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April 20, 2013

Dear Choral Colleague,

Western Illinois University Choirs is pleased to join you in the pursuit of excellence for your choral program by hosting this **Junior Honors Chorus 2014** for male and female students in grades 7 and 8 on **Friday, March 21**. Please encourage your **changed male voices** to participate. Registration begins at 9a with the concert at 4:30p. Offered in the spirit of a true honors chorus, this challenging event is for your singers seeking a mature and sophisticated musical experience. In addition to inspirational and encouraging rehearsals, participants will enjoy special enrichment sessions in technique, musicianship and artistry. A special combined rehearsal will pair your students with the *Western Illinois University Singers*, our representative choral ensemble that has appeared at over 20 state, regional and national conventions including many professional venues. Your students will find this to be a nurturing and motivating experience.

Students will audition for the honor chorus by CD submission, postmarked by November 29, 2013. There is no fee to audition. Please follow the submission guidelines. There will be a \$20.00 per student fee for those accepted to the honor choir to help cover the cost of instruction and teaching materials. Participants are asked to supply their own honor choir music. Directors will be notified via email by December 13 as to which students are selected to participate.

Repertoire for the honor choir must be memorized (4 selections). Students may be asked to sing their parts in small groups once they arrive at the festival to affirm memorization.

Honor Choir Polo shirts will be provided to all participants. The final concert uniform will consist of the honor choir shirt and dark pants/jeans.

All participating students must be accompanied by a teacher or parent the entire honor choir day. Those traveling a long distance may wish to come to Macomb on Thursday evening. Several motels are located very close to the university and campus housing may be available if construction is completed on time.

We look forward to receiving your student's applications!

Dr. James Stegall



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Audition CD Preparation Guide

Deadline: Postmarked on or before November 29, 2014

1. Auditions are open to students in 7th and 8th grades only.
2. NOTE: USE ONE CD FOR EACH STUDENT AUDITION. DO NOT COMBINE STUDENT AUDITIONS ON A SINGLE CD.
3. The audition will consist of the following:
 - a. At the beginning of the recording, announce your full name, grade in school, and voice part (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, or Bass).
 - b. Sopranos and Tenors sing *America* (My County 'Tis of Thee) unaccompanied starting on either "F" or "G." Altos and Bases do the same starting on either "C" or "D."
 - c. Sing unaccompanied a major scale ascending and descending using solfege syllables. (do, re, mi, fa, so, la, ti, do ti, la, sol, fa, mi, re, do)
Sopranos and Tenors begin the scale on either "F" or "G" and Alto and Bases begin the scale on either "C" or "D."
4. Sing a solo of choice accompanied by piano, about 2 minutes in duration. One verse and refrain will be sufficient. The solo can be in English or a foreign language.

It is important to follow the guidelines listed above to ensure an accurate and fair evaluation of the audition. Please mail all of your students audition CDs together in one packet. Submissions must be postmarked by November 29, 2013. Teachers will be notified via email by December 13, 2013 regarding the acceptance of students.

SPECIAL NOTE: All participating students must be chaperoned by a teacher or parent for the duration of the honor choir day. We respectfully request that you refrain from submitting an application for a student if this condition cannot be met.

Junior Honor Choir Audition Form

To be completed by the applicants choral director. Include this form with the audition CD. The concert programs will be prepared from this information. Please print clearly and **complete every section of this form.**

Student's Name:							
	<i>First Name</i>			<i>Last Name</i>			
Circle Grade in School:	7 th	8 th					
Circle Voice Part:	Soprano	Alto	Tenor		Bass		
Circle T Shirt (Adult Sizes):	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
School Name:							
School Street Address:							
School City and Zip:							
Directors Name:							
Directors Email:							
Directors Phone/Cell:							
	Please rate your student's behavior:		Exemplary	Good	Fair		
	Please rate your student's ability to concentrate:		Exemplary	Good	Fair		
Director's Signature:							
Mail Form and CDs to:	Junior Honor Choir Auditions Dr. James Stegall School of Music Western Illinois University 1 University Circle Macomb, IL 61455 (Postmarked November 29, 2013)						
<i>For evaluator's use. Please do not write in this section.</i>							

2014 Junior Honor Chorus Repertoire

1. Gloria from Vivaldi's Gloria – Free Choral Public Domain Download

<http://www3.cpd.org/wiki/images/9/92/Vivaldi-gloria1.pdf>

2. Riversong: A Celtic Celebration / SATB / Roger Emerson / Hal Leonard / 08741575

3. I Dream a World / SATB / André Thomas / Heritage Music Press / 15/1752H

4. The Ground / SATB / Ola Gjeilo / Walton distributed Hal Leonard / HL08501774