

Louisiana Fall Vocal Conference
Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel
New Orleans, LA
October 26-28, 2017
All-State Honor Choir
Audition Information & Procedures



The 2017 All-State Honor Choirs will rehearse and perform in conjunction with the Louisiana ACDA Fall Vocal Conference. The conference will take place on October 26-28, 2017 at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel in New Orleans. Singers in grades 4-12 are invited to audition for one of our prestigious choirs: Children's, Youth (Treble and Mixed), Men's or Women's. Each audition must be prepared and submitted by a sponsoring teacher/director who is a current member of ACDA. Directors, please read the following information carefully so as to avoid missed deadlines or disqualified auditions. These dates and guidelines will be strictly enforced!

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

- September 19 by 5 pm – Deadline for online audition (All auditions are ONLINE!)
- September 23 – Audition judging
- September 25 – Results posted on laacda.org website
- October 2 – Deadline for teacher/director pre-registration (required for ALL teachers/directors with students selected for an honor choir - ONLINE ONLY)
- October 6 – Postmark for registration materials for selected students (sent by teacher/director – must be received by October 13)

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

- Audition fee = \$15
- Registration fee upon acceptance into a choir = \$75 (non-refundable; covers music, guest clinician and accompanist, insurance, practice tracks and name badge)
- Transportation to/from New Orleans
- Hotel (\$219 for Double, \$10 self-parking) and meals
- T-shirt and CD/DVD recordings of concert (optional)

(continued)

BEFORE THE AUDITION

1. **Only online auditions will be accepted. No tapes/CDs allowed. Any auditions submitted via mail will be disqualified!**
2. Be sure to use decent recording equipment.

DURING THE AUDITION

1. Each recording should contain three items: a spoken introduction and two singing requirements. See the next page for the requirements specific to each honor choir. All audition pieces can be purchased through AMC Music Company in Houston (1-800-833-8432).
2. Do not sing with your student during the audition.
3. Singers must sing with piano accompaniment and nothing else. LA-ACDA strongly recommends the accompaniment tracks available on our website.
4. Do not add the melody to the accompaniment.
5. All recordings must be unedited – do not dub portions of the song onto one recording.
6. Singers may only audition on one voice part. Multiple submissions will result in disqualification.

AFTER THE AUDITION

1. Listen to each recording to make sure it is audible and complete before submitting it.
2. If you have to use a school check, please have ONE CHECK (for each choir) issued from your school/organization, payable to LA-ACDA, with \$15 for each student audition. School checks are now accepted on our website!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (4th-6th grade)

1. Track 1: Spoken introduction: student must speak his/her name and grade level. Student must sing "My Country 'Tis of Thee" (not "America the Beautiful"). This should be a cappella and sung wherever it is most comfortable in the singer's vocal range.
2. Track 2: **"Some One" from *Two Childhood Songs* by Randall Thompson/Thorpe Music Publishing Company 392-03011, beginning-measure 54**

YOUTH CHOIR (7th-9th grade)

1. Track 1: Spoken introduction: student must speak his/her name, grade level, and voice part. Scales: student must sing all scales using the starting pitch indicated for their voice part below. Scales must be sung a cappella using solfege, numbers, or a neutral syllable. Recommended tempo for scales is quarter note = 66-80. **All students must sing two major scales, each one ascending and descending.**

Sopranos: E above middle C; G above middle C

Altos: E above middle C; A below middle C

Tenors: G below middle C; E below middle C

Basses: D below middle C; B-flat below C3 (the C below middle C)

2. Track 2: **"Hold Fast to Dreams" by Susan LaBarr/SBMP 1136, measure 42-end**

WOMEN'S CHOIR (10th-12th grade)

1. Track 1: Spoken introduction: student must speak her name, grade level, and voice part. Scales: student must sing all scales using the starting pitch indicated for their voice part below. Scales must be sung a cappella using solfege, numbers, or a neutral syllable. Recommended tempo for scales is quarter note = 66-80. Women must sing two scales, each one ascending and descending.

Soprano I: E above middle C; G above middle C

Soprano II: E above middle C; A below middle C

Alto: D above middle C; G below middle C

2. Track 2: **"Psalm 23" by Z. Randall Stroope/Alliance 8064605 – sing entire piece**

MEN'S CHOIR (10th-12th grade)

1. Track 1: Spoken introduction: student must speak his name, grade level, and voice part. Scales: student must sing all scales using the starting pitch indicated for their voice part below. Scales must be sung a cappella using solfege, numbers, or a neutral syllable. Recommended tempo for scales is quarter note = 66-80. Men must sing two scales, each one ascending and descending.

Tenor I: F below middle C; A below middle C

Tenor II: G below middle C; C below middle C

Bass I: E below middle C; A below C3 (the C below middle C)

Bass II: D below middle C; F below C3 (the C below middle C)

2. Track 2: **"Seal Lullaby" by Eric Whitacre/Hal Leonard 08751019 – sing entire piece**