

**2010 Honors Choir Auditions**  
**October 2, 2010**  
**Longwood University, Farmville VA**

Honors Choir Auditions will be held October 2, 2010 at Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia. This letter contains all information you need for registering and preparing your students for the audition. Please read everything carefully. I have pushed the deadlines as late as possible to accommodate the schools that start after Labor Day, but we only have so many days on the calendar. PLEASE pay VERY close attention to the deadlines. INCOMPLETE AND LATE REGISTRATION FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. To make registration easier for everyone I am including a checklist to help you organize your registration. Please make sure everything is included.

**THERE ARE TWO SEPARATE DEADLINES WHICH YOU  
MUST MEET FOR REGISTRATION**

- ◆ **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 4:00 PM - ONLINE DEADLINE**– All school registration forms must be received by the audition chairman by this time. Everyone **MUST** use the online registration form at the web site ([www.vmea.com](http://www.vmea.com)). Special Requests for times, etc **MUST** be submitted on the online form. Double/triple/quadruple check before submitting...this is THE form and must be correct! *Please check with your computer person ahead of time to be sure that information can be sent without the interference of firewalls.* You are allowed to register early!
- ◆ **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>** – All student registration forms and SCHOOL checks must be postmarked by this time. A hard copy of the school registration must be included as well. This form must match the online submission. Changes/revisions will not be accepted.

**Please note: changes, additions may not be made to registration after September 15!!**

**REGISTRATION CHECKLIST**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. **Online School Registration form** is to be received by the audition chairman by **4:00 PM on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**. These **must** be sent via the Honors Choir website. A hard copy should be mailed in with the Audition Applications. No changes may be made to this form following the September 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. **Audition Application** filled out for each participating student.  
**\*\*PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN THAT EACH STUDENT AND YOUR PRINCIPAL SIGNS EACH FORM.\*\***
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. **School Check** made payable to: **Christiansburg High School** - \$15.00 per student
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. **POSTMARKED** – School Registration, Audition Applications, and School Check mailed to me and postmarked no later than September 17<sup>th</sup>. **Booster Checks accepted with prior approval.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. **Mail to:** Mandi Townley  
Christiansburg High School  
100 Independence Blvd.  
Christiansburg, VA 24073

**WEB SITE:** [www.vmea.com](http://www.vmea.com) – Click “Honor’s Choir” link in left hand margin

**DATE:** Saturday, October 2, 2010

**PLACE:** Longwood University, Farmville, VA, Wygal Hall

**STUDENT ELIGIBILITY:** All 12<sup>th</sup> grade students (class of 2011) enrolled in their school choral programs are eligible to audition with the recommendation of their school choral director. Female tenors or basses and male altos and sopranos are not eligible to audition. No senior selected for Honors Choir in a previous year will be granted a second opportunity should he or she repeat the senior level in school.

**TEACHER ELIGIBILITY:** Teachers **must** present their up to date MENC card or a cancelled check for current membership at registration even though their ID number is listed on the audition application. This event is sponsored by MENC/VMEA: therefore, it is not open to non-members or their students. Non-member fees will not be accepted. If you are not currently a member of MENC and would like to join, please contact your district representative and a form will be forwarded to you.

**TEACHER RESPONSIBILITY:** Transportation to and from the audition location will be the responsibility of the choral director. Students must be accompanied by their choral director, or a designated chaperone approved by the school principal. In case a designated chaperone is required, a letter with signatures from the student, parent, choral director, and principal must be attached and returned with the Audition Application forms or sent to the host IN ADVANCE of the auditions. The chaperone may present it at registration only in the event of a last minute emergency. Students will not be allowed to register themselves.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** Teachers **must** pre-screen auditionees within their school. This is HONORS CHOIR. **This is not the time to send everyone who wants to try out.**

**AUDITION FEE:** \$15.00 per student

**DEADLINES:** School Registration Forms received from the website by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Student Audition Forms, School Check and hard copy of the School Registration Form postmarked by Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**CHECKS:** **School checks only** made payable to Christiansburg High School.

**AUDITION SELECTION:** “If Music Be the Food of Love” by Henry Purcell  
The sheet music and music rehearsal files are available on the Honors Choir website. The following keys will be used:  
Soprano I and Tenor I Key of G Minor  
Soprano II and Tenor II Key of F Minor  
Alto I and Bass I Key of D Minor  
Alto II and Bass II Key of C Minor

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Performance tempo will be quarter note = 90. The tempo on the MIDI file may NOT be quarter note = 90. **PLEASE BE PREPARED TO CHECK AND CHANGE THE TEMPO**

**AUDITION  
PROCEDURE:**

1. Students may only audition once, and only on the part registered for on the ONLINE school registration form.
2. Students should be advised to dress appropriately. Screens are not used for Honors Choir auditions. While attire is not specifically defined or required, and we understand travel and economic concerns, business attire is encouraged. Please check the following websites for references:  
<http://www.career.vt.edu/JOBSEARC/interview/APPEARNC.html>  
<http://www.salisbury.edu/careerservices/Students/Interviews/DressCasual.html>
3. Sight-Reading – The sight reading selection will be sung first in the Sight Reading Audition Room. The exercise will be 8 measures in length and sung unaccompanied. The exercise will be computer manuscript, with the women's selection written in treble clef, bass selection written in bass clef, and tenor written in both clefs for the student's choice. Students will have 30 seconds to look over the example prior to performing. Sight-reading examples will contain basic musicality markings, including phrasing, dynamics, and breath marks. There will be no interval larger than a fifth. The range will be from ti<sub>1</sub> to la. The exercise will begin on do. Students may sing using solfege, numbers, or neutral syllables. The sight-reading must be performed at a tempo no slower than quarter note = 60. Slower tempos will result in a deduction in score. Keys will NOT be announced, and key signatures will contain up to 3 sharps or 3 flats.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** Sight-reading counts for 20% of the total score, therefore, the auditionee should be a good sight-reader to even audition for Honors Choir.

**SPECIAL REQUESTS:**

Please email Mandi Townley, [mtownley88@gmail.com](mailto:mtownley88@gmail.com), with any special requests PRIOR to September 15. There will also be a field on the online registration form Please include such requests as: individual student time requests, schools traveling together on one bus or van. If coordinating travel arrangements, please identify all schools and districts completely to make it easier to schedule. Special requests will only be honored if received in a timely manner.

**RESULTS:**

Results will be available on the Honors Choir website the week following the audition. Score sheets and a copy of the results will be e-mailed out the week following the audition. No scores will be available the day of the audition.

**AUDITION HOST:**

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**EVENT DETAILS:**

November 18-20, 2010 Norfolk, VA

**EVENT HOST:**

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