



American Choral Directors Association

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Southwest Region

Shaun Cloonan, Chair

September 27, 2007

Hello Everyone!

Thank you for your interest and participation in Mucho Macho Music IV hosted at North Hills Junior High School on November 6, 2007. Shaun Cloonan, Robin Lind and I have enjoyed putting this festival together, and we hope that it fills a need for you in the area of changing voices. In addition to this festival, ACDA-PA offers many exciting opportunities for choral directors and their students to learn and grow in making choral music. Check out acdapa.org online for events and summer conference info for August 2008.

Attached to this e-mail are the following:

- 1. Welcome Letters:** The director letter is what you are reading now. The student letter is a sample letter that you may choose to insert into your folders after you receive them from Musik Innovations.
- 2. Invoice:** Please make sure fees are paid prior to the start of the festival. See "Registration" below. A snack will be provided for students. Feel free to have them bring water bottles to keep on stage with them.
- 3. Student Participants Listed By School:** Please check the spelling of your students' names, your name, and school district/building name. Send corrections to me as soon as you can. If you listed options for voice parts, I chose what seemed to promote the best balance. However, in this particular workshop setting it is important for the boys to be singing what is most comfortable for them. You can be the best judge of that (especially if their voice does any changing soon!). Remember that the college men will be singing as well.
- 4. Schedule**
- 5. Act 48 Form**
- 6. Health Form for Students (standard PMEA form):** The health forms are for your use only. Please keep a completed form for each student with you the day of the festival in the event of an emergency. You do NOT need to send a form to me.
- 7. Directions to North Hills Junior High School**

Please take note of the following:

ACDA Membership

If you did not send me a copy of your current ACDA membership card, please forward that to me as soon as you can or have it with you on November 6th for registration. I will need to see proof of membership by the day of the festival in order for your boys to participate. As several of you already have, please e-mail me with questions.

Registration

The student registration fee for each participant is \$15.00. The director's fee is \$7.00 and includes refreshments and lunch. Please make checks payable to "ACDA" with "Mucho Macho Music" in the memo line, and submit payment to me with the attached invoice. Send payment to:

**Bill Gesin
Festival Registrar
21 Moffett St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15243**

Registration on November 6th will be from 9:00-9:30 AM.

Music

Music has been ordered and will ship directly to you from Musik Innovations.

Cell Phones

Please insist that students leave cell phones turned off and in their coat pockets or backpacks. They may not bring them on stage with them.

Performance

Parents are welcome to attend the concert at the end of the day. This is an informal performance and there will not be a ticket fee at the door. The entire day is a workshop environment.

Student Attire

Students are asked to wear nice school clothes. They are not going to be expected to wear black pants and shirt w/ tie. However, ask students to be conservative, to follow your school dress code standards, and to keep in mind that there will be an audience of teachers and parents watching the final sing through at 3:00 PM.

Act 48

You will have the option of receiving up to 4 hours of Act 48 credit. To receive credit you must fill out the attached form and send it to Dr. Regina Gordon by November 23rd. The mailing address is on the form.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions and concerns. We hope that you and your boys have a wonderful experience on November 6th!

Sincerely,

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