

HONOR CHORUS

Honor Chorus was established in 1968 by District V VMTO to provide a means of recognizing outstanding vocal students. Its purpose is to provide these students the opportunity to work with other outstanding vocal students and to perform challenging music under the direction of guest clinicians. A further outgrowth has been the opportunity for directors to experience professional growth. Forty-four years of development and cooperation have allowed us to obtain a high level of organization and efficiency in this large operation.

Requirements are:

1. student participants must be a member of a performing school choir or Les Petites Voix and
2. directors **must be a paid member** of District V VMTO.

High School (Meistersingers) Guidelines:

1. Auditions
 - A. Auditions will be held on Saturday, November 3 at Barbe High School.
 - B. The audition selection is *Gloriosus Deus* by John Michael Hadyn and can be obtained from Chris Miller.
 - C. Students will sight-read an 8 measure exercise.
 - D. Students audition individually behind a screen with a taped accompaniment minus their voice part.
 - E. Auditions are scheduled to begin at 8:30 am. Exceptions to auditions are the First Round All-State Finalists and Alternates, Members of ACDA Junior High, Women's and Men's Choirs, and members of the OAKE National Choirs.

2. Judges
 - A. There will be two (2) judges per voice part.
 - B. Judges will be secured by the high school honor chorus chairman and festival chairman.

3. Rehearsals
 - A. January 8, January 15 6:00 -7:30 p. m.
LaGrange High and DeQuincy High
 - B. January 22 6:00 -7:30 pm, Re-auditions 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. All honor chorus students will meet together at LaGrange High School.
 - C. Students are required to attend all three (3) January rehearsals.
 - D. Honor Chorus begins Thursday, January 31 in the Lake Charles Academy of Learning Auditorium.

4. Fees
 - A. Audition fee is \$5.00 per student.
 - B. Participation fee is \$28.00 per student.
 - C. Fees are collected by the school director who submits a school check for the total amount to the high school chairman.
 - D. A director must remit the total amount for his/her school before obtaining honor chorus music packets.

Middle School (Troubadours) Guidelines:

1. Auditions
 - A. Auditions will be held on Saturday October 20 at F. K. White Middle School.
 - B. The audition selection, *Miserere* by McPheeters, can be obtained from the middle school chairman.
 - C. Auditions are held from 8:00 – 11:00 am
 - D. Students are accepted on a first come first served basis.
 - E. Exceptions to auditions are participants in the ACDA Junior High and Elementary Choirs.

2. Judges
 - A. There will be one judge per voice part.
 - B. Judges will be secured by the middle school Honor chorus chairman.

3. Rehearsals
 - A. Rehearsals will be held on January 15 and January 22 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm at W. W. Lewis.
 - C. A final rehearsal held the Thursday (January 31) prior to honor chorus is mandatory for each participant. The rehearsal will be in the band room at Lake Charles-Boston Academy from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

4. Fees
 - A. A \$2.00 audition fee is assessed each student.
 - B. A participation fee of \$20.00 is collected by the school director who submits a school check for the total amount to the middle school chairman.
 - C. The total amount must be remitted before the director can obtain honor music chorus packets.

Elementary (Minisingers) Guidelines:

1. Auditions are held by the director in each eligible school who submits a list of candidates to the elementary honor chorus chairman.
2. Using the number of sections of fifth graders in each eligible school, a formula is developed to select a chorus of 200 fifth graders.
3. Two joint rehearsals are held on the two Thursdays preceeding (January 24 and January 31) honor chorus from 3:30 – 5:00 pm.
4. The rehearsal site will be Lake Charles/Boston Academy of Learning choir room.

5. Other rehearsals are held in individual schools.
6. A fee of \$20.00 is assessed each eligible student.
7. The fee is collected by the school director who submits a school check for the total amount to the elementary chairman.
8. The total amount must be remitted before the director can obtain the honor chorus music packets.

2013 Honor chorus will be held on the first week-end of February. Rehearsals are held on Friday within the school day, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm and Saturday morning with the guest clinicians.

Friday rehearsals will be held at:

Meistersingers (high school) – Lake Charles Boston Academy of

Learning Auditorium 8:00 am –
3:00 pm

Troubadors (middle school) – Lake Charles Boston Academy of

Learning Band Room 8:00 am –
3:00 pm

Minnis-Singers (elementary) – Lake Charles/Boston Academy

of Learning Choir Room 8:00 am –
3:00 pm

Saturday rehearsals will be:

Meistersingers (high school) – 8:00 am MSU

Troubadors (middle school) – 8:45 am MSU

Minnis-Singers (elementary) - 9:30 am MSU

Concert: Saturday February 2, 2013 11:00 am F. G Bulber Auditorium - MSU

Each director's assistance is needed if we are to continue to enjoy successful honor choirs. Please attend meetings so you will be thoroughly informed. Each teacher **is expected to accompany** his/her students to rehearsals so that you are

available to assist them with any needs they may have. Be considerate of other directors and remain at rehearsal sites until your students are gone. Those responsible for more than one school or honor chorus group are to provide an adult chaperone for one of the groups. Failure to provide a chaperone or to remain until students have been picked up forfeits a school and director's opportunity to participate in honor chorus the following year.