



LETTER TO SINGERS ACCEPTED TO NW ACDA HONOR CHOIRS - 2010

Congratulations! In the Northwest Division of ACDA, which covers six states, there are tens of thousands of eligible singers in ACDA member choirs. Out of all of those singers, you have been selected to represent your choir, town, state and our division as one of the very best. Again, congratulations on your accomplishment!

ONLINE REGISTRATION

The first step in the Honor Choir process is registering online. As we move forward, we'll need your contact information so we can mail you your music, email or phone you, your director or your family if we have any requests or problems, etc. There is a lot of information we'll need, so I would advise you to click on the Registration link you find on the NW ACDA website first, look it over to see all the types of information you'll need, then go and gather that information before you try to register. Names, addresses, phone numbers, emails, of singer, parents, directors, emergency contacts, etc., are all necessary for ACDA to be able to take good care of you both before and during the Honor Choir experience.

CHAPERONES

For the Children's and Youth Honor Choirs, chaperones will need to stay in each room with the singers. Parent chaperones are a vital part of the success of these groups. Each student will need a chaperone. However, one chaperone may serve more than one singer. *NEW—in response to the current economy, there will be no charge for chaperones at this conference.* ACDA will not be providing breakfasts for our Children's and Youth Honor Choir chaperones this year, which was the main expense from our Vancouver conference. Our goal was to eliminate as many barriers as we could that might keep a singer from being able to participate. We understand that chaperones not only need to provide for transportation, housing, other meals, etc., for their singer, but also for the chaperone themselves. *If a singer is having difficulty finding a chaperone, we encourage you to look at the list of accepted singers and contact another singer from a school in your area to see if their chaperone would be willing to assist and also save a little on housing costs.*

Once chaperones have been secured for Youth Honor Choir and Children's Honor Choir singers, *the chaperone needs to contact the Sheraton in Seattle and make a room reservation for the conference (checking in Wednesday, March 10, 2010 and checking out Saturday, March 13, 2010).* Make sure to ask for the *American Choral Directors Association Conference rate* (a savings of \$50-\$75 per night per room). There are two ways you can make your reservations. If you prefer to call, the reservation number is (888)627-7056. The Sheraton has also created an internet link that allows you to make your reservation online. It is posted in the Honor Choir section of the NW ACDA website.

For the High School Men's and Women's Choirs, our division will be providing chaperones on site. These will be choir teachers from our division schools that are ACDA members. Russ Otte will again be our High School Honor Choir Housing Coordinator and will be providing more information regarding housing and chaperones for these choirs as we come closer to the conference.

EXPENSE

We have made a few adjustments and changes in an effort to make sure we keep the expense of these choirs low. Even though the expenses have gone up, we are keeping the High School Honor Choir costs the same as they were for our last conference. *The cost for each High School Honor Choir singer is \$350. The Youth and Children's Honor Choirs are only \$225 per singer, since the HS choirs have housing costs figured into their total.* This expense covers 3 ½ days of great rehearsals and

performances with great people, the conductors, accompanists, sheet music, rehearsal CD's, T-shirts, three breakfasts and other activities and items. Be confident that our Honor Choir Committee is working hard to ensure that each singer will be provided the greatest experience possible for the best price possible. Again, all singers and their chaperones are required to be housed at the Seattle Sheraton Hotel for the entire conference timeline.

All accepted singers need to begin the discussion now regarding a payment method. There are always some individuals who have been accepted that wait until the last minute to ask for a check to be cut or for financial support. Most school districts need at least a week or two to process a check. ***Please remember, make all checks or bank checks payable to NW ACDA. We will not accept Purchase Orders, Cash, or Credit Card numbers.***

HONOR CHOIR REGISTRATION DEADLINE--EXTENDED

November 24, 2009

Online Registration deadline for all accepted singers. All permission forms and payments must be postmarked by this date and mailed directly to the appropriate Honor Choir Chair (see addresses below).

HONOR CHOIR MAILING ADDRESSES / CONTACT INFORMATION

After completing the Online Registration, accepted singers need to mail all paperwork and payments to the correct individual address listed below:

NW-ACDA Youth Honor Choir
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NW-ACDA Children's Honor Choir
Linda Berg, Chair
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NW-ACDA Men's Honor Choir
Bob Meek, Chair
PO Box 65792
Vancouver, WA 98665
bob.meek@ridge.k12.wa.us

NW-ACDA Women's Honor Choir
Amy Fuller, Chair
7017 Locust Avenue E
Bonney Lake, WA 98391
amy_fuller@sumnersd.org

Now that the list of accepted singers is posted, each member must complete the online registration and all other registration paperwork and payments must be mailed to the correct address above, postmarked no later than Wednesday, November 24, 2009. If you have any questions regarding Honor Choirs, please contact the Honor Choir Chair that corresponds to your choir or contact me for general questions about Honor Choir procedures.

This conference and these honor choirs are certainly going to provide many wonderful musical opportunities. I look forward to our shared experience next March in Seattle!

Musically Yours,

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