

Utah Music Educators Association

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The Utah Music Educators Association will sponsor the annual **UMEA State Choral Festival**. The following is important information about the festival:

SANCTION: The festival is sanctioned by the Utah High School Activities Association.

DATES: Friday, May 12, 2017– Saturday, May 13, 2017

PLACE: Libby Gardner Hall, University of Utah; 1375 Presidents Circle, Salt Lake City, UT.

QUALIFICATIONS: Eligible choirs must earn superior ratings at their respective region festivals. If your region uses three adjudicators for your region festival, your choir may qualify for state by earning two straight superior (I) ratings and one superior minus (I-) rating. If your region uses one or two adjudicators, choirs must earn straight superiors (no I- ratings.)

ENTRY FEE: \$200 per qualifying choir, **if the conductor is a current member of UMEA**. **\$310 per qualifying choir if the conductor does not possess current membership**. It is highly recommended that you scan in your forms and email them to Becca Rhodes at brhodes@dmail.net. If you have to mail them in, make check(s) payable to Utah Music Educators Association and mail with the entry form, **and photocopies of region adjudication forms** to Becca Rhodes. You may also pay online with a credit card at www.umea.us. If you choose to pay online, please print your receipt, scan it in to your computer and email it to Becca Rhodes along with your other forms.

ENTRY FORM: Available to be downloaded and prepared from the UMEA website: www.umea.us. Note that your entry form must have the signatures of the choir director **and school Principal**. The entry form along with photocopies of the region adjudication forms and payment of **\$200 (teacher is a member of UMEA) or \$310 (teacher is not a member of UMEA)**. Checks made payable to UMEA, or online credit card registration receipt for each participating choir should be mailed to: (Again, it is highly recommended that you scan your forms into your computer and email them to Becca)

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Millcreek Jr. High School
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Att: State Choir

ENTRY DEADLINE: **Postmarked by Friday, April 28th, 2017**. If your region festival is after this date, please simply email Becca, and alternative arrangements for late entry submissions will be made.

FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE: Once your entry form and payment are received at Millcreek Jr High, you will receive a confirmation email from Becca. Watch for a subject line of: "State Choir—You're Scheduled!" **The festival schedule will be designed based upon the order in which entry forms and payment from each participating school are received**. On the entry form, there is a "preferred performance time frame and date" section for you to make note of your request for a desired performance time. This is the only way to make such a request. Please do not call or email Becca with these requests. Please include ***general time-frames***, (i.e. please schedule me anywhere from 10:00am-1:00pm, etc...). Remember to allow your school enough time to observe two other choirs. Please know that everything possible will be done to honor your scheduling request.

If the schedule needs to change for your school, you may call other participating schools and work out scheduling changes with another director. However, **it is imperative that both directors notify Becca via email of these necessary changes**. **Your schedule change is not considered official until you have**

received a response to your email from Becca. **No changes to the festival schedule will be made after Friday, May 5th, 2017.**

STATE CHORAL REPERTOIRE: Each choir is expected to perform three selections that demonstrate variety in style and genre. The repertoire must be of a difficulty level appropriate for the choir.

ON-STAGE PERFORMANCE TIME: Each choir will be allowed a maximum of 15 minutes on stage. This time includes entry, performance, and exit. PLEASE ADHERE TO THIS EXPECTATION.

CLINIC/GROUP PHOTO: After performing, your choir will proceed to a separate room for a brief clinic with one of the adjudicators. After the clinic, your choir will have a group photo taken.

PERFORMANCE RECORDING: Either a digital or CD recording of each choir's performance will be provided.

MUSICAL SCORES & FESTIVAL PREPARATION: Upon arrival at the festival, please be prepared to submit three packets to your festival host/hostess which includes the following:

1. 3 State Adjudication Forms (two-sided & green-colored.) Download at www.uhsaa.org Typed adjudication forms required—no hand-written forms, please. Please print the adjudication forms two-sided (not stapled.)
2. 3 Scores/Octavos (clearly labeled with your school's name.) Please be sure all measures are numbered. **Octavos must meet the provisions of the copyright law:** original copies are required, unless you have specific permission from the composer and/or publisher, which is clearly notated on your score, or such notation is included within your packet.

NOTE: A good suggestion for timely and effective processing of your materials: Place three sets of the above materials in 3 large mailing envelopes, (one for each adjudicator) with the name of your school printed neatly on the front side of each envelope, along with your name as the conductor of the choir. If you bring multiple choirs from your school, use additional sets of envelopes. **REMINDER:** You will only need 3 packets for 3 adjudicators.

AWARDS:

- *Each Choir earning a I rating will receive a gold plaque
- *Each Choir earning a II rating will receive a silver plaque.
- *Each Choir earning a III rating will receive a bronze plaque.
- *Ratings of all adjudicators will be averaged to determine final rating for awarding of plaques.

NOTE: *Because Utah high school choirs exhibit a great deal of excellence and outstanding artistry in the choral art, it's believed that there is much for choral students and their directors to gain when they observe and listen to other state-qualifying choirs at the state festival, even though the school year is nearly complete. In order to qualify for an award (plaque,) each Choir must attend and respectfully observe the performances of at least two other choirs before departing the festival. Please schedule enough time into your travel plans to allow your school to accomplish this important expectation.*

COMMUNICATIONS: Please check your email regularly. If I need something from you, watch for a subject line of: "UMEA State Choir" and your name. Additionally, please check the UMEA website (www.umea.us) for regular (almost daily) updates regarding the festival. You will be notified via email to check this website when the festival schedule is complete, and will receive final instructions regarding the festival, with driving directions to Libby Gardner Hall at the U of U.

QUESTIONS: Contact Becca Rhodes at Millcreek Jr. High School - brhodes@dsdmail.net