



FROM THE PRESIDENT



A big welcome back to all of you who have returned to rehearsals or will soon! Fall brings for all of us a generous supply of hope as we look forward to the excitement of a new year. To this end, we are pleased to bring back the Northwest Notes, a virtual e-newsletter providing ACDA news as well as a generous supply of repertoire and resources, curated by our talented NWACDA Repertoire & Resources chairs. Look for it to appear regularly in your inbox!

We are also looking forward to our January conference, "Our Voices United." Registration opens September 13th and you can learn about our conference plans at nwacda.org. A couple of highlights. We made several priorities for this conference, addressing what we felt were important needs of our members. First, there is a choice to select a 2-day registration for two specific areas, Music in Worship and Children & Youth. Both of these were seen as areas that needed more attention at our conference, and the 2-day registration with Music and Worship on Thursday and Friday, and Children & Youth on Friday and Saturday, address some of the different scheduling challenges faced by folk in these areas. Secondly, we wanted to focus on mental health and how we can build lives of balance. To this end we have a number of interest sessions focused on instilling an awareness of mental health in your rehearsals, as well as finding it in your own life.

Finally, we start our conference strong with a 200-voice combined collegiate ensemble in a Wednesday night performance of Bernstein's Chichester Psalms led by Andre Thomas, and finish on Saturday night with a exciting presentation of color, movement, and sound in the Ari Project by Choral Arts Northwest, led by our past president Timothy Westerhaus. But in the end, the greatest highlight of this conference will be YOU, as we gather together as friends, colleagues, and fellow choral musicians.



SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

OUR VOICES UNITED

JANUARY 24-27 2024

CONFERENCE CORNER

Honor Choir Auditions Open!

The 2024 NW ACDA Conference is officially on its way! The NW board has been hard at work putting together a conference that will inspire, educate, and uplift. The conference will take place in Spokane, January 21-24. Honor Choirs auditions are officially open for students from 4th grade through 12th grade! Audition and guest conductor information available [here](#). **Deadline for auditions is Oct. 1!**



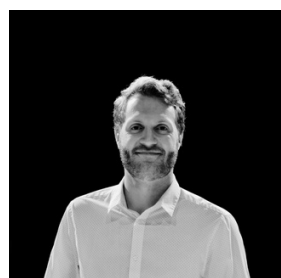
PERFORMING CHOIR SPOTLIGHT

Choral Arts Northwest

Created by Korean composer Hyowon Woo (Seoul, South Korea) and her artistic partner, Dr. MeeAe Nam (Eastern Michigan University), Ari Project – Spring 봄 offers a choral drama celebrating the sights, sounds, and colors of spring. Through music and dance expressing abundance and renewal, Woo's drama takes us on a journey of historical and contemporary reminiscences, invoking the symbols and spirits of South Korea. The dancers and musicians of Morning Star Korean Cultural Center join with singers of Choral Arts Northwest onstage, creating a kaleidoscope of traditional costumes, songs, folk dance, and storytelling, in Korean and English, accompanied by piano, strings, and traditional Korean instruments.



R&R SPOTLIGHT



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Repertoire can be one of the hardest parts of our jobs. I know, especially as a new teacher, finding music that both suits your ensemble and moves them forward towards your musical/educational goals can be a time intensive process!

Here are what I hope may be a few new resources to help as we get into the school year.

Facebook R&R pages

- National ACDA has newly put together R&R focused pages.
 - Click here to check them out and join!
 - [TB Choirs](#)
 - [HS](#)
 - [Junior High](#)
 - [Children/Youth](#)
 - [Vocal Jazz](#)

Wisconsin All-State Repertoire List

- Wisconsin ACDA has put together a list of all their All-State selections going back 20+ years. Tabs for Collegiate, Jazz, Bass choir, Treble choir, Middle school, and more, with selections from conductors like Sandra Snow, Lee Nelson, and more. See the list [HERE](#)

Florida Vocal Association Repertoire Lists

- Shoutout to Sandy Babb for this discovery. There are multiple resource lists on this site, including solo literature. Check It out [HERE](#)

FURTHER INFORMATION



Learn more about this year's honor choirs at www.nwacda.org. This year's amazing clinicians include Rosephanye Powell, Jonathan Talberg, Rollo Dilworth, Emily Ellsworth, Jace Saplan, and Jennifer Barnes! Such an incredible group of musicians!

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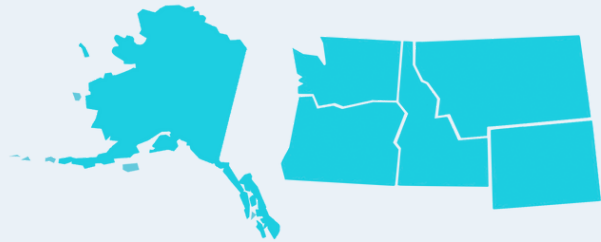
CAMPAIGN

A call to our choral community to consider giving to this Sponsor a Singer campaign, raising \$\$\$ to provide assistance for worthy singers to participate in the upcoming NWACDA honor choirs in January! Even a small gift can make a real difference. Donate now!

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STATE EVENTS



Our state chapters are alive and well, with professional development offerings throughout the year! State chapter Information can be found on our website and here is a quick look at events in the near future!



Idaho ACDA Fall In-Service

- October 5-7, 2023 - Boise, ID
- Francisco Nuñez, headliner

Montana ACDA Fall Conference

- October 20-22, 2023 - Missoula, MT
- Coty Raven Morris, headliner

Oregon OMEA Fall Conference

- January 11-14, 2024 - Eugene, OR

Wyoming State Music Conference

- January 14-16, 2024 - Casper, WY

Washington Annual WMEA Conference

- February 15-18, 2024 - Yakima, WA