**
- For anyone who misses the **August 30th deadline**, your students **MAY or MAY NOT** have the chance to participate. Those who submitted on time will be considered. Anyone who is past the deadline will just have to wait and see what may be remaining. Spots are not guaranteed for those who submit late.
- The deadline is early to expedite shipping sheet music to students and sharing tracks.
- **DEADLINE FOR STUDENTS TO BE READY WITH MUSIC: NOVEMBER 1ST.**

Substitutions

In the event that someone drops out after paying for a spot, you may substitute another qualified singer in his/her spot. Please notify Jenna Coon (jenna.coon@hallco.org) of the change in singers by **Friday, November 1st**. We will not accept substitutions after this date.

Cost/Details

The cost per student is \$40. This includes sheet music and rehearsal tracks. It also contributes to other expenses such as facility rental, clinician/accompanist fees, etc.

Music will be ordered for each accepted student, which will be shipped directly to each school. Any directors who wish to have a packet for their personal use may contact JW Pepper to place an order. Director's personal packets must be paid for by the director or by the director's school.

Please use the links (google forms) on the **District 14 Chorus Website** to make nominations. Include height in INCHES.