

2022-2023 Colorado All-State Honor Choirs

General Information for DIRECTORS

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There is *a lot* that must happen for this festival to run smoothly. The All State Choir Governing Board has put in numerous volunteer hours throughout the year and is asking for help from ALL adult directors and chaperones at the festival. Directors are all being asked to sign up for *at least one volunteer duty*. You will indicate this job preference on the Student Acceptance and Code of Conduct Form.

- Graduate credit **will** be offered this year. More information will be coming in a separate email in January.
- Friday morning the All-State Choir Governing Board will host a director's meeting in the Embassy Suites (Room TBD). We will utilize this time for a feedback session as well as to talk about future updates and improvements. You will also get important information regarding the festival. The meeting will occur while the students are attending their first rehearsal.

**Acceptance forms
should be emailed to:**

kmiles.aschoir@gmail.com

Deadline: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2022

ALL REGISTRATION FEES are to be paid on the CMEA website by Credit Card through the link provided on the All-State Choir website: www.aschoir.com!

(If paying online is a problem for your school, please contact
Kaitlin Miles at kmiles.aschoir@gmail.com immediately to problem-solve)

Instructions for All-State Choir:

All forms, policies, and information are available online at www.aschoir.com, under "Festival". Choir assignments were emailed to directors with audition results. Special *divisi* information will be posted on the website under each choir's individual tab where the "rehearsal tracks" can also be found. Please check these carefully for your special assignments. **Students who show up for 2nd auditions with the wrong part learned will be held accountable for the part they were assigned during auditions.** This ensures we keep a good balance in our ensembles for our wonderful clinicians.

A. Forms and Fees:

- Please duplicate acceptance forms and liability releases for each student who will participate.
- Email one acceptance form and one liability release for each student with all signatures completed. You should scan these as one email if you have more than one student who was accepted.
- **A Registration fee of \$50 per student is to be paid by credit card directly on the CMEA website using the link provided on the AS Choir website: www.aschoir.com.**
- **IMPORTANT!!!** Shirt orders and payments will all be taken directly on the production company's website. Once that website is activated, you can follow the link from the All-State Choir website to order your shirt/apparel. *No extra shirts will be available at the festival!* Look for an apparel-specific email coming in December.

B. Eligibility:

- Your signature and the signature of a school official must be on each student's acceptance form to signify eligibility according to CHSAA rules. Signatures are proof of eligibility. *It is the director's responsibility to check eligibility*; this is a CHSAA policy. Parent and student signatures are also required on the Code of Conduct portion of the form.

C. Rehearsal tracks, Divis Assignments, Director Notes:

- All rehearsal tracks are being done by Matthew Curtis at choraltracks.com and can be found on the All-State Choir website: www.aschoir.com. These can be found on the choir-specific pages. These tracks can be downloaded for student practice. The rehearsal tracks will be used in the second audition on Thursday, February 9th, 2023.
- Divisi assignments and special notes from the conductors will be posted on each choir-specific page by Wednesday, November 30th. Students need to make sure they review all director notes before the festival begins on Thursday, February 9th.

D. Hotel Accommodations

- Accommodations for ASC students and directors are being provided by the Embassy Suite Hotel and the Hyatt Regency (overflow) in Denver. The All-State Choirs receive a portion of the funds for every room booked. Reservation information and forms can be found on the AS Choir website. Reservations should be made directly through the Embassy Suites using their forms and contact information. Please make your reservations early to guarantee availability.

E. Repertoire

- It is the director's responsibility to purchase the All-State Choir literature for their students. **All students must bring their own original copies of the music to the festival in a BLACK folder.** Music is available in packet form (not individually) and can be purchased from J.W. Pepper. A link to purchase the music is provided for you on the website. *Be sure that ordering music is one of the first things you take care of!!* This a reminder that **all music must be memorized.** The literature list for all three choirs can be found on the website.

F. Second Auditions at Metro State

- 2nd Auditions will take place on the afternoon of February 9th at the Arts Building on MSU's campus. They end at 4:30 pm in preparation for the first rehearsal, beginning at 7:00 pm at the Embassy Suites Hotel. **All students must have passed their 2nd audition by this time in order to be seated in the choir.** More information on the 2nd Audition Schedule and Procedures will be sent in mid-January.

G. Tickets

- All ticket purchases will be done through AXS at the link that will be provided on the AS Choir website. Ticket information will be updated in the next few weeks. **Livestreaming** will also be available this year for any family and friends who cannot travel to Denver for the concert. A ticket-specific email will be sent when tickets are available for purchase. We ask that directors forward that email to all AS Choir families to help us with distribution of information.

I. Facebook/Twitter/Instagram

- If you and/or your students are on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, please go on these platforms and "like" or "follow" us. In doing so, you will receive notifications when there are AS Choir updates added to the website.

Director Checklist

- ASC Code of Conduct & Liability Release (for each student) emailed to kmiles.aschoir@gmail.com by Friday, December 9th.
- Registration fee of \$50 per student paid on the CMEA website by Friday, December 9th.
- Embassy Suites or Hyatt Regency forms and money sent directly to the Embassy Suites/Hyatt Regency by December 21st, 2022
- Music ordered from JW Pepper. Each student MUST have an original copy of the music for the festival.
- Practice tracks, divisi assignments & director's notes distributed to your students (these should be on the website by Nov. 30th)
- Begin the overnight field trip process with your district