

AzACDA State High School Festival
Friday, February 24, 2017
Mesa Community College Performing Arts Center

Dear Directors,

Congratulations to all who performed at the Arizona Choral Educators Fall Festival. A big thank you goes out to Ted Gibson for all his work on making the festival such a success. For those of you that qualified to continue on to our AzACDA High School Spring State Festival here are the details pertaining to the festival. Our festival will be held again at Mesa Community College's new Performing Art Center on February 24, 2017. The cost per ensemble is \$150. The schedule will be sent to you as soon as possible so you can take care of transportation needs. Please make sure that the name of your school appears on the district Purchase Order so we can differentiate between multiple schools from the same district.

The qualifications for the State Choral Festival are that the ensembles need to score an "Excellent" or "Superior" rating coupled with the rating of "With Distinction" at the 2016 Arizona Choral Educators Fall Festival.

This year we are privileged to have the following judges:

- Dr. Daniel Jackson from Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, California.
- Professor Bart Evan from Arizona State University
- Dr. Craig Peterson from Mesa Community College
- Professor Joyce Bertilson from Northern Arizona University (student teaching supervisor)

It is extremely important to follow the deadlines below so that we can make this festival run smoothly:

- Jan. 13, 2017 - Registration deadline
- Feb. 3, 2017 - Last chance for any cancellations
- Feb. 17, 2017 - Payment Deadline. The cost is \$150 per ensemble. If you are not a member of AzACDA, there is an additional \$50 non-member fee to participate. (Checks need to be mailed to Joyce Bertilson at 5011 E. Villa Rita Dr. Scottsdale, AZ 85254)
- **Important Note:** Please check with your district to make sure they have the correct address

We are excited to hear your wonderful ensembles. You can find more information at our AzACDA website including the online registration form. Please feel free to send either of us an email if you have any questions!

Thank you again!

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