

2017-18 HONOR CHOIR AND SOLO COMPETITION INFORMATION

Honor choirs provide an opportunity for serious choir students to sing with other outstanding choir students from around the state and country at a high level and with renowned choir directors. They are a fun and rewarding experience. In solo competitions, singers prepare and perform solo arias and art songs for recognition and awards, including scholarships.

HONOR CHOIRS

For all honor choirs, check your availability before applying. If a singer is selected and then does not participate, the entire school may be suspended from participating the following year.

SCVA (Southern California Vocal Association) High School Honor Choir

University of Redlands, Friday and Saturday, November 17-18

Application online at scvachoral.org/honor_choir_reg.php

If singer also wants to be considered for All-State Honor Choir, check box on application

Select audition date and location (Sept 23 or Sept 30, depending on location). Note:

This year, Samohi is an audition location.

\$10 application fee

Application available August 21; application deadline September 15

Audition time and location assignments posted online September 19

Audition requirements:

Solo piece from *24 Italian Songs and Arias*, or *26 Italian Songs and Arias*

Tonal memory

Sight reading

Scales/Triads

Audition results posted online October 6

If accepted, participation fee \$90

Mandatory rehearsal, Fullerton College, October 28

Performance weekend, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17 and 18, 9:00 am to 9:30 pm both days

Concert Saturday, November 19 at 7:00 pm, Fullerton College

More details at scvachoral.org/honor_choir_guidelines.php, including link to application

Freshmen: 9th grade students may audition for either the High School Honor Choir or the Middle School/Junior High Honor Choir. MS/JH audition requirements are less demanding than for HS Honor Choir. Specific dates for MS/JH Honor Choir are not yet available but, based on previous years, assume Application in January 2018; Rehearsal in March 2018; Concert in April 2018. For more information and dates (when available), see scvachoral.org/junior_high_honor_choir.php.

All-State/CCDA (California Choral Directors Association) High School Honor Choir

California State University, San Jose; Thursday-Saturday, February 15-17, 2018

Concert, Saturday, February 17, Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph, San Jose

No separate audition. Highest scoring candidates from SCVA audition who checked interest in All-State will be invited to All-State. If invited, participation fee \$210.

Freshmen: 9th grade students may audition for MS/JH All State Honor Choir even if they did not audition or participate in SCVA Honor Choir. Online application with recorded audition.

Requirements at calcda.org/calendar-of-events/honor-choirs/junior-high-all-state-honor-choir/.

Rehearsal and concert dates and locations same as for All State High School Honor Choir.

Application/audition dates not yet posted.

ACDA (American Choral Directors Association) Western Regional High School Honor Choir

ACDA alternates years for national and regional honor choirs. This is a regional year. The Western Region includes California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, and Hawaii.

Pasadena, March 14-17, 2018

Application available online August, 2017. Application deadline October 13, 2017

Application requirements:

- Upper range and lower range vocalization

- First verse of *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*, a cappella

- One minute of prepared solo folk song, art song or aria, with or without accompaniment

- Student's ACDA sponsor (Mr. Huls) must access and submit the application. He will help students prepare and record audition. Be prepared to provide Mr. Huls with all normal application info (name, address, etc.,) as well as student height and T-shirt size.

- \$10 audition fee

Audition results will be sent to Mr. Huls November 3

Acceptance paperwork and \$130 participation fee due November 18

Rehearsals, Pasadena, March 14-17, 2018

Concert March 17, afternoon, Pasadena Civic Auditorium

Freshmen: 9th grade students are not eligible for ACDA High School Honor Choir. They will be placed in either the Young Treble (SSA) choir or the Junior High (SATB) choir. Placement is based only on balance of choirs, independent of audition ranking. Neither choir is "lower" or "junior" to the other. Dates and locations are the same as for the High School Choir.

Solo Competition Information

SCVA Vocal Solo Competition

Students may compete in any or all of three categories: classical, musical theater, and jazz. Each category requires a separate application.

Dates and locations for this year's competition not yet announced. Check for updated information in November or December:

scvachoral.org/vocal_solo_competition.php. Based on last year's competition, expect:

Application deadline early January 2018

Preliminary round of competition: four weekends in January and February, in four different locations. Applicants choose prelim date and location based on their convenience. Prelim round is in master class format. Student performs, adjudicator makes suggestions which student incorporates, student receives a scoring sheet with comments (based on initial performance).

Final round in March. Performances only, no master class. Monetary prizes are awarded to the top three participants in each category.

Kiwanis Competition

This competition is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica. Mr. Huls requires all students to prepare a solo piece and participate in the first round of the competition for the experience of performing a solo for an audience in a safe and supportive environment. Therefore, no application is required. Mr. Huls will help students choose and rehearse a solo piece. Students compete in two divisions: 9th and 10th grades in one division, and 11th and 12th grades in the other division. The preliminary round takes place in class in the spring. The final round takes place on campus a few weeks after the preliminary round. The top three award winners in each division are expected to participate in an awards ceremony in June. Dates for preliminary and final rounds and the awards ceremony have not yet been set.