

**DELAWARE MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION
ALL-STATE SENIOR CHORUS
2009-2010**

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Dear Colleagues,

A big congratulation goes out to all your students who were selected to participate in the choirs and also to those who did not make it but had the courage to try. Thank you for all of your help in making the audition process a success and for the many hours of preparing your students for the audition.

We are sure that you have already viewed the list on the DMEA web site. Please check the spelling of your students' names one more time for accuracy. Please also check the website for information on T-shirts and other miscellaneous items.

- **Hand out and review with your students the All State Mixed and Women's Choir Calendar, guidelines, and dress code (separate attachment).** Please make sure they understand that punctual attendance at all of these dates is absolutely required. Also, please go over the dress code with your students. Advise your students (if applicable) that hair dyed a color that is not natural to humans is discouraged. (Smurf blue and parrot red tend to distract the audience). We want them to look professional! Also, if any of your students have decided not to participate, please let one of us know as soon as possible.

- **You will soon have your music.** Please make sure your students go over the music. Students must be prepared to sing their part from any piece of music in the folder at the hearing in January, or they WILL BE dismissed from the group! Please make sure your students take this seriously. WE ARE! All Directors who have students planning to participate in All-State Mixed and Women's Choirs **must** be in attendance for this ONE hearing. (It should already be on your schedule). With last year's rehearsals in mind, we are holding a rehearsal this year as well, on the 19th. We need your help! Please contact Penny Carmack or Margaret Anne Butterfield.

All-State REHEARSAL – HELP NEEDED!! Middletown High School

- Tuesday, January 19, 2010 – 7:00 – 9:00 pm

All State HEARING--ALL DIRECTORS- MANDATORY ATTENDANCE--Middletown High School

- Monday, January 25, 2010--7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Weather Contingency Date: Wednesday, January 27th, 2010–7:00 – 9:00pm

Rehearsals and Concert

- Thursday, February 4 , 2010– 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Women's and Mixed –John Dickinson High School
- Friday, February 5, 2010 – 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Women's and Mixed– Rehearsal @ John Dickinson High School
- Saturday, February 6, 2010 – 8:00am – 12:00 pm rehearsals
Women's and Mixed @ John Dickinson High School
- Saturday, February 6, 2010 – CONCERT @ JDHS-7:30pm
Call is 6:00pm (May be adjusted)

Lastly, *the \$60 Participation Fee* for each student is due to Penny Carmack by **FRIDAY JANUARY 22, 2009.** If your students are responsible to pay this fee, collect it from them; if your school or booster organization is paying the fee, let your students know this. Either way, please follow the same procedure as for application fees. Collect the appropriate amount for each student and send the student registration forms along with a **single check** to:

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Newark High School
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Please make one check out to DMEA for the full amount. **Please send one check with Women's Choir and Mixed Choir together. If we do not have your payment in hand before the hearings, your students MAY NOT participate in the hearing, and will be dismissed from All-State.**

Finally, we would again like to thank Donna Fesmire for taking care of the music, Tom Dean and Ben Ables for making the practice CD's for both Mixed Choir and Women's Choir, and Tyler Tejada for hosting the auditions at Middletown and helping them flow smoothly. If you have any suggestions please feel free share them with us. We are keeping a running list of ideas for next year and are always looking for new and better ways of doing things.

Sincerely,

The Senior All-State Chorus Committee