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2017

ALL STATE

JAZZ CHOIR

COLORADO ALL STATE JAZZ CHOIR

The Colorado All State Choir Governing Board is pleased to announce auditions for the 2017 All State Jazz Choirs. Once again there will be two All-State Jazz Choirs, one mixed (16 members) and one women's (16 members). If a Soprano or Alto was selected to the All State Jazz Mixed Choir in their junior year they will automatically be placed into the Women's Choir if they are selected in their senior year and vice versa.

General information:
The All State Jazz Choir will be held January 26-28, 2017, during the Colorado Music Educators Association Clinic/Conference at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. Students will rehearse and stay at the Broadmoor. We are excited to be presenting the final concert in the Broadmoor Hall on Saturday, January 28, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. (tentative time).

Guest Conductors:
Kim Nazarian (Women's Choir)
Cedric Dent (Mixed Choir)

Registration Information For Auditions:
Fill out the following information online (aschoir.com – Jazz Choir):

1. **DIRECTOR AND SCHOOL INFORMATION FORM** (One form per school)
2. **ALL STATE JAZZ CHOIR STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM**
   (Download this spreadsheet, complete & email to Julia.dale@dcsdk12.org & asjcboard@gmail.com)
3. **AUDITION TRACK** (submit ONE track per student – tutorial link on aschoir.com)
4. **DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITY FORM (**print this an mail to Julia Dale)
5. **AUDITION FEES** Include $25.00 per student payable to **CMEA**. NO CASH. You may pay online OR send a check to Julia Dale (address below)

ALL FORMS AND AUDITION RECORDINGS MUST BE SUBMITTED/POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2016. FORMS AND AUDITION MATERIALS SUBMITTED AFTER 7:00 P.M. ON THAT DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Directors – Please read carefully.

AUDITION PROCESS

In order to be considered for selection to the All State Jazz Choir, students and directors must submit all forms and the audition track by **Thursday, October 6, 2016**.

Go to aschoir.com ---> Jazz Choir. Follow the prompts through:

1) Director and School Information Form (google form on website)

2) Download the Student Registration Spreadsheet, complete and email to julia.dale@dcsdk12.org and asjcboard@gmail.com

Your school code is listed at the end of this packet (pages 9-12).

3) Upload Student Audition Track to dropitto.me/ASJC

***Tutorial videos available at aschoir.com ---> Jazz Choir

- Merging multiple audition tracks into one .mp3 or .wav file.
  No other file types can be accepted
- Uploading that track to dropitto.me/ASJC - **password: jazzchoir**

Students should follow the below script while recording their audition. Please double check these files to ensure that they are recorded correctly and are complete. Please make sure the audition track is labeled this way: School Code – Voice Part – Student Submission Number (you make this up – for example, if I have 5 students auditioning, my first student (doesn't matter who is first) would be Student Submission #1, second student would be #2, etc.)).

4) Print and complete the "Director Responsibility Form" (in this packet and on website)

Your signature and the signature of a school official must be on the Director Responsibility Form to signify eligibility according to CHSAA rules. The Colorado All State Jazz Choir is open to juniors and seniors who are eligible according to CHSAA rules.

5) AUDITION FEES: Submit payment of $25 per student. You may pay online OR submit a check (payable to CMEA) which should be mailed to:

Julia Dale
Rock Canyon High School
5810 McArthur Ranch Road
Highlands Ranch, CO 80124

PROCEDURE & TIME LINE OF EVENTS

Saturday, October 8, 2016 **Judging Audition Files and Callback Selection Process**

Once received, files will be distributed to four judges, one for each voice part. Judges will be teachers/music professionals who have extensive vocal jazz experience and do not have students auditioning for the choir. Each judge will listen to recordings of one voice part and rank them in order.

Monday, October 10, 2016 **Notification Process for Callback Audition**

All schools with entries will be notified of the students selected for the callback audition. Information will then be sent to each callback school with a list of students selected for the callback audition which will include a four part music excerpt to memorize, as well as information about the callback audition. The 15 top scoring students from each section (regardless of divisi) will be called back. If there is a tie, the tie will be broken by examining the scores of individual elements until a difference is discovered. The order of individual elements is: Chromatic Scale, Blue's Scale, Scat Piece, Ballad Piece, Dorian Scale, Major Scale.

Saturday, November 12, 2016 **Callback Auditions**

The callback audition will be held at **Smoky Hill High School** in the theatre, choir room and band room, from 8 a.m to 1 p.m **Directors (or an adult school representative) should plan to attend the callback audition**. Criteria for the audition will include a four-part sight-reading exercise, improvising (scat singing over *Billie's Bounce* chord changes) and singing the memorized four-part music excerpt, which will be emailed to directors after the callback list is sent out, in quartets. It is the responsibility of the director to get this music to the students. Judges will work with each section as well as different group configurations to ensure a good blend and the best selection for the All State Jazz Choirs. **Please note: this callback is mandatory for students to be placed in the All State Jazz Choir. We cannot make accommodations for conflicts, as our judges must hear ALL students together to determine ideal ensemble balance and blend.**

Saturday, November 12, 2016 **Final Selection Process**

At the end of the final audition, the same four judges will determine the All State Jazz Choirs. Sight-reading, the four-part music excerpt(s), improvising ability (scat singing), blending and the ability to sing vocal jazz in the appropriate style will be used as criteria for selection. The final 32 singers will be selected during the final audition, with four chosen from each section: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, in the Mixed Choir. The Women's Choir will include 16 members as well, divided in a way that will create the most balanced ensemble possible.

Monday, November 14, 2016 **Notification of Acceptance for the All State Jazz Choir**

All schools with callback students will be notified.

Friday, December 2, 2016 **Acceptance/Registration/ Forms and Fees Due**

Students selected for the Colorado All State Jazz Choir must send in their signed Student Acceptance Forms/Registration Forms and all fees by Friday, December 2, 2016. Beyong the principal's signature at the beginning of the audition process, it is the responsibility of the teacher to ensure that all participating students are eligible to enroll in the choir. **Fee is $120** (includes music, acceptance fee, registration fee, and concert day lunch). After the forms and fee have been received, students will receive rehearsal tracks, sheet music, and final information about the All State Jazz Choir including: tickets, performance CD's, and rehearsal and performance schedules.

A Note About Eligibility

Students must be in grade 11 or 12 and a member of their school's curricular vocal music program if one exists. At the time of the initial recorded audition, the live callback, registration in the choir and the All State Jazz Choir rehearsals and performances, students must be eligible under the rules of the Colorado High School Activities Association. If you need to review these rules, please contact your principal or activities director. If questions regarding unusual circumstances pertaining to eligibility arise, please contact Will Taylor, the Chairman of the All State Choir Governing Board.

Thursday, January 26, 2017 **Final All State Jazz Choir Music Preparations and Final Audition**

It is the responsibility of students and their directors to learn music thoroughly (all pieces need to be memorized) prior to the CMEA rehearsals and performances. Please utilize the rehearsal tracks. Seating Auditions will begin promptly at 8am. During the seating audition, students must be prepared to sing, a cappella and from memory, all music that is listed for the All State Jazz Choir programs together with the other members of their section. Students will be heard by members of the ASJC Board. **Students must understand that grossly negligent preparation may result in the failure of the student to be seated in the choir. Students not seated with the choir will be required, without exception, to return to their home school immediately following the final audition.** After students have successfully completed this audition, they will be seated in the All State Jazz Choirs.

Thursday-Saturday, January 26-28, 2017 **All State Jazz Choir Rehearsals and Final Performance**

Students must be accompanied by a school assigned chaperone during the festival. Lodging reservations must be made by the student's director. Students must arrive on time and attend all rehearsals on **January 26-28, 2017** with the clinician/guest conductors at the Broadmoor. Students who are also performing with a school group at CMEA will be permitted to leave only for the time of their school dress rehearsal and performance, and communicate these times with the All State Jazz Choir Chair as well as their Guest Clinician. Students are expected to behave in a manner worthy of an All State Jazz Choir student. The dress rehearsal will be **Saturday, January 28**, with the final performance that afternoon in the Broadmoor Hall (tentative time 2:00).

DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITY SHEET

Directors: Please fill out this form and return it to:

Julia Dale
Rock Canyon High School
5810 McArthur Ranch Road
Highlands Ranch, CO 80124

Postmarked by Thursday, October 6, 2016.

Director Name(s) ***(as you'd like it printed in the program)***

School

Home Phone

School Address

Director Email

City **Zip**

Director Cell Phone
(Only necessary for initial screening or emergency)

School Phone

Preparation for Auditions:
Preparation for auditions is important. Each director is ultimately responsible for preparing students to ensure a positive experience during their auditions. Students may work on their own or with private teachers. However, it is important that each student be assisted with the assigned music, paying careful attention to the jazz style, the technical skills, and helping to achieve a self-motivated positive attitude. Those assisting may not sing or speak the intros for students, and may not play along with scales. Please adhere to the proper audition guidelines for further information. Please check that each student's audition track is completed according to the Audition Guidelines. Adhering to deadlines and checking all audition forms for accuracy will assist your students.

Directors are responsible for assigning the appropriate voice part to each of their students. If an incorrect part has been printed on the audition card, only the director may request the Vocal Jazz Chair to make a change. Changes may not be made after the first auditions are completed.

I have read the rules and guidelines for the 2017 All State Jazz Choirs audition process. I have checked eligibility according to CHSAA guidelines and recommend the following students for auditions.

Director's Signature **Date**

I have checked eligibility according to CHSAA guidelines and recommend the students on the registration form as cleared to audition for Colorado All State Choir this fall.

Principal's Signature **Date**

AUDITION SCRIPT AND GUIDELINES

All Directors please read carefully and adhere to these guidelines

- Please make one track per student. (Scales and Pieces may be recorded separately, but must be merged into one track using Garage Band or similar software. Tutorial video for merging tracks is available at aschoir.com ---> Jazz Choir)
- Submit the track labeled in the following manner: School Code – Voice Part - Two Digit Submission Number (i.e. If your school code is 123, and this is your first student (this number is just made up by you), and this student is a Tenor 1, the track code would be: 123-T1-12)
- Adhere to all instructions below.
- ***It is the responsibility of both the student and teacher to check the audition file to ensure that all parts of the audition are recorded accurately and clearly. Failure to complete any sections of the audition will lower the scores of the audition accordingly or result in disqualification.***

****The student should speak/sing all parts of the audition. The instructor's voice should not be heard****

1. Introduction

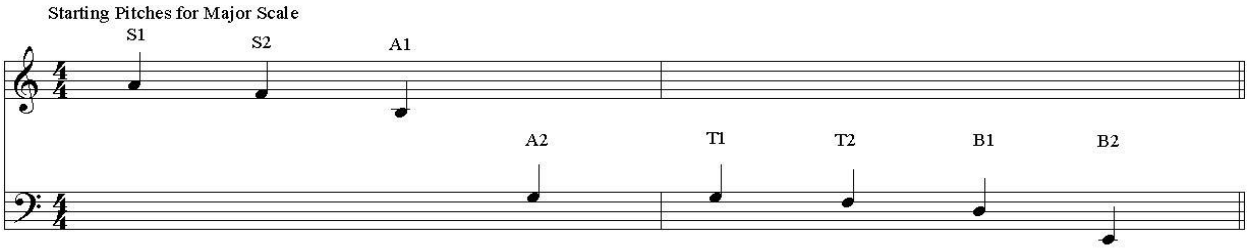
Start the track, speak clearly and say, "**2017 Colorado All State Jazz Choir Audition**, **Voice Part (Soprano 1 or 2, Alto 1 or 2, Tenor 1 or 2, Bass 1 or 2)**."

2. Major Scale sung in swing style, unaccompanied.

Sing the scale in swing style on eighth notes on syllables "doo-bah" at a moderate tempo **Qt.=106** ascending and then descending without stopping. *Choose the beginning pitch according to voice part as indicated. Only starting pitch may be given – no other accompaniment is allowed.*

Say, "**Major scale in the key of ___.**"

Sing the scale.



3. Blues Scale sung in swing style, unaccompanied.

Choose your own comfortable starting pitch and sing the scale in swing style **on eighth notes** on syllables "doo-bah" at a **moderate tempo Qt.=106** ascending and then descending without stopping. *Only starting pitch may be given – no other accompaniment is allowed.*

Say, "**Blues scale in the key of ___.**"

Sing the scale.

4. Dorian Mode Scale sung in swing style, unaccompanied.

Choose your own comfortable starting pitch and sing the scale in swing style **on eighth notes** on syllables "doo-bah" at a **moderate tempo Qt.=106** ascending and then descending without stopping. *Only starting pitch may be given – no other accompaniment is allowed.*

Say, "**Dorian mode scale in the key of ___ dorian**."

Sing the scale.

5. Chromatic Scale sung in swing style, unaccompanied.

Choose your own comfortable starting pitch and sing the scale in swing style on eighth notes on syllables "doo-bah" at a moderate tempo **Qt.=106** ascending and then descending without stopping. *Only starting pitch may be given – no other accompaniment is allowed.*
Say, "**Chromatic scale, starting pitch ___**."
Sing the scale.

6. Solo "Billie's Bounce" sung in a jazz style with or without accompaniment.

You may use the MIDI download from www.aschoir.com **(password:jazzchoir)** or Jamey Aebersold CD (*Vol. 8: Sonny Rollins*) as the accompaniment for the vocal. See **Sample Judge Audition Tape/CD Adjudication Form** for judging criteria. The solo may be sung in any comfortable key. Students may sing the solo on any syllable or with "scat" syllables. Establish student's first note. Sing all repeats *if applicable*. **Tempo as indicated on music.**
Say, "**Solo beginning pitch ___**."
Sing the solo.

7. Solo "But Not for Me" sung in a jazz style with or without accompaniment.

You may use the MIDI download at www.aschoir.com **(password: jazzchoir)** or Jamey Aebersold CD (*Vol. 22: All-Time Standards*) as the accompaniment for the vocal. The song may be sung in any comfortable key. See **Sample Judge Audition Tape/CD Adjudication Form** for judging criteria. If students are judicious, there is room for students to incorporate their own interpretation of this tune. Establish student's first note. Sing all repeats *if applicable*. **Tempo as indicated on music.**
Say, "**Solo beginning pitch ___**."
Sing the solo.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE TRACK IS SAVED AS "Three Digit School Code– Voice Part – Two Digit Student Number (made up by you)" (ex: 123-T1-01).
THE ONLY VOICE ON THE RECORDING SHOULD BE THAT OF THE STUDENT.

Make sure that the audition track contains all of the required audition materials in the correct order! DIRECTORS: Please verify that the Track Code matches the code you entered for that student in the "Student Registration Spreadsheet."

All State Jazz Choir Audition Adjudication Form

(for your reference)

Voice Part _____ **CD No.** _____

Major Scale Pitch Accuracy	(3) _____
Blues Scale Pitch Accuracy	(3) _____
Dorian Mode Scale Pitch Accuracy	(3) _____
Chromatic Scale Pitch Accuracy	(6) _____
Swing Feel	(5) _____
Scales Total	**(20)** _____

Solo (*#1 - Scat*)	
Pitch Accuracy	(15) _____
Jazz Style	(10) _____
Tone	(5) _____
Vocal Technique	(5) _____
Rhythmic Accuracy	(5) _____
Solo (*#1 - Scat*) **Total**	**(40)** _____

Solo (*#2 - Ballad)*	
Intonation	(10) _____
Jazz Style/Interpretation	(10) _____
Tone	(5) _____
Vocal Technique	(5) _____
Time Feel	(10) _____
Solo (*#2 - Ballad)* **Total**	**(40)** _____

Grand Total _____

Verified: _____

COLORADO THREE-DIGIT SCHOOL CODES

322 Adams City HS
139 Air Academy HS
221 Alameda International HS
176 Alamosa High School
163 Alexander Dawson School
116 Arapahoe High School
245 Arvada High School
132 Arvada West HS
209 Aurora Central High School
159 Basalt HS
274 Battle Mountain HS
281 Bayfield HS
252 Bear Creek High School
292 Bennett HS
251 Berthoud High School
302 Bishop Machbeuf HS
194 Boulder HS
154 Brighton HS
195 Broomfield HS
107 Brush High School
147 BUENA VISTA HS
272 Calhan HS
155 Canon City High School
215 Castle View High School
161 Cedaredge HS
278 Centauri HS (La Jara)
109 Centaurus HS
144 Central High School (G.J.)
226 Chaparral High School
128 Chatfield Senior High
320 Cheraw HS
254 Cherokee Trail HS
187 Cherry Creek High School
110 Cheyenne Mountain HS
264 CIVA Charter HS
199 Clear Creek High School
113 Coal Ridge High School
140 Colorado Academy
326 Colorado Early Colleges
212 Colorado Springs Christian
241 Columbine High
119 Conifer High School
268 Cornerstone Christian Acad.
108 Coronado High School
303 Crowley County HS
134 Custer County HS
138 Dakota Ridge
183 Dayspring Christian Academy
283 Del Norte HS
160 Delta High School
124 Denver Christian
261 Denver East High School
174 Denver School of the Arts
310 Denver South HS
258 D'Evelyn High School
243 Discovery Canyon
192 Doherty High School
250 Douglas County HS
262 Durango High School
249 Eagle Valley High School
231 Eaglecrest High School
115 Eaton H.S.
114 Elizabeth High School
185 Ellicott High School
120 Englewood High School

246 Erie High School
188 Estes Park High School
182 Evangelical Christian Academy
223 Evergreen High School
168 Fairview High School
276 Faith Christian HS
239 Falcon High School
118 Florence High School
259 Fort Collins High School
299 Fort Lupton HS
184 Fort Morgan HS
129 Fossil Ridge High School
200 Fountain Valley School
148 Fountain-Fort Carson
198 Frederick High School
306 Front Range Christian Schools
175 Fruita Monument
136 Gateway HS
219 George Washington High
257 Glenwood Springs HS
193 Golden High School
157 Grand Junction H.S.
181 Grandview High School
313 Greeley Central HS
228 Greeley West HS
213 Green Mountain HS
265 Gunnison High School
304 Harrison HS
152 Haxtun High School
177 Heritage High
179 Highland High School
247 Highlands Ranch High School
162 Hinkley High School
300 Holy Family HS
164 Holyoke High School
135 Horizon High School
208 Hotchkiss High School
297 Ignacio HS
236 James Irwin Charter HS
291 Jefferson Academy
269 JK Mullins
153 John F. Kennedy HS
328 John Mall HS
101 Karval High School
315 Kent Denver School
293 La Junta HS
229 Lake County High School
137 Lakewood High School
325 Lamar HS
130 Legacy High School
282 Legend HS
211 Lewis-Palmer HS
224 Liberty (Col. Springs)
318 Liberty HS (Joes)
311 Liberty Common HS
166 Limon HS
112 Littleton High School
237 Longmont High School
146 Loveland HS
151 Loveland Classical Schools
191 Lyons Middle Senior HS
100 Manitou Springs
314 Mapleton Public Schools
295 Martin Luther King Jr. Early College
309 McClave HS

312 Mead HS
277 Merino HS
127 Mesa Ridge High School
305 Middle Park HS
173 Mitchell High School
145 Moffat County High School
196 Monarch High School
270 Monte Vista
240 Montezuma-Cortez
201 Montrose High School
220 Mountain Range HS
170 Mountain View HS
106 Mountain Vista High School
308 Mullen HS
156 Nederland HS
165 Niwot High School
271 North HS (Denver)
189 Northglenn HS
186 Northridge High
235 Olathe HS
327 Ouray HS
242 Overland HS
203 Pagosa Springs HS
111 Palisade HS
122 Palmer Ridge High School
169 Paonia Jr. Sr. High School
216 Peak to Peak Charter HS
207 Peyton High School
131 Pine Creek HS
227 Platte Valley High School
172 Pomona High School
210 Ponderosa High School
204 Poudre High School
307 Prarie View HS
197 Pueblo Centennial H.S.
317 Pueblo Central HS
143 Pueblo County High School
253 Pueblo East HS
238 Pueblo South HS
102 Pueblo West HS
230 Ralston Valley HS
158 Rampart HS
321 Rangely Secondary Schools
225 Rangeview HS
167 Regis Jesuit Girls Division
217 Regis Jesuit HS Boys
267 Ridgeview Classical
206 Rifle High School
324 Roaring Forks HS
171 Rock Canyon HS
142 Rocky Mountain HS
273 Roosevelt HS
103 Roy J. Wasson H.S.
319 Rye HS
117 Salida High School
125 Sand Creek HS
301 Sierra HS
149 Silver Creek High School
232 Simla High School
255 Skyline High School
294 Skyview Academy
178 Smoky Hill High School
234 Soroco HS
316 Swallows Charter Academy
263 St. Mary's Academy

222 Standley Lake HS
279 Steamboat Springs
218 Sterling HS
141 Summit High School
133 The Academy
105 The Classical Academy
233 The Vanguard School
266 Thomas Jefferson HS
298 Thomas McLaren HS
290 Thompson Valley HS
104 Thornton HS
256 ThunderRidge HS
214 Union Colony Preparatory
121 University Schools
280 Vail Mountain HS
296 Vista Peak
248 Vista Ridge High School
150 Weld Central High School
323 West Grand HS
244 Westminster HS
275 Wheat Ridge HS
205 Widefield HS
123 Wiggins HS
126 William J. Palmer HS
260 Windsor HS
202 Woodland Park HS
190 Wray HS
180 Yuma HS