

The Southern California Regional Honor Choir

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Congratulations and Welcome to the 2014-2015 Honor Choirs!

Dear SCVA Honor Choir Member,

There were nearly 550 students that auditioned for this year's High School Honor Choirs. Congratulations to you for possessing the musical and vocal skills necessary to be among the 270 selected to sing in the Mixed Honor Choir, Women's Honor Choir or the Men's Honor Choir! Our esteemed conductors this year are: Dr. Geoffrey Boers from the University of Washington (Mixed), Dr. Arlie Langager from MiraCosta College (Women's) and John Tebay from Fullerton College.

Our first rehearsal is Saturday, October 25th from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., and then Honor Choir weekend is Nov. 21/22nd. Please review the schedules below very carefully. Due to the limited amount of rehearsal time and because we will be learning some very challenging repertoire, your hard work and dedication will be necessary to ensure a successful concert program. As a member of these select groups, there are standards that must be met by each participant. Through this commitment, the choirs continue their tradition of excellence and their reputation as outstanding ensembles. The following dates, times and requirements should be very carefully read and considered.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COMPLY WITH THE DATES AND REQUIREMENTS LISTED BELOW, YOU WILL BE DISMISSED FROM THE CHOIR AND YOUR SCHOOL MAY BE PROHIBITED FROM PARTICIPATING NEXT YEAR!

Please note that punctuality is very important. We expect you to arrive early so that rehearsals will begin on time. Latecomers are subject to removal from Honor Choir events, and from eligibility for the 2014 California All-State Choirs.

FIRST REHEARSAL: Fullerton College, 321 E. Chapman Ave., Fullerton, CA 92832

Saturday, October 25th from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

- Parking: There is a student parking structure at the corner of Chapman and Lemon as well as at Lemon St. and Fullerton College Dr. Parking costs \$2.00. All Honor Choir activities are in the Music Building 1100. Link to Fullerton Campus map: <http://www.fullcoll.edu/docs/fcmap2010.pdf>. Registration is in the patio between the Music Building and Theater Arts Building.
- Registration will open at 7:30 a.m. Please arrive as close to 7:30 a.m. as possible.
- Part Checks will begin at 8:00 a.m. You will be assigned to a double quartet and asked to sing portions of your literature. You do not need to be memorized but be prepared. Failing the part check may result in losing your spot in the honor choir. Please learn your music.
- Host: John Tebay of Fullerton College and Karen Garrett VP Senior Honor Choirs and Crystal Stone VP II
- Lunch: Students are on their own for lunch. You may bring a sack lunch or walk/drive to lunch. There are many restaurants within easy driving or walking distance of the Fullerton College Campus.

You will need to bring the following to this first rehearsal:

- Signed Honor Choir Contract. Your parents and director must sign.
- Please pay your \$90.00 fee in advance via PayPal at the scvachoral.org site. Just print your receipt and bring with you. If you have not yet paid bring \$90.00 when you check in at Fullerton College (cash, school check, PayPal receipt or money orders ONLY – absolutely NO personal checks will be accepted).
- A lunch or money for lunch (available off campus)
- Honor Choir Music
- Sharpened pencil
- Water Bottle

HONOR CHOIR WEEKEND: Santa Monica High School, 601 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 90405

Friday, November 21st from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

- If you are staying in Santa Monica overnight, students & chaperones are responsible for their own lodging and meal costs. The Double Tree Hotel is the closest to the venue but you are free to stay anywhere.
- Host: Jeffe Huls, Karen Garrett and Crystal Stone
- 8:00 a.m. Registration - We will rehearse all day and into the evening, with breaks for meals.
- Bring music, pencil, bottled water, and money for meals.
- Rehearsal will conclude about 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 22nd

- 8:30 AM - Arrive and be in the auditorium – Announcements and warm-up
- Rehearsal will conclude no later than 5:00 p.m.
- You will have a dinner break until your 6:00 p.m. call time for the concert.

PERFORMANCE

- Saturday, November 22nd, 7:00 p.m.
- Santa Monica High School Auditorium.
- Tickets will be available for purchase on the SCVA website, at all rehearsals and prior to the concert at the door. Arrive early for the concert for the best seat selection. This is a **general admission** event.

MUSIC

- Please look over your music immediately. If there are any changes in part divisi we will email you and your director. Otherwise your divisi is on your folder label.
- Practice files of the music, divided by divisi, will be available for download for all pieces on the scvachoral.org website or link provided in an e-mail. Be sure to use this valuable resource. Check in with your choir director for help learning your music and any language questions.
- Please learn the parts to which you were assigned. We have made every effort to assign you in the choirs so that all parts will sound balanced.

SCVA HONOR CHOIR EXPECTATIONS

Attend all scheduled rehearsals and the performance. In cases of extreme illness, family emergency or bereavement, notification must be submitted to Karen Garrett (VP of SCVA Senior Honor Choirs) for verification.

Arrive on time to each rehearsal. Be vocally warmed up and ready to sing.

Study your music. Learn the notes and texts of the music by our first rehearsal.

Memorize your music for the Honor Choir weekend.

Have a sharpened pencil at each rehearsal. In fact, bring two!

Remain a member in good standing of your school's choral organization throughout your participation in the SCVA Honor Choir and All-State Choir. If, for any reason, you are dismissed from membership in your school choir, you will be dropped from membership in the SCVA and All-State Choirs.

Participate in each rehearsal in a positive manner. Unnecessary talking makes the rehearsal take longer and results in our accomplishing less.

Concert attire: For most singers your formal choir uniform is adequate for the Honor Choir Concert. No Show choir outfits please. Women: long dresses.

Payment of fees: The \$90.00 Honor Choir fee is due on or before Oct. 25th. Paypal is the preferred method.

Once again, congratulations on being chosen as a member of one of the 2014-15 SCVA Honor Choirs! If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.