

**ACDA Eastern Division Convention – Hartford, CT  
February 13 – 16, 2008**

**Gospel Honor Choir  
M. Roger Holland, II, guest conductor**

**Application Form and Audition Description**

ACDA member conductors of high school, collegiate/university, adult community and church choirs are invited to select their finest singers to apply and audition for participation in the 2008 Eastern Division Gospel Honor Choir.

**Participation Framework**

1. High school singers must be in grades 9,10 or 11 when they apply. All singers (collegiate and adults also) must have the endorsement of an ACDA member conductor or the application will be disqualified.
2. All singers must be a member in good standing of the sponsoring member's choir or voice studio.
3. Those selected for participation in the Gospel Honor Choir will be responsible for all expenses including registration, meals and housing. The Registration cost is not expected to exceed \$250. Scholarships will be available based on financial need.
4. It is the responsibility of each singer to know their music prior to arrival in Hartford. Re-auditions will occur prior to the first rehearsal. **Singers who do not know their music will not be allowed to participate in the honor choir.**
5. ACDA Honor Choir policies require that an adult chaperone stay in the same hotel as student participants. All honor choir members will be responsible for making their own hotel reservations. Each singer must also have a notarized medical and liability form on file with the Honor Choir Chairperson.
6. Anyone who cannot make a definite commitment or who, if accepted, will not prepare the music thoroughly need not apply.
7. The sponsoring director must be an ACDA member in good standing.
8. If selected for the Gospel Honor Choir, each singer will sing the voice part to which they will be assigned based on the audition materials.

**Deadline for submission of Application and Audition Materials:  
June 4, 2007 – postmark, no exceptions!**

**Please mail all materials to:  
Anthony Leach  
School of Music  
Penn State University  
University Park, PA 16801**

### **Timeline**

**June 4, 2007:** Audition materials due to Anthony Leach, Penn State University.

**August 1, 2007:** Acceptance letters will be mailed to selected Gospel Honor Choir members. Sponsoring choir directors will also be notified by email.

**September 28, 2007:** Registration materials to be returned to the Honor Choir Chair.

### **Application Procedures: Each applicant must complete the following:**

1. Application Form for the 2008 Eastern Division Gospel Honor Choir
2. A high quality cassette or compact disk that contains the following:
  - Scales indicating your singing range
  - A cappella rendition of 'America The Beautiful'
  - Prepared Solo with Piano accompaniment

### **A. Cassette or compact disc recording should be labeled with the following:**

- Student Name
- Voice Part (S1, S2, A1, A2, T1, T2, B1, B2)
- School, Community Ensemble, or Church Choir
- Title of the prepared solo

### **B. On the recording, the singer will present in the following order:**

- An ascending diatonic scale
- A descending diatonic scale

Both scales are to be sung on the vowel 'Ah' as in father ;

The initial pitch should be announced by the singer, then played on the pitch source followed by the rendition of the scale by the singer.

Singers who perform scales with accompaniment will be disqualified.

### **Pitch Reference Chart for Prepared Scales**

|           | <b>Ascending Scale</b> | <b>Descending Scale</b> |
|-----------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Soprano 1 | C above middle C       | Bb above middle C       |
| Soprano 2 | A above middle C       | Bb above middle C       |
| Alto 1    | F above middle C       | G above middle C        |
| Alto 2    | Eb above middle C      | F above middle C        |
| Tenor 1   | Ab below middle C      | E above middle C        |
| Tenor 2   | F below middle C       | Eb above middle C       |
| Bass 1    | Eb below middle C      | A below middle C        |
| Bass 2    | Db below middle C      | E below middle C        |

**C. America the Beautiful:** Starting on the pitches listed below, sing the first verse unaccompanied. Accompanied singers will be disqualified:

Soprano 1 – Bb above middle C

Soprano 2 – Ab above middle C

Alto 1 – F# above middle C

Tenor 1 – Bb immediately below middle C

Tenor 2 – Ab immediately below middle C

Bass 1 – F below middle C

Alto 2 – E above middle C

Bass 2 – Eb below middle C

**D. Prepared Solo with Piano Accompaniment**

Select a range-appropriate folk song, patriotic song or traditional Gospel selection to demonstrate your tone quality and musicality. This piece must be performed with piano accompaniment, no taped track accompaniments. Kindly limit the piano introduction to less than 10 seconds.

- State the title of the piece you will perform
- Piano introduction
- Perform 16 bars/measures

**E. Application Fee - \$25.00 (Non-refundable)**

Please make the check or money order payable to: ACDA Eastern Division

# American Choral Directors Association

## Application for 2008 Eastern Division

### Gospel Honor Choir

Hartford, CT, February 13 – 16, 2008

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY IN INK OR TYPE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I, if accepted for participation in the Gospel Honor Choir, will arrange my own travel to Hartford and will be available to rehearse and perform between Wednesday, February 13 and Saturday, February 16, 2008.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Mailing Information:

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

#### Voice Part (check one)

Soprano 1    Soprano 2    Alto 1    Alto 2  
 Tenor 1    Tenor 2    Bass 1    Bass 2

#### High School Students:

Grade in school as of January 1, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the school that you attend \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Choral Director \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_

ACDA Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### **College/University Students:**

Status in school as of January 1, 2008:

Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  Graduate

Name of college/university that you attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of choral ensemble(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Choral Director \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

ACDA Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **Community Choir/Church Choir Singers:**

Name of community ensemble or church choir in which you participate:

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Choral Director \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_

ACDA Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

**To the Choral Director: Kindly indicate why you are recommending this singer. Please comment on the singer's musicianship, sight-reading, character, and choral experience.**

**To the Applicant: Please list any previous ACDA, MENC or other festival choir experiences you have:**

If selected as a member of the 2008 ACDA Eastern Division Gospel Honor Choir, I am prepared to meet all musical, financial and behavior requirements necessary for participation in this honor choir.

Singers Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

School Administrator Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Choral Director Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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