Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! We hope that you had a very restful summer and are enjoying the start of this new academic year. We are excited to be serving as this year’s co-chairs for DE All-State Junior Chorus! As we prepare for the 2019-2020 event, we ask that you please familiarize yourself with the DMEA All-State rules for both students and teachers. It is important that we adhere to all guidelines, which can be found on the Delaware Music Educators Association (DMEA) website at www.delawaremea.org under the All-State tab. In addition, please make sure that your membership is up to date. The website includes the information necessary to join DMEA if you are not currently a member.

All directors must participate in auditions and rehearsals (should you have students accepted in the choir) for the full scheduled time in order for your singers to remain eligible for All-State. The only exception to this is directors participating in high school auditions.

All correspondence will be through e-mail. Please forward this information to anyone new in your district and/or share their emails so that we can be in touch.

Applications

There are three parts to the application process that must be completed for students to be scheduled for an audition. These include the completed paper application for each student, the electronic application spreadsheet, and one consolidated check containing the application fee for each student ($15 each). Applications will only be considered complete if the applications with payment are postmarked AND spreadsheets are emailed by October 11, 2019. Incomplete or inaccurate applications and spreadsheets, or missing payment will result in students being ineligible to audition. Please note that the spreadsheet deadline is also firm – applications will not be accepted if the spreadsheet is late.

Fee payment must be one consolidated check made out to DMEA from your school, booster organization, or district. Applications that contain several checks and/or cash will be returned. If you need an invoice, you must contact Donna Fesmire by October 4 (donna.fesmire@colonial.k12.de.us). Payment must arrive with your applications or proof that a request has been sent to your district. Any applications arriving without
this proof will not be accepted. A late fee of $50.00 per student along with the original $15.00 fee must accompany any applications postmarked after October 11. No applications will be accepted by DMEA after October 18, 2019.

Mail paper applications and payment to:

Sara Gaines
Wilmington Friends School
101 School Road
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Email application Excel spreadsheets to: juniorchorus@delawaremea.org

Audition Requirements
• Quartet  Gloria—Vivaldi (Drew Collins, ed) SATB, CPDL
  http://www0.cpdl.org/wiki/images/9/92/Vivaldi-gloria1.pdf
  (Link also available on DMEA website)
  Music begins m. 16, begin singing at M. 17 and stop at M. 48
Students will sing their appropriate voice part along with a recording playing the other voice parts. Sheet music will be provided for the audition. Memorization is not required.
Rehearsal tracks will be emailed by the end of September.

For the Quartet students will be assessed on Tone Quality, Intonation, Pitch Accuracy, Rhythm & Tempo, Diction & Phrasing, and Range. Each category is worth 5 points with a total of 30 points possible.

• Sight-Reading
  - Exercise will start on the tonic and will contain only stepwise motion
  - Exercise will be 4 measures in length
  - Range will not exceed one octave
  - Note value will not be less than eighth notes & the exercise will include rests

  Keys will be as follows:
  Soprano   F
  Alto      C
  Tenor     A flat
  Baritone  E flat

**Solfege letters and numbers are below each note for the students to use if they choose. Students will not be penalized for singing on ‘la’ or whatever syllable or number they desire. Students may have 2 attempts at the sight-reading and receive a total of 6 points—3 points for Rhythmic Accuracy and 3 points for Pitch Accuracy.

Sightreading examples may be found on the DMEA website.
Important Dates and Locations

- **October 11, 2019** (postmarked) – Application/Payment/spreadsheet Due
- October 18, 2019 (postmarked) - Application Final Deadline with late fee
- November 23, 2019 – Junior Chorus Auditions – Smyrna Middle School
- January 25, 2019 - Jr. Chorus Reading Rehearsal  9:00 AM - Noon
  New Castle County:  Springer Middle School
  Kent/Sussex County:  Smyrna Middle School
- February 1, 2019 – Jr. Chorus Reading Rehearsal  9:00 AM - Noon
  Same Locations as Above
- February 8, 2019 - Jr. Chorus Reading Rehearsal  Weather Date
- February 20 - 21, 2019 – State Rehearsals 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
  **Dover High School**
- February 22, 2019 – Rehearsal (1:00 PM) and Concert (4:00 PM)
  **Dover High School**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

**New email for Junior Chorus:**       juniorchorus@dmea.org

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Thank you,
Sara Gaines & Juleeann Schlitter