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American Choral Directors Association of Pennsylvania

Dear Southwest Region Members,

It is my pleasure to announce the second annual middle school young women's festival for our region – the "Sweet Harmony" festival! This year's festival will take place on **Friday, November 19, 2010** at Burgettstown Area Middle/High School. Our guest conductor will be Eileen Hower, assistant professor of music education at Bloomsburg University and a past president of ACDA-PA. Eileen's experience with middle school voices and her enthusiasm for singing will be infectious with your girls.

Returning for year number two is the University of Pittsburgh Women's Choral Ensemble, under the direction of Lorraine Milovac. The Pitt Women will serve as vocal models for the participating girls by sitting with them during the day, leading sectional rehearsals, and performing for and with them.

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. We can host up to 120 singers for this event. We will contact you with a list of girls 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 female singers. Emphasis for the day is process, rather than a polished performance. Of course, it is for those students in grades 6-9 that are interested in growing as a vocalist and learning about their 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 student participation is confirmed. Singers should not be sight-reading upon arrival, however since this is a workshop setting, it should not be a high stress situation either. Please assign voice parts as Soprano I, Soprano II, and Alto. In 2-part selections, have Soprano II's sing whichever part is more comfortable for them. Vocal health is paramount for the day.

Payment: The fee for each student participant is \$20. This covers administrative costs, conductor/accompanist honoraria, lunch provided by Burgettstown Area School District, 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 for you to submit to your district. If parents are paying for their participation, please have them put the student's name in the memo on the check. Musik Innovations will invoice you directly for your music packets.

Please return completed forms to:

Deborah Bicker, Registrar
Burgettstown Area Middle/High School
104 Bavington Road
Burgettstown, PA 15021

Forms must be post-marked before/received by FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2010. This will allow time for the music to be shipped to you in a timely fashion. For more information, contact festival co-hosts:

Shaun Cloonan
Southwest Region Chair
cloonans@nhsd.net

Deborah Bicker
Site Host & Registrar
dbicker@burgettstown.k12.pa.us

Lorraine Milovac
Pitt Women's Ensemble
lmilovac@uscsd.k12.pa.us

We look forward to another fine day of making Sweet Harmony with your singers!

Regards,


Shaun Cloonan
ACDA-PA Southwest Region Chair

"Independent voices joining to form a common theme..."

Sweet Harmony

*A Young Women's Song Festival for Treble Voices in Grades 6-9
Sponsored by the American Choral Directors Association of Pennsylvania*

Friday, November 19, 2010

Student Schedule

9:00-9:30	Registration
9:30-9:45	Seating and Introductions
9:45-11:45	Rehearsal
11:45-12:00	Performance by the Pitt Women
12:00-12:45	LUNCH
12:45-1:30	Rehearsal
1:40-2:40	Sectional Rehearsals
2:45-3:00	Final Run-Through
3:00-3:30	Closing Performance

Director Schedule

9:00-10:00	Registration/Director Reception
9:45-10:30	Observe Student Rehearsal
10:30-11:30	Reading or Interest Session TBA
11:45-12:00	Performance by the Pitt Women
12:00-12:45	LUNCH
12:45-1:30	Observe Student Rehearsal
1:40-2:40	Director Interest Session: Led by guest conductor, Eileen Hower
2:45-3:00	Observe Final Run-Through
3:00-3:30	Closing Performance

*For those directors who elected to receive Act 48 credit,
the hours will be broken down as follows:*

Rehearsal Observation:	2.0 hours
Reading/Interest Session:	1.0 hours
Director Interest Session:	1.0 hours
Total Act 48 Hours Credit:	4.0 hours



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Please Print Clearly

▲ Student Name

▶ Voice Part: *(please circle one)*

Soprano I

Soprano II

Alto

▶ Grade Level for 2010-11: *(please circle one)*

6

7

8

9

▲ 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



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 (Soprano I/II or Alto)**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____