

November 19, 2011

Dear Colleague:

We are delighted to announce the **2012 Delaware ACDA Children's Honor Choir Festival** to be held on **March 16-17, 2012** at **P.S. DuPont Middle School in Wilmington, DE**. Our guest conductor this year will be **Dr. Jessica Napoles** from the University of Utah, who will continue in the tradition of the fine conductors who have preceded her in making this annual event a valuable experience for the music-making children of Delaware and their families. For more information on Dr. Napoles, read her biography at http://www.music.utah.edu/faculty/faculty_a-z/jessica_napoles.

You are invited to **select singers in grades 4-6 to be a part of this festive weekend** (recommended audition criteria are included in the enclosed director's form). We ask that—to the extent possible—you send an equal number of sopranos and altos. Please submit your materials as soon as possible, but no later than 1/27/2012-- the maximum number of singers that can be accepted is 150 (if we reach 150 prior to this date, your registration check will be returned to you). *Director must be a member of ACDA (applications can be found at www.acda.org).*

We will work on Friday, March 16th from 6:15-8:30pm, and then on Saturday, March 17th from 9:45-3:00pm. The festival concert will take place at 4:00pm: there will be a \$3 admission fee for those over age 4. Included in the \$40 registration fee for each singer will be lunch, snacks and drinks for singers on Saturday, an Honor Choir t-shirt to be worn for the concert, octavos and a practice CD (music/CDs will be sent to the director for distribution). ***Directors are encouraged to participate in the weekend's activities to the fullest extent possible—and if you would like to volunteer for any of the variety of tasks required to make the weekend a success, please let us know!***

Enclosed are one copy each of the director's form and the singer registration form; please feel free to make as many copies as are needed. Subsequent communication will be made via email, so do be sure to check your inboxes regularly for news and updates!

We look forward to another successful year—please join us in providing a special choral experience for our young singers.

Sincerely,

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