

AzACDA State High School Festival  
Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Higley Center for the Performing Arts



Dear Directors,

Congratulations to all who performed at the Arizona Choral Educators Fall Festival. For those of you interested in attending the AzACDA High School Spring State Festival here are the details pertaining to the festival. Our festival will be hosted once again at the Higley Center for Performing Arts on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 have changed slightly this year. We are allowing any ensemble in the state to register for this big event. However, ensembles that scored an "Excellent" or "Superior" rating coupled with the rating of "With Distinction" at the 2022 Arizona Choral Educators Fall Festival will receive priority with their registration, guaranteeing their spot in the festival. After all of these ensembles have been placed, additional ensembles will earn a spot on a "first come, first served" basis.

This year we are privileged to have the following judges:

- Dr. Ryan Holder, Associate Director of Choral Studies – Northern Arizona University
- Dr. Tom Peterson, Assistant Conductor – Phoenix Chorale
- Amy VanWinkle, Yavapai Youth Choirs, Prescott Unified (retired)

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

- Mar. 3, 2023 - Registration deadline
- Mar. 10, 2023 - Last chance for any cancellations
- Mar. 24, 2023 - 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 AZACDA c/o Jess Edelbrock 7861 N Philadelphia Pl. Tucson, AZ 85741)
- Important Note: Please check with your district to make sure they have the correct address

You may register your ensemble(s) at the following link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdmGg00JcPVzdoUfqSi10xTY3\\_KxRb4RLBnCSLDTqFPGWaiw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdmGg00JcPVzdoUfqSi10xTY3_KxRb4RLBnCSLDTqFPGWaiw/viewform)

We are excited to hear your wonderful ensembles. You can find more information at our AzACDA website including the online registration form. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you might have.

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