

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ELEMENTARY ALL-STATE HONOR CHOIR

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*****REMEMBER** - HAVE COPY OF MEMBERSHIP CARD OR CONFIRMATION OF RENEWAL
WITH AUDITION REGISTRATION***

Who may audition?

1. Any student in fifth or sixth grade taught by MMEA members in good standing.
2. *Students who are in foster care, CAN NOT be photographed or videoed by state law. Unfortunately, students cannot participate in this choir without a release and the state of MS will not authorize an exception for this. Please choose your representative students accordingly.*

How many may audition?

1. Number of students is based per teacher (current MMEA Member) NOT per school.
2. If the combined enrollment of your school's fifth and sixth grades equals 300 or less, you may audition 5 students.
3. If the combined enrollment of your school's fifth and sixth grade equals 301 or more, you may audition 3% of that number. ALWAYS round DOWN and provide documentation on school letterhead, signed by Principal/counselor. Include documentation WITH your audition registration.

****PLEASE NOTE**** If you teach fifth and/or sixth grade at two or more schools, please contact me immediately.

Where and when are auditions?

North – October 17th	Central – October 10th	South – October 3rd
Hernando UMC 1890 Mount Pleasant Road Hernando, MS 38632	St. Anthony Catholic School 1585 Old Mannsdale Road Madison, MS 39110	Singing River Academy 4601 Van Cleave Road Gautier, MS 39553

Site Chairman and Addresses for Registration Forms

Christian Feazell 4800 Alexander Road Olive Branch, MS 38654 870-723-0468 christian.feazell@dcsms.org	Joseph Coleman c/o St. Anthony Catholic School 1585 Old Mannsdale Road Madison, MS 39110 601-260-6356 jcolemanedu516@gmail.com	Laura Hubbard 3615 Suter Rd. Gautier, MS 39553 228-218-2273 (cell) 228-497-8154 (home) lhubbard@psd.ms laura.hubbard@ymail.com
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What do the students sing?

1. Path to the Moon - Eric Thiman - Boosey and Hawkes - JW Pepper 1511864

Memorize first verse, sing with live accompaniment at audition.

2. Happy Birthday - Starting on "D"

Please visit this URL address for original notation:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Happy_Birthday_to_You

3. Tonal Memory - A two-measure melodic line (*8 beat phrase*) played once on the piano. Student sings the pattern back on "lah". If students miss the pattern, the judges will ask for it to be re-played and the student may try a second time. Patterns are selected by the Honor Choir Chair and transmitted digitally to site chairs the afternoon before auditions.

What is the setting of the auditions?

Students will enter the room and give the judges his/her judging sheets. Students will sing individually for the panel of three judges. Teacher may be present in the judging room, OUT OF SIGHT OF STUDENT.

When is the audition information due?

Site chairs need your audition information two weeks prior to the audition date. Check your calendars. If you are going to be later than that, call your site chair so they know what to expect. Of course, the earlier you mail your information, the more likely you will get your desired audition time slot. Audition fee checks/money orders are to be made payable **ONLY** to **MMEA**. Please make sure this is made clear to whoever is writing your check.

So.....my student(s) made it, now what?

1. A list of students that have been selected will be e-mailed to the teachers before the end of October. **Pay special attention to voice assignments for each student.**
2. Mail your honor choir registration form and (non-refundable) participation fee by December
3. 1st. Send ONE CHECK from your school made payable to **MMEA**, or a money order.
4. You MUST BE REGISTERED to attend the conference in order for your student(s) to participate. Pre-Registration is preferred.
5. Make sure your form is complete **with heights** for riser placement, t-shirt sizes and correctly spelled names. All lists will be generated with the spelling you submit on this form!
6. Mail all other necessary forms and fees with the registration form. **Pay special attention to instructions on the different forms. Separate payment may be required.**
7. J. W. Pepper will mail the music in December to the address listed on your teacher registration form. The practice tracks will be made available via Dropbox. Although learning the music is ultimately the students' responsibility, **please work with your students.**
8. Visit MMEA website for hotel listings and block codes.
9. A rehearsal schedule will be e-mailed closer to the event date.

Ok.....we're in Hattiesburg, what happens now? (Give this page to parents/chaperones)

1. Chaperones sign-in students outside the rehearsal room. Students need to use restroom BEFORE entering the rehearsal room.
2. Student will find their assigned seat and WILL NOT leave the rehearsal room until the first break. Chaperones are requested to be available for extended breaks as indicated in schedule.
3. Make sure to have enough chaperones that you do not have to miss teacher activities. You will not always be in the same building as your students. The teacher schedule may not correspond with the student rehearsals.

What do students wear?

1. Students will wear choir t-shirt and solid black from the waist down.
2. Girls and boys are to wear black pants. Black gauchos are acceptable as long as black hose/stockings are worn. Black skirts are allowed for religious reasons; be sure to have black hose/stockings as well.
3. ONLY solid black, closed-toe shoes. Avoid heels.
4. Teachers, be sure to stress this and/or personally approve attire BEFORE coming for Honor Choir weekend.

Photo/Video Release Form

AUTHORIZATION TO USE PHOTOGRAPHS AND/OR AUDIO-VISUAL

I, (parent's name) _____, hereby authorize The MS Music Educators Association, MMEA, to use, reproduce, and/or publish photographs and/or video that may

pertain to my child (child's name) _____ including his/her image, likeness and/or voice without compensation. I understand that this material may be used in various publications, public affairs releases, recruitment materials, broadcast public service advertising (PSAs) or for other related endeavors. This material may also appear on the MS Music Educators Association Internet Web Page. This authorization is continuous and may only be withdrawn by my (parent) specific rescission of this authorization. Consequently, MMEA may publish materials, use my child's name, photograph, and/or make reference to my child in any manner that MMEA deems appropriate in order to promote/publicize service opportunities.

Signature of Parent

Print Child's Name

Date

Music Teacher Name _____

School _____

**MMEA Elementary Division
All-State Honor Choir Auditions
Teacher Registration Form**

PLEASE PRINT

Director name _____

NAfME Number (required) _____

Please include a copy of your membership form or a copy of your renewal confirmation.

Director Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

We will use this address to send honor choir results and information. All teachers will receive the acceptance list.

School/Organization _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Number _____

*Each MMEA member may audition 5 students. If your 5th and 6th grade enrollment exceeds 301 students, you are eligible to audition 3% of that enrollment. **You must attach a letter on official school letterhead from your principal/counselor verifying your 5th and 6th grade enrollment.**

Number of Students to Audition _____ Verification of enrollment included _____

Accompanist Needed? _____ Yes _____ No

(Separate \$4.00 per child fee to be paid directly to the accompanist)

- Audition fee is \$10.00 per student. ALL CHECKS/MONEY ORDERS MUST BE PAYABLE TO **MMEA**.
- No cash accepted.
- Deadline: Two weeks prior to audition date - CHECK YOUR CALENDARS

Preferred Audition Site (check one) North _____ Central _____ South _____

North	Central	South
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Mail this form to your site chair

**Mississippi Music Educators Association
Elementary Division Honor Choir Student Audition Form**

Each student auditioning needs THREE copies of this sheet.

Student Name _____

Grade (circle one) 5 6

Director Name _____

Director Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

School Name _____

Phone number # _____ e-mail _____

Evaluation areas:

Ratings: 0=Unacceptable/5=Outstanding

1) Prepared Selection (The Path to the Moon)

Accuracy of pitch, rhythm, and words (0-5) _____

Vocal Quality (resonant, clear, natural) (0-5) _____

Musicality (phrasing, breath control, expressiveness) (0-5) _____

Diction (Correct vowels sounds, clear consonants) (0-5) _____

Posture (poise, presence) (0-4) _____

2) Pitch Accuracy (Happy Birthday) (0-3) _____

3) Tonal Memory

Sing a tonal memory pattern on "la" after hearing a tonal pattern played on the piano. (0-3) _____

Total Score _____

Judge Signature _____

Attention Teachers:

Do not add any additional information to this sheet or attach notes about student circumstances.

Student Elementary All State Honor Choir Registration

Return this form no later than December 1, 2015 to:

Jennifer Milner, Elem HC Chair
10775 Hwy 15 South
Pontotoc, MS 38863

_____ Participation fee of \$65.00 for each student*

_____ Teacher Packet fee of \$15.00

Please send one school or organization check, or money order, with your name attached.
Personal checks or cash will not be accepted. Include copy of membership card.

Director's Name _____

Director's Home Address _____

School Organization _____

E-Mail _____ Phone # _____

Incomplete forms will delay delivery of music.

T shirts are available in Youth large, Adult small, medium, large, and extra large.

*If Adult XX-large is needed the fee is \$66.00

Student Name PLEASE PRINT	Height In INCHES (5'2" would be 62")	T-SHIRT SIZE (YL, AS, AM, AL, AXL, AXXL, etc.)

- Spelling of student names will be double checked against this document.
- Please make every effort to **pre-register** for the conference.
- You MUST register and pay to attend the conference in order for your students to participate.
- **Please list students with special dietary needs and include their restrictions.**
i.e. – gluten, nut allergies, etc.

T-shirt Order Form for Teachers and Parents

Please mail by **December 1st** with Honor Choir registration

Please pay separately by money order only for bookkeeping reasons

All-state students automatically get a t-shirt

Name _____

Honor Choir Student _____

Music Teacher _____

Size and Amount

_____ Adult Small x \$12.00 = _____

_____ Adult Medium x \$12.00 = _____

_____ Adult Large x \$12.00 = _____

_____ Adult XL x \$12.00 = _____

_____ Adult XXL x \$13.00 = _____

_____ Adult XXXL x \$14.00 = _____

Total shirts _____ Total amount included _____

MONEY ORDER ONLY payable to **MMEA**

MMEA/ACDA State Convention – March 31-April 2, 2016

**Picnic Ticket Reservation Form For Parents/Chaperones and
NON-All-State Honor Choir Students**

NO picnic tickets will be sold at the conference.
Purchased tickets will be available at the elementary honor choir sign-in table

**Please note - all registered teachers and all-state honor choir students
automatically receive picnic tickets.**

Parent Name _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Honor Choir Student Name

Number of picnic tickets requested @ \$10.00 each = \$ _____

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