

MMEA ALL-STATE ELEMENTARY HONOR CHOIR

Information Packet

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Requirements

- NAFME membership card or confirmation of renewal is required with audition registration
- Video/Photo Release is required for each auditioning student. This release must be a signed by parent.
- \$10.00 audition fee per student
- \$4 fee per student for on-site accompanist (Check with site chair to make reservations)

Who may audition?

Any student in fifth or sixth grade taught by MMEA members in good standing.

*Students who are in foster care, **MAY 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 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 can audition 3% of that number. ALWAYS round DOWN and provide documentation on school letterhead, signed by principal. Include WITH your mailed audition registration.

Where and when are auditions?

NORTHERN SITE	CENTRAL SITE	SOUTHERN SITE
<i>October 14th</i>	<i>October 7th</i>	<i>October 21st</i>
<u>Audition Location</u> Hernando UMC 1890 Mount Pleasant Road Hernando, MS 38632	<u>Audition Location</u> St. Anthony Catholic School 1585 Old Mannsdale Road Madison, MS 39110	<u>Audition Location</u> Singing River Academy 4601 Gautier-Vancleave Rd Gautier, MS 39553

Site Chairman – Northern	Site Chairman – Central	Site Chairman – Southern
Mail to: Christian Feazell 4800 Alexander Road Olive Branch, MS 38654 870-723-0468 christian.feazell@dcsms.org	Mail to: Joey Coleman 5025 Hwy 80 East Pearl, MS 39208 601-260-6356 jcolemanedu516@gmail.com	Mail to: Laura Hubbard 3615 Suter Rd. Gautier, MS 39553 228-218-2273 (C) 228-497-8154 (H) lhubbard@pgsd.ms laura.hubbard@ymail.com

****Please adhere to audition schedule once released. Last minute changes the day of may not be honored.****

What do the students sing?

1. Path to the Moon - Eric Thiman - Boosey and Hawkes - JW Pepper 1511864 - *24 total points per judge*
 Memorize first verse, sing with live accompaniment at audition. Please work on accuracy of intervals and rhythms.
2. Happy Birthday - Starting on "D" - *3 points per judge* - perfect score is singing completely in key, no embellishments. 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 played once on the piano. - *3 points per judge*
 Student sings back on "lah". If students miss it, the judges will ask for the pattern to be re-played and student may try a second time. *Patterns are selected by Honor Choir Chair and transmitted digitally to site chairs the afternoon before auditions.*

What is the setting of the auditions?

Students will individually enter the audition room and give the judges his/her judging sheets. Students will sing for the panel of three judges.

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- Students will be assigned a number at the audition site. This number will represent the student name, teacher name, and school.
- Teacher may be present in the judging room but remain OUT OF SIGHT of their STUDENT AND THE JUDGES. Teachers may not communicate with their students or the judges.
- Teachers are **not allowed** to have contact with the judges at any time.

When is the audition information due?

Site chairs need your audition information **TWO WEEKS** prior to the audition date. Check your calendars. Mail your information to ensure your desired audition time slot. Audition fee checks/money orders are to be made payable **ONLY** to **MMEA**.

After the Auditions:

1. The list of accepted students will be released by November 1st. All selected students are required to have a chaperone/parent to accompany them during the honor choir week-end and pay honor choir fees. Teachers will receive additional chaperone information prior to the conference.
2. Mail the teacher registration form and the \$15.00 fee for the teacher music packet. This fee DOES NOT register you for conference. You must have your own copy of the honor choir music to be in compliance with national copyright laws.
3. Mail the student non-refundable participation fees by December 1st.
4. Send one check from your school. Make the check or money order payable to MMEA. **Personal checks will not be accepted.**
5. You MUST BE **PRE-REGISTERED** to attend the MMEA/ACDA conference for your student(s) to participate. Visit www.msmea.org
6. Make sure your form is complete **with heights in inches** for riser placement, t-shirt sizes and correctly spelled names. All lists will be generated with the spelling you submit on this form! It is strongly suggested that student t-shirts be ordered a size too big – the students grow!
7. 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.**
8. J. W. Pepper will mail the music in January to the address listed on your teacher registration form. Music will not be mailed to you until you have registered your students for honor choir.
9. It is your responsibility to **teach the students their music**. Pay close to attention to **voicing assignments**. *Practice tracks will not be available this year.*
10. Hotel accommodations will be available on the MMEA web-site under the 2018 conference tab. www.msmea.org

What do students wear for the concert?

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 please. 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 refer to my child in any manner that MMEA deems appropriate to promote/publicize service opportunities.

Signature of Parent

Print Child's Name

Date

Music Teacher Name _____

School _____

Mississippi Music Educators Association
Elementary Division
All State Honor Choir Auditions

Teacher Registration Form

Mail this form to your site chair

PLEASE PRINT

Director name _____

NAfME Number (required) _____

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

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 student fee to be paid directly to MMEA or the accompanist on site. Please ask site chair.)

Preferred Audition Site (check one)-Any special scheduling requests (chairs not required to honor requests)

North _____

Central _____

South _____

- Audition fee is \$10.00 per student. No cash accepted.
- Pay by SCHOOL check or money order.
- ALL CHECKS MUST BE PAYABLE TO: MMEA
- Deadline: Two weeks prior to audition date - CHECK YOUR CALENDARS

Student Number _____
(Assigned at audition site)

**Mississippi Music Educators Association
Elementary Division
All-State Honor Choir
Student Audition Form**
Must have THREE forms per student

Evaluation areas:

Ratings: 0=Unacceptable/5=Outstanding

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|---|-------------|
| 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) | |
| Accuracy of pitch, rhythm, and intervals | (0-3) _____ |
| Begin and end in key | |
| 3) Tonal Memory (tonal pattern on "la") | (0-3) _____ |
| Total Score | _____ |

Judge's Signature _____

**Mississippi Music Educators Association
Elementary Division
All-State Honor Choir
Student Information Form
One form per student**

PLEASE PRINT

Student Number _____ **(number will be assigned at audition site)**

Student Name _____

Grade (circle one) 5 6

Director Name _____

Director Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

School Name _____

Phone number # _____ e-mail _____

Student Elementary All State Honor Choir Registration

Return this form no later than December 1, 2017 to:

Celia House, Elem HC Chair
1005 Union Hill Road
New Albany, MS 38652

_____ Participation fee of \$65.00 for each student*

_____ Teacher Music Packet fee of \$15.00 - does not register teachers for conference.

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.

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

*If Adult XX-large is needed the fee is \$67.00

- Spelling of student names will be double checked against this document.
- Teachers must **pre-register** for the MMEA/ACDA Conference in order for your students to participate in honor choir.

T-shirt Order Form for Teachers and Parents

All-state students automatically get a t-shirt

- Must be mailed by December 1st with Honor Choir registration
- Can include in school check or send in separate money order.
- Please make sure money orders are filled out and signed.

Name _____

Honor Choir Student _____

Music Teacher _____

Size and Amount

Size	Quantity	Amount - \$15.00 per shirt
Adult Small		
Adult Medium		
Adult Large		
Adult Extra Large		
Adult XX Large		
Adult XXX Large		
TOTAL		