



American Choral Directors Association

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Southwest Region
Shaun Cloonan, Chair

Greetings to all Southwest Region Members!

As you have no doubt heard by now, we have met with great success by hosting a day-long festival for boys with changing voices in grades 6-9. Over the past three years, we've had as many as 165 boys from near 25 schools participate in the "Mucho Macho Music" festival, a day when boys can sing in a comfortable and safe environment with others experiencing the same vocal changes. The Westminster College Men's Chorus takes part in all of the events during the day, including singing with the boys during rehearsals, performing for them, and joining them in the closing performance, providing a vocal model and confidence for boys in this uncertain time.

This year's festival will be held **Tuesday, November 6, 2007 from 9:00AM-3:30PM**. North Hills Junior High School will once again be our host site, located just off of I-279 in Ross Township. We are thrilled to announce that this year's guest conductor is Dr. Lon Beery, nationally known composer and arranger, and specialist in the adolescent male voice. Dr. Beery is a former professor at Syracuse University, and has returned to the public school system, teaching vocal music at Spry Middle School in Webster, New York.

Registration:

Fill out the enclosed Director Information Form listing each student you would like to bring to the festival, and have each student complete a Student Application Form.

NEW FOR THIS YEAR: The Director Information Form can be submitted electronically! Go to: <http://teachers.nhsd.net/cloonans/muchomachomusic.htm> and scroll down to this year's festival. All of the same fields on the attached form can be completed and will be sent via e-mail directly to registrar Bill Gesin. Student applications must still be completed and mailed in, as signatures are required.

We can host up to 175 singers for this event. We will contact you with a list of boys that have been accepted to participate. (If more than one teacher works at the same building, please limit to 10 students per teacher). Remember that this is not an Honor Choir, but a festival for *all* motivated young male singers. Of course, this workshop/festival is for those students in grades 6-9 that are interested in growing as a vocalist and learning about their changing voice. **You must be an ACDA member to participate.** (For membership information, go to www.acdapa.org.)

Music:

Music packets will be sent to you after the number of students accepted from your program has been determined. Singers should not be sight-reading upon arrival at the festival, however since this is a workshop setting, it should not be a high stress situation either. Please assign boys' voices as High, Middle, and Low. If one of your selected students experiences a rapid change in range (as we know is common in middle school boys!), please adjust to the appropriate part. We strive for vocal health throughout the day.

Payment:

The fee for each student participant is \$15. This fee covers administrative costs, conductor/accompanist honoraria, lunch provided by North Hills School District Food Services, and a snack. Checks are to be made payable to **ACDA-PA** and sent in only **after** you have received a list of students accepted to participate. We will send an invoice statement for you to submit to your district. If your students' parents are paying for their participation, please have them put the student's name in the memo on the check. Musik Innovations will send an invoice directly to you for payment along with your music packets.

Please return completed forms to:

Bill Gesin, Registrar
Jefferson Middle School
21 Moffett Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15243

Forms must be post-marked before and received by MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2007. This will allow time for the music to be shipped to you in a timely fashion. For more information, contact festival co-hosts:

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Bill Gesin
Festival Registrar
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MUCHO MACHO MUSIC

YOUNG MEN'S SONG FESTIVAL SPONSORED BY THE SOUTHWEST REGION OF ACDA-PA:
THE AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA

STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

▲ Student Name

▶ Voice Part: *(please circle one)*

High (*Unchanged/Tenor I*)

Middle (*Tenor II/High Baritone*)

Low (*Low Baritone/Bass*)

▶ Grade Level for 2007-08: *(please circle one)*

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▲ School Name *(or community/church choir name)*

▲ School District

▲ Home Address *Street*

City

State

Zip

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▲ Phone Number *(area code) xxx-xxxx*

*We, the undersigned (below), agree to abide by all school rules and policies as prescribed by the individual's school district and that of the festival site. The **parent/guardian** grants permission for their son or daughter to participate in the ACDA-PA sponsored festival and will not hold ACDA-PA or its members responsible for any unforeseen accident, illness, or loss of property during or in transit to/from the above festival. The **school principal** certifies that the above student is academically eligible to participate in this festival and is of good character. The **director** certifies that the above student is a member in good standing in the school's performing organizations.*

▲ Student Applicant's Signature

Date

▲ Director's Signature

Date

▲ Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

▲ Principal's Signature

Date



For more festival information, visit <http://teachers.nhsd.net/cloonans/muchomachomusic.htm>

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DIRECTOR INFORMATION FORM

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▲ Director's Name (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

▲ ACDA Membership Number & Expiration Date *(please attach a photocopy of your membership card)*

▲ School Name

▲ School District

▲ School Address *Street*

City

State

Zip

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▲ School Phone *area code*

extension

▲ School E-Mail Address

▲ Home Address *Street*

City

State

Zip

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▲ Home Phone *area code*

▲ Home E-Mail Address

List your students in **numerical order** that you recommend they be considered for participation in the festival:

Name

Voice Part (High/Middle/Low)

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