



California Music Educators Association Central Coast Section

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Dear High School Choral Director:

Once again your CCS colleagues are creating an honor ensemble program for your students. Here is the information about the 2018 CCS High School Honor Choir.

****Please note several changes: rehearsal times have changed and the participation fee has increased to include a t-shirt to all students.**

DIRECTOR

Our director is Dr. Jenny Bent from Sonoma State University. She is amazing, and I know our students will enjoy working with her.

REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE SITE

Cabrillo College, Aptos

EVENTS SCHEDULE

*Thursday, January 25	Rehearsal	1-9 pm
Friday, January 26	Rehearsal	9:00 am-3:00 pm
Saturday, January 27	Rehearsal	8:30-12 pm
	Performance	2:00 pm

***Note the earlier start time to accommodate the addition of early sectionals and potential part testing. If you have questions about the rationale for this choice, please contact me and I will be happy to talk.**

APPLICATIONS

1. The school director must complete a 'school application.'
2. Auditioning students must complete a 'student application' and obtain the proper signatures
3. Application times are sent via email to teachers one week in advance
4. Directors should reserve audition times directly with the site hosts via email (see below for contact)
5. Payment is required for ALL reserved spots even if there is a 'no show.'
6. Completed application forms and fees must be presented at the time of auditions.
7. Students who are selected for the Honor Choir must participate in all rehearsals (see below for pre-rehearsal policy) and the concert. Failure to fulfill this obligation is subject to board action for future student or school participation.



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AUDITION PROCEDURES/TIMELINE

Directors should contact the site host **closest to their location** with student numbers and requested times by October 16 for scheduling. Audition schedules will be sent to teachers by October 18.

October 24 Site Host: Willow Manspeaker
Contact: wmanspeaker@stevensonschool.org
Location: Stevenson School
 3152 Forest Lake Rd
 Pebble Beach, CA 93953
 831-588-8486 cell

October 25 Site Host: Laura Lorber
Contact: llorber@sccs.net
Location: Santa Cruz High School
 415 Walnut Ave
 Santa Cruz, CA 95010
 509-954-9981

November 1 Results available
November 15 Deadline for music distribution

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Required Solo: "Nel Cor Piu Non Mi Sento" by Giovanni Paisiello
 - a. First stanza only, no repeat: measures 1-28
 - b. Song must be memorized
 - c. Paton edition published by Alfred (purple and blue Books). Sheet music is also available online with a simple Google search (just be sure to use the Paton edition)
 - d. A recorded accompaniment will be provided at the audition
 - e. Be sure to have students learn the appropriate key for their voice part (medium-high for soprano/tenor, medium-low for alto/bass)
- 2) Major Scale, Chromatic Scale, Major and minor triads sung unaccompanied
- 3) Tonal memory passages (5), 5 notes each
- 4) Sight reading



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AUDITION POLICIES AND FEES

CCS policy requires that directors sponsoring students **MUST BE CURRENT NAFME MEMBERS at the time of the event.** If you are not a current member, please visit www.nafme.org to acquire a membership. CCS also requires that only ONE CHECK per school be submitted for audition fees. School checks, directors' checks, and cash are accepted. Checks must be made payable to CMEA-CCS.

The audition fee is \$5.00 per student. If accepted, there is a \$40 participation fee. This is a \$10 increase over last year to accommodate one t-shirt per student. Audition can be found on the CCS web site in the coming days. Audition fees are to be delivered to the site host on the day of their students' scheduled audition.

PRE-REHEARSAL POLICY

During the month of January there will be several pre-rehearsals in different places and on different days of the week (all TBD). Every member of the honor choir is expected to attend **at least one of these rehearsals.** The directors of these rehearsals will take attendance and send to the Honor Choir Chair a list of students who were there. If you are willing to host a pre-rehearsal at your site, please let me know.

We are looking forward to providing an excellent experience for our CCS Honor Students. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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