

## **2024-2025 MTVA Middle School Honors Choir Information**

### **Important Dates:**

September 7	MTVA membership dues deadline
September 27	Registration deadline and payment
October 4 (postmarked by)	Payment deadline
November 1	Auditions submission deadline (via email)
November 4-12	Adjudication
November 15	Audition results released
January 31	Honors Choir event day Location: TBD
February 7	Snow date

**Clinician:** Robert T. Gibson

**Accompanist:** TBD

**Repertoire:** TBD

### **Audition pieces:**

Part 1: Unaccompanied Exercise: "Cantate" (arr. on MTVA website)

(each voice part will audition in a specific key)

Soprano: Key of G (starting pitch second line treble clef G)

Alto: Key of D (starting pitch D above middle C)

Tenor: Key of B (starting pitch B just below middle C)

Bass: Key of D (starting pitch third line bass staff D)

Part 2: Accompanied Piece: "Come, Come Ye Sons of Art" by Henry Purcell (arr. on MTVA website)

**Audition Fee:** \$6.00 per student

Mail invoice and payment to **MTVA P.O. Box 332454 Murfreesboro, TN 37133**

*If this is your first event with MTVA, you will also need to pay the school activity fee (\$50)*

**Please include your printed registration invoice with your check when mailing payment.**

# **MTVA Middle School Honors Choir Frequently Asked Questions**

## **FAQ**

**Who is eligible to audition?** *6th, 7th, and 8th graders may audition. If 6th grade students audition for Middle School Honor Choir, they may **not** audition for Elementary Honor Choir. All directors must be members in good standing of the local, state and national organizations. Students may audition for more than one voice part. They will be placed in the part in which they received the higher rating.*

**Where will I find audition information and procedures?** *Audition information will be posted on the MTVA website and will be emailed directly to those directors who have registered for the event.*

**How will I know if I am an audition judge?** *The chairperson will contact you directly.*

**If I have students selected for the Honors Choir, where will I find the repertoire?** *A repertoire list will be put together, emailed to directors and put on the MTVA website. Each director is responsible for ensuring each of their students has each piece of music. JW Pepper will have a packet put together and ready for order. Photocopied music is not allowed at MTVA events.*

**Are students responsible for knowing the music when they get to the Honors Choir event?** *Yes. It is the director's responsibility to ensure students know the music **BEFORE** arriving at the event.*

**If I have students selected, do I need to attend the event as well?** *Yes. Directors with students in the event are expected to be in attendance for the entire day of the event.*

## **How students are scored:**

### **Pitch Accuracy (50)**

Clear, consistent, no scooping, sharpening, flattening, correct key

### **Head Register (50)**

Head register and moving between registers smoothly

### **Tone Quality (50)**

Open, clear, confident sound

### **Diction (50)**

Clear consonants, correct vowel production, proper pronunciation

### **Phrasing (50)**

Unbroken phrases, rhythmic accuracy

### **Musicality (50)**