Dear High School Choral Director:

Greetings from the University of Arizona Choral Department! We are thrilled to present an exciting opportunity for you and your students this coming Fall semester. The UA High School Honor Choir once again will be offered for your finest students, especially those interested in pursuing careers in music. Students will be admitted by audition to participate in honor choir activities, from 8:00 am on October 20 through 4:00 pm on October 21, 2023 on the UA campus. The choir will be evenly balanced in each section and conducted by Dr. M. Nicole Davis, Associate Director of Choral Activities.

Participating students and directors will have a variety of valuable experiences during their time in Tucson. In addition to rehearsing, students will be able to attend a course taught by a UA faculty member, socialize with the other choir members, and sing with University Singers, conducted by Dr. Davis. Directors will have a chance to network, attend rehearsals, participate in educational sessions, receive professional development hours, and rehearse and perform with Symphonic Choir, conducted by Dr. Elizabeth Schauer. The weekend will conclude with the Honor Choir Festival Concert on October 21 at 2:00 pm, featuring the Honor Choir, Symphonic Choir, University Singers and distinguished soloists selected from the honor choir audition process, as well as from UA.

Audition Process:
1. All students will submit auditions electronically through the Google form link below. If you need assistance or an exception (e.g., to submit in some other way), please contact Jordan Shomper at jshomper@arizona.edu. Students should go to the link below, fill out the form, then see their directors for the sight-singing, aural recall, and solo portion. Audition Submission Form Link: https://forms.gle/4neSkmGj8TDj7iwJ7.
2. There is a $5 application fee for each student (Checks made out to University of Arizona; address bottom of this letter), postmarked by September 8, 2023. If you need an exception, please contact Jordan Shomper.
3. Teachers also will need to fill out and submit a short Google form (link below). Once you have compiled your student recordings, please fill out the director survey found at the link below for each student. On the form, you will answer questions about each student, then upload the audio files. You will be informed when one of your students completes the student form. Director’s Form Link: https://forms.gle/bhADtS7jc7cjZot66.
4. Submissions are due by midnight on September 8. Please let us know if you need an exception. Teachers and students will be notified of the results by September 15. Music, hotel information, hour-by-hour schedules, etc. will be distributed at that time and a registration/music fee of $30 per accepted student will be due. This letter also may be found at our website at http://choral.music.arizona.edu.

Audition requirements:
1. Sing one to two minutes (only) of a prepared solo from the classical repertoire: classical, sacred music, art or folk songs, musical theater, and arias suitable for high school use all are appropriate.
2. Sight-read all melodic and rhythmic examples. This should be unprepared sight-reading.
3. Sing back all intervals from the aural recall sheet. The piano plays one at a time then the voice responds on whatever syllable is most comfortable (students do not look at the interval sheet).

These can be done in any order. If you have any questions, please call (410) 274-1764 or email jshomper@arizona.edu.

We look forward to this exciting venture with you!

Sincerely,

M. Nicole Davis
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