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Dear Choir teachers:

The time has come to start thinking about the 2010 AzACDA Cantaremos Honor Choir Festival! This festival includes three honor choirs and is a wonderful opportunity for students in grades 5-9 to audition and be a part of a high quality choral ensemble and to work with much sought after clinicians. This year the festival will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2010 at Gilbert High School.

### **Audition Process**

The teacher is responsible for preparing students for the audition as well as recording and compiling the audition CDs. Each section of each choir should have it's own CD. For example, the 5/6 choir will require 2 different CDs: one with all sopranos and one with all altos.

-For each audition have the student clearly state: name, grade, part. Do NOT have them say their school. There will be 3 components:

1. Sing "My Country Tis of Thee" a capella
  - 5/6th Grade Choir Soprano: key of G
  - 5/6th Grade Choir Alto: key of D
  - 7-9 Girls Sop: key of B flat
  - 7-9 Girls Alto: key of E
  - 7-9 Boys T1: key of B
  - 7-9 Boys T2: key of G
  - 7-9 Boys B1: key of E
  - 7-9 Boys B2: key of C
  
2. Sing a scale from Do-Do' a capella
  - 5/6th Grade Choir Soprano: E-E'
  - 5/6th Grade Choir Alto: D-D'
  - 7-9 Girls Soprano: F-F'
  - 7-9 Girls Alto: C-C'
  - 7-9 Boys T1: A below middle C-A'
  - 7-9 Boys T2: F below middle C-F'
  - 7-9 Boys B1: C below middle C-middle C
  - 7-9 Boys B2: Low F-middle C \*one of the pieces goes down to a low F. If your student cannot sing that low just have him start where it is comfortable.
  
3. Sing excerpt of specified song (please find the measures for excerpts currently listed on the AzACDA website under the Cantaremos tab) Excerpt should be well learned and sung a capella or with accompaniment-no part help, please.

After you have compiled your CD's please have them postmarked NO LATER THAN September 22, 2010 and mailed to:

Riki Wamsley  
4215 S. Marisol Lane  
Gilbert, AZ 85297

NEW: Fill out an audition form and submit with your CD's. Audition form is located at <http://azacda.org/Cantaremos.html>

Results will be emailed to teachers on or after October 8, 2010.

### **Time Commitment**

Teachers will be responsible for preparing their students to sing the specified pieces for the November 13 festival. Pieces should be note and rhythm perfect by the festival. This will give the clinicians the opportunity to truly make music with the students rather than just go over parts. The number of before or after school rehearsals is at the discretion of each teacher.

Students should also be prepared to practice on their own time using the music and practice materials (more information to follow).

Teachers will need to be present at the festival all day on Saturday, November 13. Registration begins at 8:00 am, rehearsals will be morning and afternoon with a concert for family and friends at 4:00 pm. Information about concert tickets will follow.

### **Cost**

There is a \$30 per student registration fee for those who have been accepted to the honor choir (obviously no fee to audition). This fee includes the cost of the clinicians, facility rental, as well as lunch the day of the concert. After you are notified which of your students were accepted into the Honor Choir, please send ONE big check made out to AzACDA for all your students to:

Steve Hickman, AzACDA Treasurer  
Highland High School  
4301 E. Guadalupe Rd.  
Gilbert, Arizona 85234

Your school or students will also be responsible for paying for the choral sheet music. Pieces can be found on <http://azacda.org/Cantaremos.html> and can be ordered through Music Mart. Please make sure that you place your order early as photocopies are not acceptable at the festival.

Please consider participating in this year's Cantaremos Honor Choir Festival! We have wonderful clinicians and this is sure to be a fantastic learning experience for your students. They will enjoy singing with other dedicated choral singers and take new leadership skills back to your choir.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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