

# 2015 Colorado Middle School All-State Choir General Information for DIRECTORS

[www.msallstatechoir.com](http://www.msallstatechoir.com)

There is a lot that must happen in order for this festival to run smoothly. The CMASC Governing Board has put in numerous “volunteer hours” throughout the year, and is asking for help from adult directors at this festival. Directors are encouraged to sign up for one volunteer duty at some point during the festival. Please include your cell phone number on the student code of conduct form so that we can contact you if necessary.

An event/rehearsal schedule is available on our website. Included in that schedule will be a **directors' meeting for all participating directors** on Friday morning, 2/6 from 9:00-10:00am.

**Acceptance forms and check payments\* (made out to CMEA) should be mailed to:**

**COLORADO MIDDLE SCHOOL ALL STATE CHOIR**

**P.O. BOX 666**

**Erie, CO 80516**

**Payments are made to CMEA!!!**

**Postmark Deadline: FRIDAY, DEC. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**\*If you wish to pay electronically, director should make ONE electronic payment for their school through the CMEA website. However, CODE OF CONDUCT FORMS MUST STILL BE MAILED to the above address.**

## **Instructions for All-State Choir:**

All forms, policies, and information are available online at [www.msallstatechoir.com](http://www.msallstatechoir.com) under “Acceptance Information”. Choir assignments and divisi information were emailed to directors with audition results. PLEASE READ all instructions carefully.

## **Students should receive ALL of the following forms:**

Students Acceptance Instruction Sheet

All State Acceptance and Code of Conduct Form

All State Choir Schedule

## **A. Forms and Fees:**

- Please duplicate forms for each student who will participate. Send one participation form for each student, and include the **fee of \$30 per student payable to CMEA, in check form**. One check per school is preferred if possible. As stated above, the acceptance forms MUST be mailed, but acceptance fees may be paid online through [cmeaonline.org](http://cmeaonline.org) if electronic payment is preferred.

### **B. Eligibility:**

- Your signature and the signature of a school official must be on each student's acceptance form to signify eligibility. Parent and student signatures are also required on the Code of Conduct portion of the form. Parent email address is being requested to send them information on concert details, hotel details, etc.

### **C. Repertoire and Rehearsal tracks:**

- It is IMPERATIVE that all participating students arrive on February 5<sup>th</sup> with all of their music learned. Rehearsal tracks will be posted on msallstatechoir.com in the coming weeks. Students are expected to practice their music using the rehearsal tracks but it is ALSO the **director's responsibility** to ensure that all of their students come to All State Choir with their music learned.
- Rehearsal tracks for all repertoire is available on the website under the "Rehearsal Track" tab.

### **D. Hilton Garden Inn Hotel**

- The Hilton Garden Inn in Denver is providing discounted rooms for CMASC participants. The hotel is a block away from both the Colorado Convention Center and Hyatt Regency where the High School All State students and directors stay. Reservation forms are available online under "Acceptance Information". Return your forms directly to the HILTON GARDEN INN, and make your reservations early to guarantee availability.
- Students not staying overnight are **still expected** to be in attendance and ON TIME to all rehearsals on February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. If your students are commuting, make sure you review the rehearsal schedule thoroughly and depart with enough time (taking downtown Denver traffic into account) to get students to their rehearsals on time. **CMASC does not book or pay for director or student accommodations. The school or the individual student is financially responsible for their own lodging.**

### **E. Chaperone Policy**

- The CMASC Governing Board requires 1 chaperone (in addition to the school's director) to be present for every 6 students attending All State. This frees up the director for other volunteer duties, attending the directors' meeting, and means that at least two adults will be present for each school in the event of an emergency.

Examples:

3 students attending All State: Director + 1 adult chaperone

7 students attending All State: Director + 2 adult chaperones

15 students attending All State: Director + 3 adult chaperones

## **F. Repertoire**

- It is the director's responsibility to purchase the All-State Choir literature. **All students must bring their own original copies of the music to the festival in a BLACK folder.** All music is available and can be purchased in pre-assembled packets available from JW Pepper. Links to purchase the music packets are available under "Acceptance Information" on [www.msallstatechoir.com](http://www.msallstatechoir.com) **All music must be memorized.** The literature list for all 3 choirs can be found on the website. **NOTE:** One of the men's choir pieces, "Sarah," is unpublished and thus not part of the music packet. The PDF is available for download in the "Acceptance Information" tab.

## **G. Concert Attire**

- For the final concert on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014, students should wear the performance outfit that they would normally wear with their school's choir for performances. If the student's choir does not have a set performance outfit, the CMASC Governing Board asks that those students wear "Sunday Best" dress clothes of black and white, going for a professional look in line with their school's dress code.

## **H. Tickets**

- Ticket information will be available soon and posted to the website.

## **I. T-Shirt Orders**

- All State Choir T-shirts are available to purchase through Custom Ink. The link can be found on the All State Choir Website under the "Acceptance Information" tab. Ordering T-shirts is optional.

## **J. CD/DVD Orders**

- Recordings of the All State Concert will be available for purchase in the Bellco Theater lobby the night of the concert.

Please understand that even if a student of yours has an important conflict or other circumstance, he or she must be at All State Choir for everything on the schedule. He or she will have to choose ahead of time between All State Choir and the other item in your calendar. This is simply to ensure the absolute best quality of All State Choir for all participants and is not meant to be harsh in any way.