

## VMEA Senior Honors Choir Auditions

Seniors,

Attached is information regarding VMEA Senior Honors Choir auditions.

Please read information carefully and return the following to me by Monday, September 9th at 2:30 pm. Due to state deadlines I cannot accept late applications.

- Application form – complete
- \$15 application fee (non – refundable)
- FCPS Permission Slip

Please note – Auditions are October 5<sup>th</sup> at Longwood University. Results will be posted the following Monday. The honors choir event will be held in Hot Springs, VA on November 21-23 at Homestead Resort.

In order to audition, you must be prepared! It is a long drive to Longwood and this is an audition that should not be taken lightly. *A pre-screening for all students intending to audition must occur before Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 PM.*

All of the music is available with sound tracks on the VMEA website:

<http://www.vcda.net/honorschoir.htm>

Do note that depending on your voice part, the key you perform in will be affected.

Parents are needed to carpool students to this event. I will be unable attend the audition.

Please note this VMEA Commitment Statement will be included in the registration process and students will sign off on it prior to the audition in registration materials.

**\*\*\*REQUIRED COMMITMENT!\*\*\***

If selected, I accept the full responsibility and honor of being a member of the 2013 VMEA Honors Choir. I pledge to give my support to this choir, to cooperate with all involved in order to make this event a successful learning experience, and will learn the prescribed music prior to the event in November.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Gigliotti

## General Information

- **WEB SITE:** <http://www.vcda.net/honors-choir-downloads.html>
- **DATE:** Saturday, October 5, 2013
- **PLACE:** Longwood University, Farmville, VA, Wygal Hall
- **STUDENT:** All 12<sup>th</sup> grade students (class of 2013) enrolled in their school choral programs are
- **ELIGIBILITY:** eligible to audition with the recommendation of their school choral director. Female tenors or basses and male altos and sopranos are not eligible to audition. No senior selected for Honors Choir in a previous year will be granted a second opportunity should he or she repeat the senior level in school.

### **AUDITION SELECTION:**

**SELECTION:** If Music Be the Food of Love, Henry Purcell

The following keys will be used:

**S1 & T1- Key of gm**

**S2 & T2- Key of fm**

**A1 & B1- Key of dm**

**A2 & B2- Key of cm**

Hard copies of sheet music and MP3 files in each key may be downloaded from  
<http://www.vcda.net/honors-choir-downloads.html>

The tempo will be quarter note = 90

### **AUDITION PROCEDURE:**

1. Students may only audition once, and only on the part registered for on the school registration form and online form.
2. Students will perform audition selection with a live accompanist. Accompanists will start the piece at the stated metronome marking, and then follow the student's tempo when they begin singing.
3. Students should be advised to dress appropriately in business/interview attire. Screens are not used for Honors Choir auditions. See the link for further definitions:  
<http://www.career.vt.edu/JobSearchGuide/BusinessCasualAttire.html>
4. Sight-Reading – The sight-reading selection may be sung before or after the prepared piece. When the student enters the room they must tell the judges which they wish to do first. The exercise will be 8 measures in length and sung unaccompanied. The exercise will be computer manuscript, with the women's selection written in treble clef, bass selection written in bass clef, and tenor written in both clefs for the student's choice. There will be no interval larger than a fifth. The range will be from ti to la. The exercise will begin on do. Students may sing using solfege, numbers, or neutral syllables. The sight-reading must be performed at a tempo no slower than quarter note = 60. Slower tempos will result in a deduction in score.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Sight-reading counts for 20% of the total score, therefore, the auditionee should be a skilled sight-reader to even audition for Honors Choir.