

St. Louis Suburban Music Educators Association

All-Suburban 9-10 Choir Information

Hello Colleagues:

The 9-10 Honor Choir clinicians is Mrs. Gretchen Harrison, the National R & S Chairperson for junior/middle school choirs and conductor with the Allegro Children's Choir of Kansas City. We will be rehearsing and performing at Manchester United Methodist Church on November 7, 2009. Below is a list of the literature for the event.

1. Sanctus #3 by JS Bach, arr. Stocker, SATB, piano accompaniment.
2. Die Nachtigall by Felix Mendelssohn arr. Robinson, SAB, piano OPTIONAL, Walton 1420 (or HL08501705)
3. In Flanders Field by Dr. John McCrae, Music by John Jacobson and Roger Emerson, arr. Emerson, SATB, HL08741384
4. Zions Walls adapted by Aaron Copland arr. by Koponen, SATB (with Tenor divide), HL48003920
5. Sesere eeye, a traditional song and dance from the Torres Strait Islands, SSA (but we'll make it SATB), with percussion, Mark O'Leary Publications YVM058

The participation fee is \$10.00 per student and you must pay for all students that you register. For example, if you register 10 students and only 5 actually come on November 7, you will still owe \$100.00 for all that have registered. This is consistent with the state audition/participation process. All student names are due by Wednesday, Oct. 7th.

Directors/school representatives should pay the entire participation fee for their school based on the number of students registered on or before November 7, 2009. **(ONE CHECK SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO SLSMEA)** Non-payment according to the prescribed method will result in students from those schools being removed from the choir. **Please, no purchase orders.** Payment can be mailed to me at Parkway North High School 12860 Fee Fee Rd. Saint Louis, MO. 63146. If you do not mail it to me, be prepared to pay me on the day. Yes, I will have receipts.

We traditionally ask each school to bring two SATB quartets, one 9th and one 10th, but any balanced combination will do. In selecting students, please choose those who you know will be prepared. This is an "Honor" choir and we all must work with our students to insure that this "honor" comes to fruition. I am a strong believer in giving students the proverbial "experience," but it will only be a great one if the students can sing the music correctly. Everyone's help is needed to maintain an acceptable rehearsal climate. In order to reduce the possibility of disruption, I need directors to be present in rehearsal. I will evenly distribute this duty amongst all of us who have students in the group. You know your kids, so the more visible you are the higher the probability of good behavior. Thanks for your help in advance!

**Registration for the 9-10 high school all-suburban honor choir is online.
Go to the SLSMEA website which is:**

www2.csd.org/slsmea

**Find the High School Honor Choir page and
click on the “Online Registration Link”**

Please be sure that your names are spelled correctly because that is the way they will appear in the program. I will contact you once I get all of the information from the server and let you know about alternates.

In the next few days, I will be sending you some notes from the composer and some special instruction as how to prepare you kids to learn the SATB arrangement of the *Sesere eeye*. I have an SSA recording and the music you will purchase will be SSA but we are going to learn it SATB. If it sounds confusing, just wait. It is really easy!

We will continue with the mandatory rehearsal for 9-10 Mixed on Monday, October 26th at North High from 6-9 p.m.. This is the same time as the Women's and 11-12 Mixed choral rehearsal. Any student that is not present at this rehearsal will not be allowed to participate in the clinic on November 7th.

I think I got it all but if you have questions, please e-mail me at dfox@pkwy.k12.mo.us

Have a great day folks,
Derrick