

UPDATE MEMO

Date: September 19, 2011

To: Participating MTVA Directors

From: Michael Choate, 2011 MTVA Mid-State Auditions Chair

RE: Audition Information

It is time once again for Mid-State/ Freshman Honors auditions. I know that you have been working hard with your students to prepare. The following information should help in beginning to prepare for a successful audition process and in looking ahead to next weekend:

LOCATION FOR AUDITIONS: RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL – Please be aware of this change of location for this year's auditions. Directions to the school are posted on the website.

All participating directors should arrive no later than 4:00 p.m. for a director's meeting at Riverdale High School on Friday, September 30, 2011. DO NOT BE LATE!!!! The first auditions begin promptly at 4:30 p.m. Directions to Riverdale High School are enclosed. This information is also posted on the MTVA web site, www.mtva.org.

FOOD FOR YOUR STUDENTS: Brenda Williams has told me that her booster organization will be selling snacks/pizza and drinks throughout the event for students. Please make your students aware so that they can plan to bring money.

PARKING: Parents and others should park in front of the school and enter in the main doors (the LEFT set of doors) in front of the school - in other words, there are two entrances in front--use the left one.

- * The schedule of audition times should be posted at the beginning of next week, along with director assignments. **AUDITION CUTS WILL BE POSTED BY 3 P.M. ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 ON THE MTVA WEBSITE.**
- Saturday's auditions will begin at **8:00 AM**. Judges will need to be at the site at **7:30 AM** to ensure an efficient start.
- **REGISTRATION:** REGISTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MAIN LOBBY JUST INSIDE THE DOORS THROUGH WHICH YOU WILL ENTER. In order for the audition process to go smoothly, students should "check in" with the registration table to ensure their scores are matched correctly with their name both at the audition room and in the scoring room. When this does not occur, it delays the scoring process for everyone. **PLEASE communicate this to your students!**

- Students need to be present on site in enough time to warm up and locate their audition room. At least 45 minutes is recommended.
- *Midstate music WILL BE AVAILABLE after results are posted Saturday evening. If you choose not to wait for results, music will be available for pick up at a later time and location TBA. It will be your responsibility to see that your music is retrieved in a timely manner.
- *Part learning CD's have been ordered for all Mid-State and Freshman Honors ensembles. It will be up to each director to order his/her own CD's. The order form will be placed in the director's packet/ sent with the music. We did request this year for tempos to be less than performance speed, so as to better aid the learning process. Hopefully, they will be more helpful!

CLINICIANS:

This year, we are pleased to once again have outstanding clinicians for our event. The following choral professionals will be serving as our clinicians this year:

SATB -- Dr. Constantina Tsolainou, Director of Choral Activities,
Columbus State University

TTBB – Dr. Barrington Coleman, Men's Glee Club Director, University of Illinois
SSAA— Janeal Krehbiel, Artistic Director, Lawrence Children's Chorus

PLEASE CONTACT ME WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS THAT YOU MAY HAVE.

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Thanks for your hard work and for your patience. This process is tedious and time consuming for all of us, but I know that we all agree that the end result is definitely worth it for our students.

Many Thanks,

Michael Choate
MTVA Mid-State Auditions Chair, 2011
Middle Tennessee Vocal Association

RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTIONS

FROM NASHVILLE - I24

Take I-24 toward Chattanooga - exit #80 toward Eagleville. After exiting Interstate, turn left at light (Warrior Drive). The school will be ahead on the left - enter in the main entrance in front of the school.

FROM BRENTWOOD/FRANKLIN - I65

Take I-65 south to Hwy 96 toward Murfreesboro. Take Hwy 96 all the way to I-24 - merge onto I-24 East toward Chattanooga. Take I-24 toward Chattanooga - exit #80 toward Eagleville. After exiting Interstate, turn left at light (Warrior Drive). The school will be ahead on the left - enter in the main entrance in front of the school.

FROM COOKEVILLE/EAST - I40

Take I-40 to I-840, then merge onto I-24 East toward Chattanooga. Take I-24 toward Chattanooga - exit #80 toward Eagleville. After exiting Interstate, turn left at light (Warrior Drive). The school will be ahead on the left - enter in the main entrance in front of the school.

FROM SHELBYVILLE:

Take Hwy 231 toward Murfreesboro. Turn LEFT onto Warrior Drive and the school will be ahead on the right. Enter in the main entrance in front of the school.