



Wednesday, March 28, 2018

Hello Everyone,

I am excited to be serving you again as the UMEA State Choir Festival Chair this year.



The UMEA State Choral Festival will take place on Friday-Saturday, May 11-12, 2018 at the **University of Utah's beautiful Libby Gardner Concert Hall!** UMEA sincerely thanks to the University of Utah, who has generously made this stunning venue available to us once again for State this year! In advance, I appreciate your confidence and support as we do our best to support you and your students in celebrating their wonderful success at what we hope to be a positive and educational experience.

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Upon qualification for the State Festival at your District Festivals, please go to www.umea.us to begin your registration. Once there, mouse over the “Festivals” tab at the top of the page, then select “State Choir” from the drop-down menu. You can then access the page containing the festival information, online payment option, and entry form.

IMPORTANT: Before downloading, completing the entry form and either emailing it, or mailing it to me, please carefully read the information linked to the “State Choir Festival Information” link. There is important, **new & updated** information you will want to be aware of, and there is little time to have you correct your paperwork if it’s not adequately prepared and correctly submitted the first time. Incomplete entry forms (i.e. missing signatures, information, etc...) will make it difficult to get your choir scheduled for the festival in a timely manner. Entries will be scheduled in the order that I received them, so to ensure that you get a performance time slot that works for you, please be prompt in getting your registration packet together and either emailed or mailed to me.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Postmarked by Friday, April 27th, 2018. The entry fee is \$200 per qualifying choir (if the director is a current member of UMEA), \$310 per qualifying choir (if the director does not possess current membership.) I know that some of you have region festivals right up to the deadline so your turn around time will need to be quick!

Be certain to check and double-check with your district transportation personnel concerning your travel to the University of Utah for the State Choral Festival. As we draw closer to May 11-12, I will send you additional festival instructions, along with driving directions for your bus driver(s) via email.

Please feel free to email me with any questions. Best wishes for you and your students at your region festivals! I look forward to receiving your entry forms so that we can begin to develop a state festival performance schedule. Check the UMEA website often for updates.

Thank you,

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