



April 2018

Dear Music Teachers and Choral Directors,

**Save the Date to Saturday, November 10th!** It's Cantaremos time! The AzACDA's annual Cantaremos Honor Choir Festival is a great way to start off the season with an exciting opportunity for your students.

**Background:**

Cantaremos was initially the vision of Ashley Ricks and Dr. Bruce Chamberlain. They envisioned a festival specifically for middle school students that would give them a positive singing experience and allow them to take that positive energy back to their school programs. Since its inception in 2005, Cantaremos has done just that, serving over 2,200 young musicians in Arizona.

**Audition Process (Event is currently set to open on 8/20)**

The teacher is responsible for preparing students for the audition as well as recording and submitting the audition recordings. Recordings will need to be in MP3 format and then submitted through Opus Events, an online submission website. You will need your ACDA membership number and password (Your username is usually in this format: 'Aimee\_Stewart' and your membership (account) number can be found on the mailing label of your Choral Journal above your name). If this is a concern, please contact us: Dr. Marcela Molina at [mmolina@tucsongirlschorus.org](mailto:mmolina@tucsongirlschorus.org) or Jess Edelbrock at [jedelbrock@tucsongirlschorus.org](mailto:jedelbrock@tucsongirlschorus.org)

**\*Available on 8/20\***

- Step 1: Go to [www.opusevent.com](http://www.opusevent.com) Select Opus Audition
- Step 2 Select AzACDA Cantaremos Honors Festival
- Step 3: Input your ACDA Username and Password.
- Step 4: You will need to pay the \$25/school Audition Fee FIRST before you are able to upload auditions.
- Step 5: Ensure your email address is correct - this is how we will communicate with you throughout the festival process. Input all required information.
- Step 6: Upload the .mp3 files of audition recordings - *Make sure to record each item separately.* Click "Save Changes" button in the top right corner frequently.
- **Auditions Close at midnight on Friday, September 21th.**

*Please remember that those singers who audition are expected to attend the festival if accepted. Do not allow singers to audition if they have a conflict the day of the festival. If they are accepted and do not attend, they have taken the spot of someone else who could have had the chance to participate.*

**Registration:** Accepted singers will be announced by **Monday, October 1st**. Once a student is accepted, there is a \$45 per student registration fee that must be submitted by **Friday, October 12th, 2018**. ***This fee is due from every singer who is accepted, regardless of if they can no longer attend the festival.*** Rehearsal tracks will be sent to teachers upon acceptance. The sheet music will then be mailed directly to you to distribute to your accepted singers.

**Payment Process:**

All payments this year are through OpusEvents via credit card. If you must use a check or a PO, it can be done. Please contact me for details.



**Cost is: \$25 Audition Fee per School/Organization, \$45 Registration Fee/accepted singer.**

**Preparation**

Teachers will be responsible for preparing their students to sing the specified pieces for the festival on November 10th. 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 be prepared to practice on their own time.

**Day of the Festival:**

Teachers will need to be present at the festival all day on **Saturday, November 10th**. Registration begins at 8:30 am, rehearsals will start promptly at 9:00 am. Teachers are needed to assist with registration, supervising, solo auditions, sectionals, etc.

Singers should come in comfortable clothes and shoes. Each singer should bring:

- Music
- 2 pencils
- Water bottle
- *Correct* concert attire

**Concert:** The concert is open to the public. Tickets to the 4:00 pm concert can be purchased at registration or at the door for \$5 each. There will be a recording available for purchase through On the Spot Recording.

**Concert Attire:**

**5-6 Treble:** Cantaremos t-shirt (received during Registration), black pants/black skirt pass knee length, dress shoes.

**7-9 Women:** Cantaremos t-shirt (received during Registration), black pants/black skirt pass knee length, dress shoes.

**7-9 Men:** Cantaremos t-shirt (received during Registration), black pants, dress shoes.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's Cantaremos Festival. Feel free to contact us with any questions!

Sincerely,

Dr. Marcela Molina

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