



Elementary Honor Choir 2012

TEXAS CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

... is pleased to announce the 2012 Elementary Children's Chorus, under the direction of Cynthia Nott, Artistic Director of the Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas. The TCDA select chorus will be a part of the 2012 TCDA Convention to be held in San Antonio, Texas, July 23-26, 2012. This auditioned group will be comprised of approximately 160 students who have completed grade 4, 5, or 6. Students selected to the chorus will be expected to come mentally and musically prepared for rehearsals starting Monday afternoon, July 23. The choral experience will conclude with a concert performance during the state convention Wednesday afternoon, July 25. This is a special opportunity for your student(s) to sing with other like-minded young musicians.

COST / EXPENSES

Chorus members will be responsible for all expenses associated with the Honor Choir. This includes the audition fee (\$10), and if selected, registration fee (\$75), transportation, hotel and meals while in San Antonio. If selected, it is understood the student is expected to commit to the event. In addition, chaperones will be expected to be near the rehearsal site at all times. Chaperones are also expected to meet their children for lunch and at the end of the final rehearsal each day. Chaperones are welcome to observe, however, they should not supervise additional children during the rehearsals. The non-refundable registration fee of \$75 is due on or before May 10, 2012. (Student's full name must appear on the memo line of the check.) This fee covers organizational expenses, an official TCDA Honor Choir t-shirt, the music packet, and rehearsal recordings. The incredible opportunity to work with the wonderful master teacher, Cynthia Nott, is priceless.

NOTIFICATION

The primary form of communication will be email. Participants will be notified via email of status in the choir. Additionally, the names of the students selected for the chorus will also appear by April 16 on the TCDA website: www.TCDA.net. Further information regarding the registration fee (\$75, due May 10), San Antonio housing and other information will be sent via email at that time. Again, EMAIL will be the primary means of contact. Student music packets, rehearsal recordings and a more detailed schedule will be sent to the sponsor in late May.

Cynthia Nott, Conductor
2012 TCDA Honor Choir



SCHEDULE

Monday, July 23, 2012

Early Afternoon Registration
Afternoon Section Rehearsals

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Morning / Afternoon Rehearsals

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

Morning Rehearsals
Late Afternoon Performance

Registration and rehearsals held in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, 2nd Floor.

Students will be released to parents/chaperones immediately following the Wednesday performance. A detailed schedule will be sent with the music packets.

AUDITION & APPLICATION

Current TCDA members may submit a maximum of 6 applications. Each candidate must provide a separate completed application form, an individual audition CD and a non-refundable \$10 application fee. Checks should be made payable to **TCDA** with the **student's full name** in the memo line. Entries must be postmarked on or before March 23, 2012. Mail all completed applications, audition CD's and audition fees to:

Phyllis King, Elementary VP
Texas Choral Directors Association
7900 Centre Park Drive
Austin, Texas 78754

For any questions or concerns:
honorchoir@tcda.net

IMPORTANT DATES

Application Postmark Deadline March 23, 2012
Notification of Acceptance April 16, 2012
Registration Fee Due May 10, 2012
Music/Registration Packets Sent..... late May
Registration / Rehearsals Begin..... July 23, 2012
Elementary Honor Choir Concert..... July 25, 2012

AUDITION PROCEDURE

Use a separate CD

for each singer. Use quality recording equipment. CD's will not be returned.

Label CD and case with:

- 1) Full name of singer
- 2) Age of singer
- 3) Voice part
- 4) Name of TCDA sponsor.

READ AUDITION DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY

- 1) The student will state his/her **NAME, AGE, and GRADE.**
- 2) The student will sing the following unaccompanied vocalise **alone**. The student will sing a total of four (4) times, using the starting pitches below, once each.
- 3) Teacher should only play beginning pitch.
- 4) Observe tempo as indicated.

♩ = 80

4/4

mah mah

First time, starting pitch: middle C
Second time, starting pitch: first space F
Third time, starting pitch: second space A
Fourth time, starting pitch: third space C

- 5) The student will sing through **Jubilate Deo** (below) **two times**, total. **Observe tempo as indicated.**

First time: The student will sing alone, without any accompaniment or assistance, in the key given. Only the starting pitch may be played.

Second time: The **student** will **BEGIN** and the director/teacher will sing in canon, entering **when the student reaches measure 2.**

♩ = 69

1 2

Ju - bi - la - te De - o, Ju - bi - la - te De - o, Al - le - lu - ia!

- 6) Submit the CD with the completed audition application form and \$10 audition fee by the deadline (**postmarked no later than March 23, 2012**).

