WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

February 20, 2017

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 2018** for male and female students in grades 7 and 8 on **Friday, March 23, 2018**. Please encourage your **changed male voices** to participate. Registration begins at 9a with the concert at 4:00p. 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 26 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 **January 16, 2018**. There is no fee to audition and please follow the submission guidelines. There will be a **$22.00 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 on or before **February 2** as to which students are selected to participate.

Repertoire for the honor choir must be memorized (4 selections). Students will be asked to sing their parts in their respective sections 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 or you may choose campus housing in our Olson Conference Center.

Looking forward to receiving your student's applications!

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Junior Honors Chorus

March 23, 2018

Audition CD Preparation Guide

Postmarked on or before January 16, 2018

1. Auditions are open to students in 7th and 8th grades only.

2. **NOTE: FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, COMBINE ALL STUDENT AUDITIONS ON ONE 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 Basses do the same starting on either "C" or "D." Note: The student will be evaluated on their ability to start on the correct pitch, maintain the key and sing smoothly rather than choppy.

    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 Basses begin the scale on either "C" or "D." Note: The student will be evaluated on their ability to start on the correct pitch, maintain the key and sing smoothly rather than choppy.

    d. Sing "The Water is Wide" **with piano** in the key recommended for each voice part. Note: The student will be evaluated on their ability to render an artistic performance using the markings as indicated on the score. PDFs of this work are provided in a variety of keys and located at the Junior Honor Chorus website.

    It is important to follow the guidelines listed above to ensure an accurate and fair evaluation of the audition. Submissions must be postmarked by **January 16, 2018.** Teachers will be notified via email on or before **February 2** regarding the acceptance of students.

Junior Honor Choir Audition Form

To be completed by the applicant's choral director. Please print clearly as the concert programs will be prepared from this information. **Do not allow students to fill out this form as we have found the handwriting difficult to read.** All audition forms should be placed in the same order as the audition occurs on the CD.

Note: Incomplete audition forms will not be evaluated.

Student's Name:	
	First Name *Last Name*
Circle Grade in School:	7th 8th
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 January 17, 2017)
For evaluator's use. *Please do not write in this section.*	

2018 Junior Honor Chorus Repertoire

Note: All scores will be SATB

Please check www.wiu.edu/cofac/choirs for repertoire selections beginning Fall semester 2018.