



2021 TCDA Elementary Honor Choir



We are pleased to announce the 2021 Elementary Honor Choir will be under the direction of Francisco Nunez. Francisco J. Núñez has been artistic director of the National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award-winning Young People's Chorus of New York City since he founded the multicultural chorus in 1988. He also conducts the University Glee

Club of New York City, the fifth conductor of the all-men's choir since it was established in 1894 and from 2003 to 2010 was the director of choral activities at New York University. He is sought after as a guest conductor by professional orchestras, chamber ensembles, and choirs in North America and Europe. among them, the New York Pops, Manhattan Philharmonic, Newfoundland Symphony, the Geneva Chamber Orchestra, and the Chamber Orchestra of San Antonio, as well as a master teacher and advisor for choral workshops, demonstrations, and festivals.

COST/EXPENSES

Choir 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 & meals while in San Antonio. The \$15 audition fee is **non-refundable, no exceptions.** 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 5, 2021.** This fee covers organizational expenses, an official TCDA Elementary Honor Choir t-shirt, water bottle, music packet, a backpack and rehearsal recordings.

NOTIFICATION

The primary form of communication will be email. The names of the students selected for the choir will be announced by April 17 on the TCDA website. www.tcda.net. More information regarding deadlines will be sent via email. Music packets, rehearsal tracks and a more detailed schedule will be sent in late May.

SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 22, 2021- Early afternoon registration & section rehearsals

Friday, July 23, 2021- Morning/afternoon rehearsals

Saturday, July 24, 2021- Morning rehearsals & late afternoon concert 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 concert on Saturday.

AUDITION & APPLICATION

Current TCDA members may submit as many students as they'd like into this process. Each singer must submit an application, online credit card payment, and audition through our website. **Online auditions will open on February 1.** All auditions will be mp3 files and submitted on-line. If you wish to pay by check or money order, you may separately submit the non-refundable \$15 application fee, per student, to the address below. **Checks should be made payable to TCDA with the student's full name in the memo line.**

Texas Choral Directors Association
Elementary Honor Choir 2021
PO Box 50250 | Austin, Texas 78763

AUDITION MATERIAL & NEW INFO

Students will sing "My Country tis of Thee." This is located in the audition material portion of this packet. There is no limit to the number of students a director may submit to the Honor Choir. This choir is for students who are currently enrolled in 4th, 5th or 6th grade.

*****NEW*****

- The Elementary Honor Choir will be auditioned in **two parts**, Soprano and Alto.
- **6th graders tenors/basses, whose voices have changed, will be able to audition for the MS/JH All-State Choir. They can only audition for one choir; either the MS/JH All-State Choir or the Elementary Honor Choir. 6th grade boys whose voices have not changed can audition for the Elementary Honor Choir.**

For questions: 512-474-2801 honorchoir@tcda.net

IMPORTANT DATES

Online Auditions Open.....February 1, 2021
 Payment (check) Postmark Deadline.. March 12, 2021
 Online Auditions Close.....March 26, 2021
 Notification of Acceptance April 17, 2021
 Registration Fee Due May 5, 2021
 Music/Registration Packets Sent..... late May
 Registration / Rehearsals Begin..... July 22, 2021
 MS/JH All-State Choir Concert July 24, 2021

ELEMENTARY HONOR CHOIR AUDITION PROCEDURE

READ AUDITION DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY

*Part A and Part B below will be recorded and uploaded into the audition website as **three** separate audio files.

PART A

1. The student will sing "My Country 'Tis of Thee" without accompaniment.
2. The student will **NOT** state their name, age, school, or any identifying factor at the beginning or at any time during the recording. Stating this information will result in a disqualification of scoring.
3. The starting pitch must be played in the recording, but once it has been played the student will sing the song unaccompanied.
4. Students will sing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" in the key of G, as seen below.

Samuel F. Smith

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

Voice

My coun - try, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,

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Voice

Of thee I sing: Land where my fa - thers died, Land of the

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Voice

pil - grims' pride, From ev - 'ry moun - tain-side Let free - dom ring!

PART B (recorded as **two separate** audio files from Part A)

1. The student will sing the following ascending and descending patterns.
2. The ascending pattern will be recorded as one file, and the descending pattern will be recorded as a separate, second file.
3. Students will select only ONE pattern for ascending and ONE pattern for descending, from the two options given. They will select the pattern that fits their range best and will record at the best quality. A student may choose to sing the higher vocalise and the lower vocalise and vice versa. Scoring will be based on tone, phrasing and intonation.
4. The student will sing the following unaccompanied vocalise alone. The teacher must play only the starting pitch at the beginning of each vocalise. The pitch must be heard in the audio recording, but once it has been played the student should sing the vocalise pattern unaccompanied.
5. Observe tempo as indicated. They should sing on either solfege or a neutral syllable.

Alto Ascending Vocalise



Alto Descending Vocalise



Soprano Ascending Vocalise



Soprano Descending Vocalise



File Uploading Order:

1. File one - "My Country 'tis of Thee."
2. File two - "Ascending vocalise."
3. File three - "Descending vocalise."

All singing is acapella. Any audition that is accompanied will be disqualified from the scoring process. Any audition that indicated who the student is or where they're from will also be disqualified from scoring

Submit the audio files online through the TCDA website, <https://audition.opusevent.com/Account/Login> with the \$15 audition fee by the deadline (March 12, 2021). You will have the option to pay with a credit card online at the time of your audition submission or send a check/cash to the TCDA office. **Check/Cash MUST be postmarked by March 12th** and must include the student(s) name in the memo line.

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Audition Application Form:

- Below is an audition application form that you can print off to help you collect information you'll need from your student to submit their audition.

TCDA Elementary Honor Choir Audition Application Form

(this form is for teachers to collect information needed for each audition they wish to enter)

Student First & Last Name

Height in inches

Current Grade

Voice Part: Soprano

Alto

Student's School Name

School Name

School District Name

Student Home Mailing Address

City, Zip Code

Name of Chaperone

Chaperone Cell Phone Number

Name of Sponsoring TCDA Member

If selected to participate in the TCDA Elementary Honor Choir, my child will attend all rehearsals and perform in San Antonio, TX, July 22-24, 2021. I understand I am responsible for all expenses associated with this event. I also understand that the application fee (\$15, enclosed) and Registration Fee (if selected, \$75, due May 5) are **non-refundable, no exceptions.**

Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Primary E-mail

Parent/Guardian Secondary E-mail