



TCDA Elementary Honor Choir

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We are in the midst of my FAVORITE time of year to teach...the time after the Winter break until Spring Break. Students (and Teachers) come back rejuvenated! Students know (and remember!) the routines we have worked so hard to establish. Beautiful music and memories are made each and every day!

A memory your students will NEVER forget is being a part of the TCDA Elementary Honor Choir. This Choir is made up of students who will have COMPLETED 4th-6th grade this May/June. Dr. Doreen Rao is an exceptional Composer and Director that has a plethora of international experiences to bring to our children.

It is simple to invite your students to audition for this Choir. Each TCDA member can sponsor up to 10 students. You can also enlist the help of your Junior High and High School Directors to sponsor additional students from your school. Detailed information about the process and cost can be found at www.tcda.net/directors-convention-info. The cost is only \$12 to apply. Students are responsible for their own travel expenses if they are accepted into the Choir.

IMPORTANT DATES

Application Deadline	March 21, 2014
Notification of Acceptance	April 17, 2014
Registration Fee Due	May 9, 2014
Music/Registration Packets Sent.....	Late May
Registration / Rehearsals Begin.....	July 27, 2014
Elementary Honor Choir Concert	July 29, 2014

Some tips to make your application process successful:

1. Teach your entire class or Choir the Jubilate Deo! if they don't already know it. Practice it enough that students feel very comfortable with the piece.
2. Your students should be as musical as possible when singing. Avoid using a "pop style". Tall, pure and focus tones are best.
3. FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY! Any submission that does not follow the clear instructions may not be considered.
4. Be sure you are not overpowering the student during the round.
5. Refer to the PDF version at the bottom of the Honor Choir page for a hard copy of the information that you can send home with students.
6. Please, no special effects (like performance hall in Garage Band, etc.) while recording.
7. The Honor Choir selection is completely anonymous. The panel will not know the student's name or what school he/she is from.

We are so excited for another spectacular Honor Choir. Thank you for being a part of History! Please do not hesitate to contact the TCDA office, 512-474-2801, or email honorchoir@tcda.net if you have any questions at all!