



Texas Choral Directors Association

2019 All-State MS/JH Choir

TEXAS CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

We are pleased to announce the 2019 All-State MS/JH Choir, under the direction of Tom Shelton, Associate Professor of Sacred Music at Westminster Choir College and Director of Music for Children's and Youth Choirs at Princeton United Methodist Church. The TCDA select chorus will be a part of the 2019 TCDA Convention to be held in San Antonio, Texas, July 25-27, 2019. This auditioned group will be comprised of approximately 200 students who have completed grades 7 and 8. Students selected to the chorus will be expected to arrive mentally and musically prepared for rehearsals beginning Thursday afternoon, July 25. The 2.5 musical and fun filled days will conclude with a concert performance on Saturday afternoon, July 27, for over 1,000 choral directors, families and guests. This is a once in a lifetime experience for your students, and an incredible opportunity to work with the wonderful master teacher, Tom Shelton.

COST/EXPENSES

Chorus members will be responsible for all expenses associated with the All-State Choir. This includes the audition fee (\$15), 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, and are 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 other children during rehearsals. **The non-refundable registration fee of \$75 is due on or before May 15, 2019.** This fee covers organizational expenses, an official TCDA All-State Choir t-shirt, water bottle, the music packet, a backpack and rehearsal recordings.

NOTIFICATION

The primary form of communication will be email. Participants will be notified via email of status in the choir. The names of the students selected for the chorus will be announced by April 25 on the TCDA website at www.TCDA.net. Further information regarding the registration fee, housing and other information will be sent via email at that time. Again, EMAIL will be the primary means of contact. Student's music packets, rehearsal recordings and a more detailed schedule will be sent to the sponsor in late May.



Tom Shelton, Conductor

SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Early Afternoon Registration

Afternoon Section Rehearsals

Friday, July 26, 2019

Morning / Afternoon Rehearsals

Saturday, July 27, 2019

Morning Rehearsals

Late Afternoon Performance

Registration and rehearsals will be held in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. Students will be released to parents and chaperones immediately following the Saturday performance.

AUDITION & APPLICATION

Current TCDA members may submit a maximum of ten applications. Each candidate must submit an application, credit card payment, and audition through our website. **Online auditions will open on February 1. All auditions will be mp3 files and completed on-line (no CDs accepted).** If you wish to pay by cash or check, you may separately submit the non-refundable \$15 application fee to the address below. **Checks should be made payable to TCDA with the student's full name in the memo line.** Mail cash or check payments to:

All-State MS/JH Choir 2019
Texas Choral Directors Association
7900 Centre Park Drive
Suite A
Austin, Texas 78754

For questions: 512/474-2801

tcdaallstate@tcda.net

IMPORTANT DATES

Application Postmark Deadline March 24, 2019
Notification of Acceptance April 25, 2019
Registration Fee Due May 15, 2019
Music/Registration Packets Sent.....late May
Registration / Rehearsals Begin.....July 25, 2019
MS/JH All-State Choir Concert.....July 27, 2019

AUDITION PROCEDURE

READ AUDITION DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY

***Part ONE and Part TWO below will be recorded and uploaded into the audition website as two separate audio files.**

PART ONE

- 1) The student will sing “My Country ‘Tis of Thee” without accompaniment.
- 2) The student will **NOT** state his/her name, age, school, or any identifying factor at the beginning or at any time during the recording.
- 3) Teacher should **ONLY** play the starting pitch. The pitch may be heard in the audio recording, but once it has been played the student should sing the song unaccompanied.
- 4) Sopranos will sing in the key of A; Altos will sing in the key of D; Tenors will sing in the key of G, and Basses will sing in the key of D.

Samuel F. Smith

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "My coun - try, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty, Of thee I sing: Land where my fa - thers died, Land of the pil - grims' pride, From ev - 'ry moun - tain-side Let free - dom ring!"

PART TWO – recorded as a separate audio file from Part ONE

- 1) The student will sing the scales aligning with their voice part a total of ONE time.
- 2) The student will sing the following unaccompanied vocalise **alone**. The teacher should play only the starting pitch at the beginning of the six measure vocalise. The pitch may be heard in the audio recording, but once it has been played the student should sing the scale unaccompanied.
- 3) Observe tempo as indicated. The teacher can set the tempo for the students by giving an audible four beat prep. There should be **NO** audible beat (tapping, metronome, snapping, etc...) heard once the student begins singing.

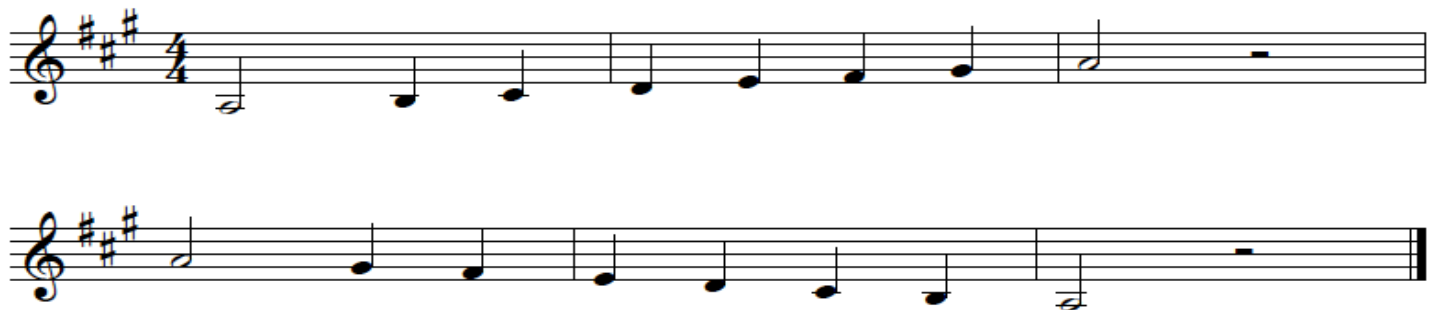
Soprano Scale – G Maj

♩ = 80

The musical score shows a six-measure vocalise for Soprano in G Major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The scale is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), followed by two measures of rests.

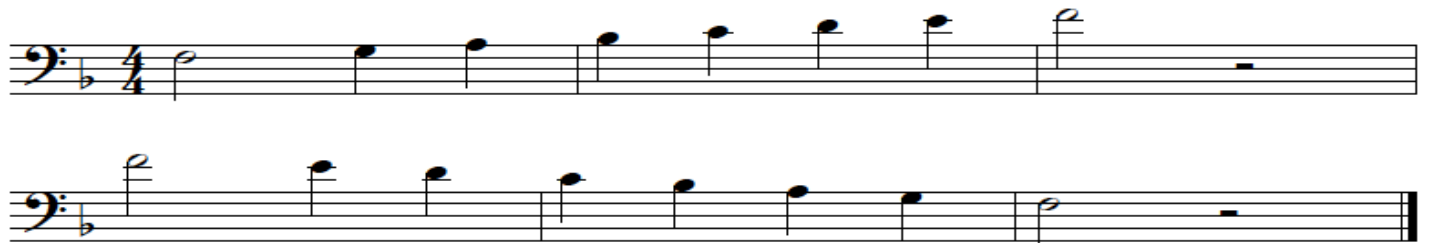
Alto Scale – A Maj

♩ = 80



Tenor Scale – F Maj

♩ = 80



Bass Scale – A Maj

♩ = 80



Submit the audio files online through the TCDA website (<https://www.tcda.net/2019tcda-all-state-ms-jh-choir>) with the \$15 audition fee by the deadline (March 24, 2019). You will have the option to pay with a credit card or send a check/cash to the TCDA office. Check/Cash MUST be postmarked by the March 24th deadline and must include the student(s) name in the memo line.

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Suite A
Austin, TX 78754
tcdaallstate@tcda.net
512-474-2801

Audition Application Form

Student's First Name _____

Student's Last Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Male Female (Choose one)

Grade Completed this year _____

Soprano Alto Bass Tenor
(Choose one)

Age _____

Director Name _____

Name of Chaperone _____

Name of Sponsoring TCDA Member _____

City, Zip of TCDA Member _____

Home Phone of TCDA Member _____

Work Phone of TCDA Member _____

Sponsoring TCDA Member Primary Email (Required) _____

Sponsoring TCDA Member Secondary Email _____

We must have name, cell phone and email for at least one parent. If both parents will be involved, please provide information for both.

Parent (mom)/Gauradian 1 Name _____

Parent (dad)/Gauradian 2 Name _____

Parent/Gauradian 1 Cell Phone _____

Parent/Gauradian 2 Cell Phone _____

Parent/Gauradian 1 Email _____

Parent/Gauradian Email _____

If selected to participate in the TCDA All State MS/JH Choir, my child will attend all rehearsals and perform in San Antonio, Texas, July 25-27, 2019. I understand that I am responsible for all our expenses while in San Antonio. I also understand that the Application Fee (\$15, online or enclosed), and Registration Fee (if selected, \$75, due May 15th) are non-refundable.

Parent or Guardian Name (print please) _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Please go online to submit audition form and music file (<http://tcda.opusevent.com>). Payment can be made online or by sending us a check* for the \$15 application fee to:

TCDA All-State MS/JH Choir/ 7900 Centre Park Dr, STE A / Austin TX 78754

**Remember to write student's full name on your check or money order*