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Choir Director: Mrs. Lezlie Waltz

Hello Parents!

This letter is to inform you about the MCDA Missouri Youth Honor Choir! This is our *State Level* Honor Choir.

This year the 2019 MCDA Honor Choir will be on July 17th, 2019 in Jefferson City. Our 7th and 8th Graders are eligible to audition to participate in the 7-8th Grade MCDA Missouri Youth Honor Choir.

In a nutshell:

What: Sign up for an audition time slot to audition for the MCDA 7th or 8th Grade Honor Choir

When: Sign ups are on the google calendar

Dates of Event: July 17, 2019

Where: Jefferson City (Capital Plaza Hotel)

Cost: \$13 to audition \$38 to participate if selected (total \$51)

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About the Clinician



Dr. Derrick Fox is the Director of Choral Activities at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. He earned a BME from Arkansas State University, a MM in Choral Conducting from the University of Missouri – Columbia and a DMA in Choral Conducting from Michigan State University, where he was awarded the prestigious University Enrichment Graduate Fellowship.

Dr. Fox has conducted all state choirs, honor choirs and led professional development workshops across the United States and internationally. His professional workshops focus on assessment in the choral classroom, building classroom community, rehearsal strategies, choral conducting techniques and shape note singing in the African American community. Dr. Fox has held teaching residencies at the Latvian Academy of Music and Syracuse University, led performance tours through Lithuania and Estonia as well as conducting the 2018 Texas All State MS/JH Honor Choir and the SWACDA 7 – 10 Men's Honor choir. His recent engagements include presentations in Idaho, Nebraska, Kansas, New York, South Carolina, North Dakota; as well as conducting the Kentucky All State MS/JH Treble Choir, Hawaii All State Choir, Alabama All State Choir, New York All State MS/JH Choir, the Wisconsin Collegiate All State Choir and the National ACDA Middle School/Junior High Mixed Honor Choir. He was recently awarded the



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2019 ACDA International Conductor Exchange Fellowship to South Africa and is the Artistic Director for the 2020 Perform International Madrid Choral Festival.

As a baritone soloist, Dr. Fox has collaborated with various organizations; among them are the Arkansas Symphony, Lansing Symphony, St. Louis Symphony, Columbia Chorale, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, University of Missouri, Michigan State University, Webster University and the Espaço Cultural (Brasilia, Brazil). He can be heard singing selections from Gershwin's Porgy and Bess on the compact disc In This Hid Clearing, available on the Naxos Classical Music label.

Dr. Fox serves on the National ACDA Diversity Subcommittee, the Missouri Music Educators Association Diversity Council, the Nebraska Music Educators Association Board and is the Collegiate Coordinator for Student Activities for Nebraska Choral Directors Association. As an author, he has written articles for many organizations and was a contributing author in the Hal Leonard/McGraw Hill choral textbook Voices in Concert. His compositions and arrangements are published by Hal Leonard and Brilee Music. His book, Yes You Can: A Band Director's Guide to Teaching Choirs is published by Carl Fischer.

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

8-8:45 a.m. Registration Capitol Plaza

9:00-11:30 Warm-up and Rehearsal, Jefferson Room

11:00 Lunch in the Atrium, Capitol Plaza

12:00-4:00 Rehearsal, Jefferson Room

4:00 Change for Performance

5:00 Choir meet Lincoln Room

5:30 Concert, Capitol Plaza

Concert attire is honor choir t-shirt, black pants or skirt, black socks or nylons, and black shoes. Honor Choir t-shirts will be handed out upon arrival.



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Participation Information

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I will begin the preparation and auditions this week and HIGHLY encourage ALL of our students to audition for this! It will be a FABULOUS experience that will help to shape them and cause them to grow as singers and musicians. It will also be a wonderful memory of fun, laughter making friends, and bonding with other like-minded talented individuals.

There is an audition fee for this (\$13) and a participation fee. (\$38)
I will prepare each student, record their audition and submit it for judging. Students need to sign up for a 20 minute audition time on the Google Calendar. Each student should arrive a few minutes early to their audition time slot with completed paperwork and their audition check (\$13) made out to: RayPec South Middle School. Student who are selected will need to pay the participation fee of \$38 and have their own transportation to and from the event. Hotel fees are also the family's responsibility. There are some scholarships which may be available with free/reduced lunch verification for those selected. The scholarship would cover participation fees, not audition fees.

Honor Choirs are an experience that I can speak to not only professionally but also personally. I participated in honor choirs as I grew up and both my son and daughter have participated in honor choirs. My son is now pursuing a degree in Musical Theatre at Lindenwood University and my daughter is pursuing a degree at William Jewell College in vocal performance. We all have wonderful memories of our personal experiences being involved in Honor Choirs.

Next year we have the opportunity to audition for the regional Honor Choir SWACDA which in 2020 will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas! Auditioning and participating in this state level would be wonderful preparation for the Regional Level, which would be amazing for our kids to be selected to participate in!

So for numerous reasons this summer opportunity is a great one for our students.



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Best Wishes,
Mrs. Waltz



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Missouri Choral Director Association - Missouri Youth Honor Choirs
(MCDA - State Level Honor Choir)

Please submit this form in full - do not cut this paper.

Event Date: July 17, 2019

Event Location: Jefferson City

Event Details:

1. Students audition by MP3 for this event. See details for audition below. Students must pay the \$13 audition fee at the time of their audition. (prior to the audition recording session beginning)
2. Selected participants are responsible for beginning the process of reserving hotel rooms at this time.
3. Selected participants must pay a \$38 participation fee by May 1.
4. Participants are sent the selected music and then participate in local rehearsals to prepare for the event. Rehearsals will be set up during after school hours as needed. Selected students are required to work on their own with their rehearsal tracks every day as soon as they receive their music.
5. Selected participants will be required to provide their own chaperone to escort them at all times while on site. Participants must register in Jefferson City on July 17th. The final concert is on July 17th. Students are responsible for all transportation and housing costs.

I am the parent of this student who is auditioning to participate in the MCDA Youth Honor Choirs and I understand my responsibilities include:

1. The costs of transporting my student and their chaperone to and from the event as well as all housing and food costs while there.
2. Providing a chaperone to escort my student for the entire event.
3. \$38 participation fee for my student if they are chosen.



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Parent Signature: _____

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

City and Zip Code: _____

Preferred email: _____

Preferred phone #: _____

Chaperone Name: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

Birthday: _____

Current Grade: _____

Height in inches: _____

Audition fee is \$13. Checks to RPSMS

Choir:

____ 4-6 Grade MCDA Youth Honor Choir

____ 7th and 8th Grade MCDA Youth Honor Choir

Preferred Voicing:

SI S2 AI A2 TI T2 BI B2

Additional information and all rehearsal tracks are/or will be shortly available on Mrs. Waltz's Weebly page under the Honor Choir tab.

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