



FREQUENTLY ASKED CHORAL COMPETITION QUESTIONS

VENUE AND LOCATION INFORMATION

- ❖ Our center offers you excellent performance venue and practice halls and is centrally located in the downtown area. Home to five arts related organizations serving the Wiregrass Area, the Festival is housed in the old Southside Elementary School, and boasts a wonderful 300 seat acoustically sound auditorium and a smaller one hundred seat banquet hall as its performance venues
- ❖ We have rehearsal pianos for each rehearsal area, a Kawai Grand Piano in the performance hall and a full sound system should you require taped music. We also have dressing rooms, waiting areas and a green room for theatre students

STAGE DIMENSIONS

- ❖ Auditorium Stage (Choral Competition): 32 feet wide and 27 feet deep. Wing space is available on both sides of the stage
- ❖ Banquet Hall Stage (Theater Competition): approximately 24' wide x 16' deep. No sets are permitted at the Cultural Arts Center Fall Choral & Theatre Festival. A 2' x 4' table and two chairs are provided on stage for optional use during a dramatic presentation

SEATING

- ❖ There will be a \$2.00 admission charge at the door for those wishing to watch the competition (per day). Choral students will not be charged but seating is limited to 300. Please allow those who paid, first choice on seats to watch the performances
- ❖ Choral Directors will receive **1 FREE CHAPERONE ADMISSION TICKET FOR EACH 10 CHORAL STUDENTS REGISTERED**
 - You will receive these tickets at the time of check in. It is up to the Choral Director to hand these tickets out or to make arrangements to notify parents in advance of arrival as to who will receive the free ticket.
 - Chaperones/Parents not receiving a free ticket must pay \$2 at the door
- ❖ This fee does not apply to Theater Competition and you must purchase separate admission tickets to see any Theater performances in the Banquet Hall

VIDEOGRAPHY

The Cultural Arts Center will not video your school's performance(s) but we encourage you to bring a parent or volunteer with you who is willing to video your group. There will be a section of the room set up for videographers.

REGISTRATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

- ❖ The Cultural Arts Center will handle all fees and secure quality adjudicators for the Choral Competition
- ❖ For detailed information related only to the Choral Competition contact:
 - Ann Cotton, CAC Director:
 - 334.699.2787, work
 - 334.435.0438, cell
 - 334.699.2816, fax
 - ann@theculturalartscenter.org, email
 - CAC mailing address:
 - 909 South Saint Andrews Street
 - Dothan, Alabama 36301
 - Susan Brolund, Choral Festival Director:
 - 334.618.1766, cell
 - susanatcac@yahoo.com
- ❖ **Registration Forms can be found online at www.theculturalartscenter.org by mid-August of each year.**
- You must choose either Choral or Theatre Form to register. Each form is different.
- Each form received will be dated and time stamped. The schedule will be created based on the size of the choir, if an accompanist is shared, travel issues, and order received.

DEADLINES THIS YEAR ARE:

- **REGISTRATION DEADLINE is October 6.** You may send your registration form by email, mail or fax.
- *Registrations received after October 8 will be invoiced a \$25 late fee*
- **DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT OR CANCELLATION is October 20**
- You will be invoiced by email for all fees so your school's accounting department will have a valid invoice for this event
- Please provide us with the name of our accounting department's contact person; both you and the accounting person will receive the invoice and verification of your time slot for performance.

PEANUT FESTIVAL GATE TICKET AND RIDE INFORMATION

- ❖ While in Dothan, we encourage you and your students to attend the National Peanut Festival, the nation's largest peanut festival held to honor local farmers and to celebrate the peanut harvest season. Enjoy the rides, the booths, the vendors, and the food as well as the sights and sounds of the local fair. NPF offers numerous ways to purchase tickets, ride tokens, armbands, etc. online at www.nationalpeanutfestival.com. Tickets will be available online beginning September 2017.

CHORAL COMPTITION NOTES

- ❖ Choirs and Show Choirs must provide 3 original copies of each piece of music with measures numbered and the school name clearly labeled when you arrive the day of the festival
 - If your music is copied, please provide permission for the publisher to use said music
 - If your choir is performing to taped music, you must present your CD at the registration table upon arrival so that our sound engineer may test your music ahead of your performance time
- ❖ Choirs may perform 2 songs of their choice
- ❖ Our choral risers will accommodate 100 students
- ❖ A Kawai grand piano is available at floor level. We will also have available a full size electric keyboard at stage level for those directors who must also accompany their choirs. **Please answer this question on the registration form to assist us in set up day of show.**
- ❖ Show choirs may perform a program of your choice **no longer than 15 minutes**
 - Please designate on the CD cover the directions for opening the curtain and starting the music. (Example: Do your students come on stage before or after the music starts?)

FOR SOLOISTS

- ❖ Soloists will compete in a room with one judge rather than on the large performance stage. This format will also allow students to talk to the judge and get immediate feedback on his/her performance
 - The soloist may have an accompanist or use taped music
 - One piece of sheet music must be turned in at registration for the soloist
- ❖ Parents are not allowed in the performance room with the soloist. There will be a waiting area outside the performance room for parents.

CHORAL AWARDS

- ❖ On CAC website you will find a copy of the Choral Adjudicators form and the scores required for Rankings
- ❖ *First Place* plaques will be awarded to division winners
- ❖ *Best of Festival* and *Spirit of Festival* awards will be given for Choral Competitions
- ❖ *Second Place* and *Third Place* ribbons in each division will also be awarded
- ❖ Awards will be mailed to each Choral Director after the event has ended
- ❖ An email will be sent to you announcing the award winners for all competitions as soon as the award tallies are compiled