

Dear Colleague:

We hope your year is off to a great start! Each year our John M. Long School of Music hosts a number of events on the TROY University campus for middle school and high school music students.

On **January 16-17, 2009** we would like to invite you and selected high school choral students to be our guests on campus for our ***2ndnd Annual Southeastern United States Honor Choir Festival***. Guest conductor for the Honor Choir will be Dr. Ann Roberts Small,

Highlights of the festival will include:

- **100 voice high school Honor Choir rehearsals with Dr. Small accompanied by School of Music faculty member Dr. Hui-Ting Yang**
- **Sectionals, masterclasses, and presentations with School of Music faculty including Dr. Michael Hix, Dr. Catherine Allard, Dr. Meg Jackson, and Dr. Diane Orlofsky**
- **Special host Friday night showcase concert**
- **Finale Concert by the Festival Honor Choir on Saturday afternoon**

Festival registration will begin at 9:00 A.M. on Friday January 16th in the lobby of Crosby Theater, with rehearsals beginning at 10:00 A.M. Students will have an opportunity to audition for School of Music scholarships during the festival. The Finale Concert on Saturday January 17th will begin at 3:00 P.M.

Students will be selected to perform in the Honor Choir based on director recommendations. There is a \$20.00 registration fee per student which includes a festival T-shirt, professionally recorded CD of the Honor Choir performance, and an Honor Choir festival student performance certificate. Participating Choir Director T-shirts and CD's are free!

Please complete the **Honor Choir Director Recommendation Form** and return it to us no later than **October 1st, 2008**. Directors and students will be notified of student acceptance by **October 10th**. Student registration fees for students selected to participate will be due by **November 1st, 2008**.

We hope you and your students will join us for this exciting educational opportunity. If you have any questions about the festival, please contact Dr. Michael Hix at mhix@troy.edu, (334)-670-3322.

We look forward to working together!

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael Hix
Coordinator of Vocal/Choral Music
Assistant Professor of Voice

Dr. Catherine Allard
Professor of Voice

Dr. Meg Jackson
Assistant Professor of Voice and Ethnomusicology

Dr. Diane Orlofsky
Director of Concert Chorale, Sedici, Collegiate Singers
Professor of Music Education

John M. Long School of Music
2009 Southeastern United States High School Honor Choir

Director Recommendation Form
(Please type or print all information)

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Name of School _____

Name of Choral Director _____ Email address _____

High School Address _____
(street and number)

_____ Phone number _____
(city) (state) (zip code)

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Directions: Please recommend students for participation in the Honor Choir. List the students in order of preference with student number one as your top priority. You may attach an additional list of recommended students to this form as needed. If possible, please include balanced nominations of voice parts. This form is due October 1, 2008.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year in School</u>	<u>Recommended Part (SATB)</u>
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