

Application for 2008 Eastern Division High School Honor Choir
ACDA Eastern Division Convention
Hartford, Connecticut
February 13-16, 2008
Dr. Tim Seelig, Conductor

ACDA member conductors of high school choruses are invited to select their finest singers to apply and audition for the 2008 Eastern Division High School Honor Choir in Hartford.

Eligibility and Expectations:

1. Students must be in grades 9, 10 or 11 at the time they apply to audition.
2. Singers must be a member in good standing of the sponsoring member's choir or voice studio.
3. Honor Choir members will be responsible for all expenses including registration and housing. Registration cost is not expected to exceed \$300, housing reservations and cost are the responsibility of the applicant, convention room rates at the Hilton are \$125.00 a night. Scholarships may be available.
4. It is the responsibility of the sponsoring ACDA member to teach the music to participating students before their arrival in Hartford. Re-auditions will take place prior to the first rehearsal. **Students who do not know their music will not be allowed to participate in the honor choir.**
5. Choir members must have an adult chaperone in attendance at the convention. It is expected that the sponsoring choral director will be in attendance at the convention, whether or not they are the official adult chaperone.
6. Each chaperone is responsible for their own hotel reservations and each student must have a notarized medical and liability form on file with the Honor Choir Chairman.
7. Any student who cannot make a definite commitment or who, if accepted, will not prepare thoroughly should not apply.
8. Sponsoring directors must be an ACDA member in good standing.
9. Tenors – Definition of this voice part from the Harvard Dictionary of music is "highest natural voice of men"

Deadlines:

April 9, 2007: All applications, recordings and fees sent to:

Stephen M. Smith
320 E Roosevelt Ave.
Middletown, PA 17057

May 29, 2007: Acceptance letters mailed to selected Honor Choir Members

September 7, 2007: Registration materials to be returned to Honor Choir Chair

To be considered all applications and recordings MUST be postmarked by

Monday, April 9, 2007

Application Process: Each student must submit the following:

1. A completed written application
2. A high quality cassette or CD that contains scales, My Country Tis of Thee and prepared solo.
 - a. This recording should be labeled with the 1. student's name, 2. voice part, 3. school, 4. title of solo. Recording will not be returned.
 - b. On the recording the student will: **(in the following order)**
 - _____ 1. Sing an ascending diatonic scale
 - _____ 2. Sing a descending diatonic scale

Both scales to be sung on the vowel "ah" as in father, with the initial pitch, only, of "do" given in the following keys. Accompanied singers will be disqualified.

	<u>Ascending</u>	<u>Descending</u>
Soprano I	B-flat above middle c	C above middle c
Soprano II	A above middle c	B above middle c
Alto I	E above middle c	A above middle c
Alto II	D above middle c	G above middle c
Tenor I	G below middle c	E above middle c
Tenor II	F-sharp below middle c	C – middle c
Bass I	D-sharp below middle c	G below middle c
Bass II	C-sharp below middle c	E below middle c

- _____ 3. My Country Tis of Thee(America) Starting on the pitches listed below, sing the first verse unaccompanied. **Accompanied singers will be disqualified.**

Soprano I – B above middle C
Soprano II – G above middle C
Alto I – F above middle C
Alto II – D above middle C

Tenor I – Bb below middle C
Tenor II – Ab below middle C
Bass I – F below middle C
Bass II – D below middle C

- _____ 4. Clearly state his/her solo title, and composer/arranger.
- _____ 5. Sing a range-appropriate folk song or aria, accompanied by the piano, to demonstrate the singer's tone quality and musicality. Limit the piano introduction to no more than 10 seconds. Pop, Gospel, Broadway Show and Contemporary Christian pieces are not suitable and will be disqualified.

3. Include a non-refundable application fee of \$25.00. Checks should be made payable to : **ACDA Eastern Division**

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. (Feel free to duplicate as needed)
Type or Print in Ink

Name of Student _____ Home Phone() _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ email _____

Voice Part _____ Grade in school as of January 1, 2008 _____

Name of School _____ School District _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Choral Director _____

Home Phone() _____ Work Phone() _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Fax Number() _____

email _____

ACDA membership number _____ Expiration Date _____

Indicate why you are recommending this student and comment on the student's general musicianship, sightreading skills, character, dependability and choral experience:

List any previous Honor Choir experience:

If selected as a member of the 2008 American Choral Directors Association Eastern Division High School Honor Choir, I am prepared to make the commitment to the Honor Choir, and I will meet all requirements – musical, financial and behavioral.

Student signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____

Director signature _____ Date _____

Administrator signature _____ Date _____

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Join us February 13-16, 2008 In Hartford, CT

Dr. Tim Seelig, Conductor
Artistic Director of the
Turtle Creek Chorale

AN EXCITING CHORAL OPPORTUNITY
PLUS MUCH, MUCH MORE

Meals in Hartford at City Steam and Joe Black's

High Energy show at Hartt College

If you missed 2006, you don't want to miss 2008

- 1) Make a recording,
- 2) Fill out the application

3) Send both by April 9, 2007