

December 1, 2017

Dear CCS Choral Music Student:

Congratulations on being accepted into the Central Coast Section 2018 High School Honor Choir. I know that the audition process can be arduous, especially for first timers, but clearly you demonstrated a high level of skill in vocal music. This letter should give you all the information you need to make the CCS Honor Choir experience wonderful for all concerned.

DIRECTOR

Our director is Dr. Jenny Bent from Sonoma State University, Rhonert Park California. You can read more about her here.

<http://web.sonoma.edu/music/faculty/jenny-bent.html>

REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE SITE

Cabrillo College
6500 Soquel Ave
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EVENTS SCHEDULE

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Thursday, January 25: Rehearsal 1:00 pm -9:00 pm

Friday, January 26: Rehearsal 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Saturday, January 27: Rehearsal 8:30 am-12 pm AND Performance 2:00 pm

ALL singers are required to attend ALL rehearsals of the honor choir, the only exception being a conflict with a final examination at your school in which case your director must communicate with me.

REPERTOIRE

Dr. Bent has chosen some wonderful music for us to learn and sing together. It is a mixture of choral classics that every vocal musician should know and some new pieces that reflect current directions of choral music and demonstrate the important place of choral music in our modern world. In addition, there is a piece that will be sung together by the middle and high school groups. This music is on order and will be sent out soon.

-In the Silence, By Jacob Narverud

-Wangol, Arr. by Sten Kallman

- The Storm is Passing Over*, Arr. Barbara Baker.
- Liebeslieder Waltzes*, Brahms (No. 2 and No. 8)
 - No. 2 Am Gesteine rauscht die Flut
 - No. 8 Wenn so lind dein Augen mir
- Magnificat*, Movement 1, Durante
(often attributed to Pergolesi)

PREPARATION

The success of the honor choir depends a great deal on the level of preparation which the singers bring to the first rehearsal. Time spent in rehearsal learning notes takes time away from making real music. To assist in each singer's preparation, rehearsal tracks will be available online. A link will be sent out to your director shortly.

To this end, pre-rehearsals, prior to the actual honor choir weekend, will be held in several different locations around our section during the month of January. **ALL HONOR CHOIR MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST ONE OF THESE PRE-REHEARSALS.** Attendance at these rehearsals will be taken and forward to me. Failure to attend a pre-rehearsal may result in a student being dismissed from the honor choir. A list of the times and locations will be made available by mid-December.

PRE-REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

- January 8, 5 - 7: Santa Cruz High
(please contact Laura Lorber, lorber@sccs.santacruz.k12.ca.us)
- January 11, 6:30 - 8:30: Scotts Valley High
(please contact Beth Hollenbeck, bhollenbeck@scottsvalleyusd.org)
- January 18, 6:30 - 8:30: Pacific Collegiate
(please contact Alice Hughes, psalmalice@gmail.com)
- January 18, 6:30 - 8:30: Monterey High
(please contact Cathy Findley, cathyfindley@aol.com)
- January 23, 6:30 - 8:30: Stevenson
(please contact Willow Manspeaker, wmanspeaker@stevensonschool.org)

MONEY MATTERS

There is a \$40 participation fee for each student in the Honor Choir. A single payment for all participants from your school must come in the form of cash or a School or

Booster Club check; this payment will be collected at the first full rehearsal of the Honor Choir. Your director will tell how this will be handled within your own school.

Please direct any questions first, to your director and then, if he or she does not have the answer, to me.

Thank you for your careful attention to these details. I am looking forward to a wonderful CCS High School Honor Choir.

Willow Manspeaker, Chair
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