

2011 Middle School Mass Choir Event

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General Information:

PLEASE NOTE: All directors **MUST** be present at the venue during all rehearsals, breaks, lunch/dinner and the performance. Directors are expected to remain in the rehearsal venue to help monitor students. Please contact the event chair if an emergency arises and you must leave the venue. Students may not have cell phones out during rehearsal.

Applications for the 2011 MS Mass event must be submitted online via the MTVA website by **Tuesday, September 6th, 2011** the event will take place on **Tuesday, September 27th, 2011** at Christ Church.

All participating directors must be members of MENC, TMEA, and must have their MTVA individual membership (\$25) and school activity fee (\$50) paid before the event.

Fees must be post marked by **Tuesday, September 6th** and should be mailed to:

*MTVA Treasurer
Jeanette MacCallum
6204 Gardendale Dr.
Nashville, TN 37215*

The 2011 Middle School Mass Choir event will take place on **Tuesday, September 27th, 2011** at Christ Church in Nashville.

Christ Church
15354 Old Hickory Blvd
Nashville, TN 37211
(615) 834-6171
christchurchnashville.org

Reminders:

- 1.) Please remind students that there is to be no cell phones out during rehearsals.
- 2.) Students should have all music memorized before the date of the event.
- 3.) Students should bring all music and a pencil for rehearsal. (original music only, no copies allowed)
- 4.) We are very fortunate to be able to use Christ Church for this event, please remind students to be respectful as there are other events going on in the venue.
- 5.) Directors are expected to remain on site and assist with all rehearsals, breaks, lunch/dinner, and the performance.
- 6.) Concert attire will be your schools concert attire. If students are wearing white on top and black on bottom, please have ladies wear black hose with their skirts. Gentleman should wear ties.

2011 Middle School Mass Choir Guest Conductors

SSA Ensemble: Mr. Reese Norris

Hernando, Mississippi

A Mississippi native, J. Reese Norris, is in his thirteenth year as Director of Choirs at Hernando Middle School, and seventh year as the Director of Music, at Hernando United Methodist Church. Under Reese's direction, the Hernando Singers have performed in many esteemed concert venues throughout the United States, including a performance in New York City's famed Carnegie Hall. J. Reese Norris received a BME from Delta State University and an MME from Florida State University. Reese has enjoyed the privilege of studying with Nancy Moore, Judy Bowers, Kevin Fenton, and Andre Thomas. In 2005, Reese was named Delta State University's "Music Alumnus of the Year". Reese has served as President of the Mississippi Chapter of the Music Educators National Conference, and as Chair of the Mississippi chapter of the American Choral Directors Association. He has also served as Chair of the American Choral Director's Association Junior-High Honor Choir (Southern Division). Reese and his wife Joelle, reside in Senatobia, MS, with their pet snake Zeus.

SAB Ensemble: Ms. Lisa Bitzas

Seymour, TN

Seymour Junior High School

Lisa Bitzas received her Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Tennessee School of Music and Masters degree in Administration and Supervision from Lincoln Memorial University. Currently, she is in her twelfth year as director of choral activities at Seymour Middle School.

Bitzas's choral experience and work includes conducting elementary, junior high, and high school honor choirs. Her Eagle Ensemble has performed for the American Choral Directors Association national and southern division conventions. Most recently, she has served as conductor and clinician for performances at Campinas State University, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Tennessee Honor Choirs, and Children's Choral Festival. Professional affiliations include ACDA, MENC, TMEA, and ETVA.

SAB Ensemble: Mr. Tyler Merideth

Nashville, TN

Tyler Merideth is the director of the Philharmonic Orchestra, Prelude Orchestra, MBA Sinfonia and the Junior School Singers at Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville, TN. He received his Undergraduate and Graduate degrees in music from Belmont University. He serves as the accompanist for the Nashville Youth Choir and the Tennessee All-State Choir.

SSA Ensemble Mr. Reese Norris	SAB Ensemble Ms. Lisa Bitzas	SAB Ensemble Mr. Tyler Merideth
Exultate Jesti In Domino SA w/ piano Carl Fischer D Farrell Smith Pepper #10065743	On This Day Join the Singing 3 part mixed Nanino/ arr. Liebergen (BL248) Pepper # 3250909	Hava Nashira Johannes Ockeghem <i>Public Domain Round</i> click to download
Will There Really Be A Morning SA w/ piano Alliance Craig Hella Johnson Pepper # 10015881	Follow the Drinking Gourd SAB arr. Dan Davison (HL08501483) Pepper # 3299114	It's All I Have To Bring Rachel Fogarty Pepper # <i>composed for this event</i>
All Things Bright and Beautiful SA w/ piano Lorenz Philip Silvey Pepper #10046888	The Blessing SAB Graham & Downes/arr. Purifoy (HL08749717) Pepper# 10070822	Deo Dicamus Gratis Three-Part Mixed Lorenz Victor Johnson Pepper # 3298344
Jesu SA w/ piano and string quartet Alliance Andrea Ramsey Pepper #10098668	Wade in the Water 3 part mixed arr. Moses Hogan/ ed. Purifoy & Day (HL08749732) Pepper# 10070720	Shine on Me SAB Hal Leonard Rollo Dilworth Pepper #3295345
Jonah SSA w/ piano Hal Leonard Dillworth Pepper # 3302188		