

2008 ACDA FLORIDA MALE HONOR CHOIR

The Florida ACDA will sponsor the **Twelfth Annual Male Honor Choir** at the ACDA conference in November. This year's director is Craig Dennison, director of the Florida Singing Sons. Rehearsals start on Friday morning, November 7th and the concert will be Saturday afternoon, November 8th. Rehearsal schedule will be sent out at the announcement of the selected choir.

Any male singer in the 6th, 7th, 8th or 9th grade and active in public or private music programs, community children's choirs or church choirs in the state of Florida is eligible. Each singer's audition tape or CD must be prepared by a sponsoring director and this director must be an active or retired member of ACDA. Directors may nominate a total of 15 singers.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

Each singer auditioning will be responsible financially for the following:

1. Audition tape or CD
2. Package and postage to mail tape
3. \$17.00 Audition fee which must be sent with the tape or CD

Each singer accepted into the 2008 Male Honor Choir will be financially responsible for the following:

1. All Honor Choir music (no photocopies)
2. Transportation to and from the Honor Choir
3. Lodging, if needed.

Music will be available for purchase from Head's House of Music in Tampa or Beethoven and Company in Tallahassee.

Make checks payable to FL ACDA. School checks or checks from directors only.

PREPARING THE AUDITION TAPE - NEW PROCEDURE

1. Please follow all directions or the students will not be accepted into the choir.
2. Please submit **one tape or CD for each voice part** with all like voices from your school/choir on that tape. PLEASE label the tape or CD with the school name and voice part.
3. At the beginning of the recording, have the student clearly announce his first and last name, grade in school and the voice part that he is auditioning for. **THE DIRECTOR MUST NOT SPEAK ON THE RECORDING.**
4. The singer must show his **ENTIRE** singing range. **DO NOT SING A SCALE.** Before he starts to sing, have him announce what his speaking pitch is. Then starting at that pitch, have him sing chromatically, as low as he can go, using the syllable "la". Return to the speaking pitch and have him sing as high as he can go. The director can play each pitch on the piano, but **DO NOT** play an accompaniment as he sings.
5. Sing the first verse of MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE (AMERICA). This must be sung **a capella**. Accompanied singers will be disqualified. Ranges for voices are as follows:
 - a. Tenor I – G below middle C to A above middle C
 - b. Tenor II – E below middle C to E above middle C
 - c. Bass I – A below low C to D above middle C
 - d. Bass II – G below low C to middle C

Rewind the tape to the beginning before mailing. Please listen to the recording and make sure that each boy's name is clearly heard. Please collate the audition forms in the order that the students sing on the recording. Send the completed audition forms and tapes to Janet Edewaard, Blountstown High School, 17586 Main Street North, Blountstown, Florida 32424. **Audition recordings and forms must be postmarked no later than September 15, 2008.**

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STUDENT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

Students' Name: _____ Grade _____ Height _____

Organization represented _____

Student address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Voice Part: (Circle One)

What part do they sing in YOUR choir? Bass 2 Bass 1 Tenor 2 Tenor 1 Alto Soprano
What part are they auditioning for in the ACDA MALE HONOR CHOIR?

BASS 2 BASS 1 TENOR 2 TENOR 1

Circle the note of the boy's speaking voice. Then circle the lowest and highest note that he sang on the tape you are submitting. In order to classify students properly, please only circle the lowest and highest notes that the student can sustain with an audible, clear, good tone. Remember, we need to hear more than one octave.

D E F G A B C D E F G A B MIDDLE C D E F G A B C D E F G

Number of position on tape (If more than one voice is auditioning) _____

DIRECTOR'S INFORMATION (Director must be an ACDA member)

Director's name: _____ Email _____

Organization address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Director's home address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____ Fax _____

Check one: Current member _____ New member _____

SEND \$17.00 PER STUDENT AUDITION FEE WITH THE REGISTRATION FORM AND TAPE. MAIL TO: JANET EDEWAARD, BLOUNTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL, 17586 MAIN STREET NORTH, BLOUNTSTOWN, FL. 32424. MUST BE POSTMARKED BY SEPTEMBER 15TH.

Feel free to call or email the Jr. High/MS R&S Chair if you have any question.
Janet Edewaard: 850-674-5724 (school) or jedewaard@hotmail.com