

August 2019

Dear Singers and Parents,

I would like to invite you to audition for the Cantaremos Honor Choir for 5th-9th graders. Cantaremos is a festival specifically for middle school students that provides a positive singing experience and allows students to take that energy back to their home programs. By participating in this event, singers will learn about the audition process, how to work/practice outside of choir, to work collaboratively with new singers from around the state, and gain an incredible concert experience.

The Choirs of Cantaremos and 2019 Guest Clinicians:

5-6 Treble Choir (boys and girls with unchanged voices): Ginger Wade, Deer Valley Middle School Director, Phoenix Children's Choir Director

7-9 Men's Choir (young men with unchanged, changed and changing voices): Jordan Rakita, Gilbert Christian Schools Director

7-9 Women's Choir: Rita Scholz, Chandler Gilbert Community College Director

How does it work?

- First, a student indicates they would like to participate by telling their music or choir teacher.
- Audition materials are given to the student. The student practices at home and/or with the teacher at school. An audition recording date is set.
- By auditioning, a singer is committing to this event if accepted. **Please do not audition if you have a conflict on Saturday, Nov. 9th.**
- At the audition date, the teacher will record the student singing the 3 parts of the audition (a scale, My Country 'Tis of Thee, and a short excerpt of the specified song).
- Wednesday, October 2: Teachers will be notified of accepted singers. Accepted singers prepare music using the provided practice recordings and sheet music. The \$45 fee is due from each singer upon acceptance. **Every accepted singer is expected to participate.**
- Saturday, November 9, 9am-4pm: Teachers and students come with music learned to the festival. Each participant gets a t-shirt and lunch. Singers should bring their music in a folder, a pencil, and concert attire to change into.
- Saturday, November 9, 4:00 PM: Honor Choir Concert begins! Open to friends and family. **Tickets are \$5 each.**

If you would like your child to participate in auditioning for this choir please fill out and sign the information below and have it returned to me by _____

By signing below I give my child permission to audition for the Cantaremos Honor Choir and commit to paying the \$45 registration fee if they make the choir, whether or not we are able to attend on the date, Sat. Nov. 9th. We have no conflicts at this time with that date and I will help encourage my child to practice the music at home and learn it to the best of their abilities.

Student Name _____

Parent Name Printed _____

Parent Signature _____