



Tennessee Music Education Association

Tennessee Treble Honor Choir

Student/Parent
Participation Handbook
2010

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Dear Student,

Congratulations! You have been selected to participate in a very exciting event, the Tennessee Treble Honor Choir. This choir is made up of the very best fifth and sixth grade singers in the state. It is a big honor to be chosen and you should be very proud. A lot of hard work has to go into preparing for this event. Your teacher believes that you are able and willing to put forth the effort needed to participate in the choir.

This handbook will give you all of the information you need to know about the choir. Please read it over together with your parent (s) or guardian(s). The final page is a contract for both of you to sign and return to your music teacher. Please read it carefully. If you have any questions, your music teacher would be happy to answer those for you.

I look forward to hearing your beautiful singing in April.

Sincerely,

Christine Bock
TN General Music Chair

Music, Rehearsal CD, and Rehearsal Notes:

- Music will be sent to each school for the teacher and student participants by the end of January.
- Rehearsal CDs and rehearsal notes will be mailed by the end of December or first of January.
- Each school is assigned to specific parts for each piece. It is critical that the voicing be followed precisely so we have a balance on the two- and three-part songs.
- Please notify your teacher immediately if you need to drop out so that a replacement can be made promptly.

Rehearsal of Music:

- It is up to individual teachers to make sure their students are learning their music. Ask your teacher about rehearsal times and locations.
- All music should be memorized before the rehearsal on April 14, 2010
- Registration will begin at 12:00 noon (Central Time!) on Wednesday, April 14th at the Nashville Convention Center. Your teacher should register for your school.
- Students will rehearse at the Nashville Convention Center (room TBA). A detailed itinerary will be e-mailed to each school before the event.
- The Wednesday afternoon rehearsal will begin at 1:00pm (Central Time!) and end at 6:00pm. There will be two small breaks during the rehearsals.
- You should bring your music, a pencil, a bottle of water and two healthy snacks to rehearsal (nothing that will leave a mess).
- No video games, cell phones, books, toys or other electronic devices should be turned on during rehearsals.

Remember, you are representing your school in front of people from all over Tennessee. You need to be on your best behavior. Also, please remember that we are guests in the rehearsal hall. Keep the restrooms clean and do not leave trash, food, or other messes anywhere in the facility.

Parents: Part of the magic of a choral concert is in hearing the music for the first time. By attending rehearsal, this special aspect of the concert may be dimmed. However, we understand that some of you are reluctant to leave your child. You are welcome to stay in the rehearsal hall or in the hallway outside the rehearsal hall. However, the following guidelines MUST be followed if you decide to stay.

- Absolutely no talking on cell phones!!! All cell phone functions should be silenced (no ringers, no beeping when pressing buttons).
- No talking during rehearsal.
- Younger brothers and sisters should not attend rehearsal. Please arrange for alternate childcare during this time.
- Please do not do anything that might distract your child during rehearsal.
- No photography during rehearsal. You may take a photo during break, but not while the children are rehearsing.

Chaperone Guidelines:

- Your teacher will decide how many chaperones are needed for this event.
- Teachers will ask chaperones to sign an agreement or statement that confirms their understanding that children must be supervised AT ALL TIMES during the rehearsals and performance of the TTHC.
- No student should be allowed to leave the presence and eye sight of an adult chaperone at any time during the event. This especially includes restroom and snack breaks.
- Please notify your teacher IN ADVANCE if there are unusual circumstances requiring special accommodation (i.e. wheelchair accessibility, blood sugar issues).

Concert Schedule:

- The TTHC concert will be held at the Nashville Convention Center in Nashville, TN on Thursday, April 15, 2010. The concert will be held in the morning (probably around 11:00am). The exact time will be sent as soon as possible.
- There will be a sound check/rehearsal before the concert. Only one chaperone per school is allowed during the sound check.
- The concert is free to the public. Students may invite as many family members as needed.
- Students will be expected to follow the dress code for the concert.
- No cell phones or other electronic devices should be turned on during the concert. These electronic signals will interfere with the microphones and recording equipment.
- No flash photography should be taken during a song. You may use your flash between songs or before and after the concert.
- Due to copyright laws and ASCAP regulations, no video taping or recording is permitted during the event. There will be licensed copies of the event for sale.
- Please review proper audience behavior with younger children before the event. Remind them to be quiet during songs and to stay seated as not to interfere with other audience member's enjoyment of the event.
- If an audience member needs to leave the auditorium for any reason, he or she should wait until a song is over before doing so.

Concert Attire:

The TTHC is an introduction to a formal performance setting for most of its participants. It is important that we instill a feeling of pride and unity among our students. Just like the other All-State groups, we will enforce a strict dress code.

- Each student will receive a polo shirt to wear during the TTHC Concert. All shirts must be tucked in all the way around.
- Khaki (tan) slacks or long (to the calf or below) skirts should be worn by all students. Shorts, capri length pants, short skirts, scooters, athletic wear and denim is not acceptable.
- Pants should be plain, with no obvious design.
- Comfortable black or brown closed-toe shoes should be worn. No high heels, sandals, Crocs, or flip-flops.
- Hair should be neatly combed out of face and eyes. Girls may wear "hair colored" barrettes, headbands or pony-tail holders (brown, black, light brown). No bright colored or reflective hair accessories are allowed.
- No jewelry should be worn. Girls with newly pierced ears may wear small piercing studs only.
- The only acceptable belt color is brown or black.
- No perfume or cologne should be worn.
- All music teachers are considered chaperones for this event. Please listen to their instructions—even if it is not your regular teacher.
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The TTHC staff reserves the right to remove a student from the concert if he/she does not comply with this dress code.

Plaques, Concert Program, and T-Shirts:

- A list of participant names from your teacher will be used for plaques, the concert program and t-shirts.
- Each school will be mailed plaques for each student who participates in the TTHC. The cost of these plaques is included in the student participation fee.
- Music Tees is once again providing commemorative t-shirts. Students may want this t-shirt with their name on the back. These t-shirts will be on-sale before and after at the concert for approximately \$20.

CD and DVD of Performance:

- A professional CD and DVD recording of the TTHC concert will be available for order/purchase at the event.
- Due to copyright and ASCAP laws, parents may not record the concert themselves.
- Detailed information about the recording may be found at www.digitalmemoriestn.net (DVD) and cdrecordings@bellsouth.net (CD).
- Cell phones will interfere with these recordings (even if they are silenced), so please make sure they are turned off during the concert.

Maps, Lodging and Restaurants in Nashville:

Please contact the Nashville Convention Center by phone or online for information on local hotels, restaurants, attractions and maps. The official "conference hotel" is the Renaissance Hotel, attached to the Nashville Convention Center. There are special rates available on a first-come-first-served basis for conference participants.

<http://www.nashvilleconventionctr.com/>

More information on the 2009 TMEA Conference can be found at the www.TnMEA.org website.



Student/Parent TTHC Contract

Please return to your music teacher by _____

Student Name: _____

School: _____

I have read the Student/Parent Handbook for Participation in the 2010 Tennessee Treble Honor Choir. I agree to all of the rules and guidelines explained in this handbook. I will be prepared with my music memorized on April 14, 2010. I will follow the dress code provided in the handbook for the TTHC concert.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____



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