

KYACDA Fall Conference, November 2-3, 2018
Important Information
For DIRECTORS/CHAPERONES

Congratulations on your student(s) being selected to our KYACDA Fall All State Honor Choirs. Crazy to think that our Fall Conference is literally in just a few weeks! With the change in the host hotel and some slightly different scheduling changes compared to last year, we'd like to make sure the following information gets to the appropriate guardians, including transportation folks/etc.

- **Traffic in Downtown Lexington on Friday morning, PLAN ACCORDINGLY.** We have backed up Registration to start at 7:30 AM. For those of you who are coming in on Thursday evening, I will be in the lobby from 8-9:00 PM if you'd like to get your Registration packets then. Registration Table will be located in the upstairs lobby area, at the top of the escalators.
 - Busses will need to DROP OFF on the Broadway side of the hotel, NOT VINE STREET...which is where GPS will likely take you. Vine Street is one way, so if you drop off kids there, they will be unloading into traffic. So, this means, if you are coming from the Campbell House/Harrodsburg Road, you just stay straight on Broadway. If you are coming in from Winchester Road (which merges into Main Street), you will need to pass the Hilton, pass Broadway, veer LEFT around Triangle Park/Rupp Arena, get in the LEFT lane, and turn LEFT onto Broadway. If you are coming in from NewTown Pike, you will turn LEFT onto Main Street, which turns into one-way VINE, get in LEFT lane and turn LEFT onto Broadway. If you are coming in on Broadway/Paris Road, then you will turn RIGHT onto Main, immediately merge LEFT onto VINE around Triangle Park, turn LEFT onto Broadway. We will have some greeters on the sidewalk at the BROADWAY entrance to the hotel.
 - REGISTRATION: Only the KYACDA Member can get REGISTRATION MATERIALS from the check in desk. Remember, that there is confidential information in that Packet, so we cannot release those to parents/students.
 - Additionally, make sure you have your MEDICAL RELEASE FORMS ready to turn in at the Registration Table....All of your Med Release Forms can be placed in 1 folder (5-6 and Junior High together.)
 - Bus Parking will be at the Campbell House, one mile south on Broadway. Additionally, the Hilton has graciously offered to communicate with Rupp Arena parking on Manchester Street. And, the Hilton will provide a shuttle from that lot. But, we need to know ASAP if you will need this option, as it will only be available as a first come/first serve basis. Email Rhyan Banas at the Hilton to ask about reserved bus spot in the Manchester Lot: rhyan.banas@hilton.com
- **Schedule Changes on Friday evening, 11/2, PLAN ACCORDINGLY.** Similarly to last year, we offered FREE tickets to the UK Women's Choir Concert on Friday night at the

Singletary Center. This year, our OWN SSAA Junior High Choir will be JOINING the UKWC on a closing song, over 300 treble voices on one stage at this concert! Remember, comp'd tickets will come in your registration packets for each student and director. But, if parents wish to watch that evening UKWC concert, they will need to get to the Singletary Center in time to purchase one (\$8, I believe.) With this new addition and some hotel changes, we have modified a few details about Friday night's rehearsals in comparison to last year's event.

- The SATB and SSAA Junior High Choirs will have MANDATORY Sectional Rehearsals to be held on UK's campus starting at 5:30 PM. For those of you with kids in both the Children's Choir and the Junior High Choirs, you will need to plan accordingly. The brand new student center has offered to keep several restaurants open until 5:00PM to allow for easy feeding of the students. And there are many restaurants around the Singletary Center and/or down a block on Limestone.
 - The Children's Choir participants are finished for the day at 3:00 PM.
 - Friday night will be a bit crazy with traffic downtown Lexington as there is a Men's UK Basketball exhibition game occurring at Rupp Arena, diagonal from our hotel. Just make sure you are **PLANNING ACCORDINGLY**. In other words, don't wait until 5:00 to leave the hotel to get to UK's Campus at 5:30...your students will be late, and the sectionals are mandatory this year. Most parking lots on UK's campus go off of patrol at 4:30 PM.
 - Friday, Lunch Plans. Again, Plan Accordingly. There is a small food court under Rupp Arena and a few pricier options around the hotel. I would strongly encourage designating a chaperone to take lunch orders ahead of time, and then when students have dismissed on Friday for lunch break, their food is already there.
- **SATURDAY DETAILS:**
 - Everything on Saturday takes place in the Singletary Center.
 - **ATTIRE:** GUYS-black dress pants, solid white long-sleeved dress shirt, tie, black dress shoes, black socks. WOMEN-black dress pants or floor length skirt, solid white blouse, black close-toed shoes.
 - Rehearsals in the Singletary Center are closed to Parents/Guardians.
 - Students encouraged to wear their all state tshirt over their white shirts.
 - Junior High Choirs will receive a small snack before their concert.
 - **Parking at the Hilton FOR CARS:** With the Hilton serving as our host hotel, they have graciously offered a \$5/day parking pass for folks who are chaperoning/driving in each day. This will need to be communicated at the Registration Check In, and we will have stickers to put on your actual parking ticket that you get when you pull into the garage. This will validate your new rate.
 - **Learning their Music:** Within the next 48 hours, Vocal Models for every choir will be uploaded to our kyacda.org page. Super gracious to Austin Echols, Nick Johnson and

Kaitlin DeSpain for handling this daunting task. For this all state experience to be as transformative as I know it can be, EVERY student is expected to know their vocal parts BEFORE arriving. The intent behind any Honor Choir is that the Guest Clinician gets to create artistry with the students, not fix notes. Make sure you share the link with the kids. Something, I've personally done with my own students, is email them AND their parents the link with the Email Subject: Honor Choir Homework.

- **Sectionals at UK, Friday evening.** If you are interested in running a sectional, let me know ASAP. I'd like to include your name on our schedules, as well as special thanks in the concert programs.
- **Room Chairs for Rehearsals.** We typically need 2-3 room chairs for each Honor Choir. These folks assist with the conductor and/or accompanist. They are there if an emergency arises with a student, or if a student habitually won't stop talking during rehearsal. If you have a group of 3, you can often rotate in and out.
- **Teacher Meeting Details, TBD.** It will likely occur during the afternoon rehearsal on Friday. Location of this is still being ironed out, but it will be communicated at Registration. This is a very informative meeting. You receive details about the auditions, info about next years' events and guest clinicians.

As always, don't hesitate to email with questions/concerns/suggestions. It has truly been an honor serving as your President! I am looking so forward to hearing the artistry our amazing clinicians will get out of our students in literally just a day's worth of rehearsal.

Respectfully,
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