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*The California Choral Directors Association board is pleased to announce auditions for the third*

***Junior High (6-9) All-State Honor Choir.*** *The honor choir will be part of CASMEC and the High School Honor Choir concerts. We are using an online audition format through [opusevent.com](http://opusevent.com), similar to Western Division and National ACDA Honor Choir. Please see below for more information. If you have any questions, please e-mail Amanda Isaac at [amanda.isaac4music@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.isaac4music@gmail.com)*

*. We are so excited to be able to offer this wonderful opportunity for your singers!*

**Conductor:**

*Mr. Anthony Trecek-King, Artistic Director and conductor of the Boston Children's Chorus.*

### **Timeline:**

*September 1, 2017: Online auditions open (Go to Opusevent.com, click on Opus Audition, click on California Junior High All-State Honor Choir towards the bottom of the drop down menu)*

*October 15, 2017: Auditions close at midnight*

*November 15, 2017 Sponsors notified of audition results*

*November 30, 2017: Fees to be paid online at the Junior High/9th Grade Honor Choir page: <http://www.acdocal.org/calendar-of-events/honor-choirs/junior-high-all-state-honor-choir/>*

*December 2017: Music sent to singers upon receipt of required materials and payment*

*February 15, 2018: Honor Choir Registration, San Jose State University, San Jose, California*

*February 15-17, 2018: Honor Choir rehearsals*

*February 17, 2018: Junior High/9th Grade and Men's Honor Choir Concert (11:00am) St. Joseph Cathedral, San Jose, CA*

### **Eligibility**

*All applicants must sing under the direction of and be recommended by a current member of the American Choral Directors Association, California Music Educators Association, or Southern California Vocal Association, who is herein referred to as Sponsor.*

### **Financial Commitment**

*Audition fee: \$15 (non-refundable)*

*Participation fee: \$210 (non-refundable) includes expenses for Honor Choir conductor, accompanist, rehearsal and performance facilities, music packet and rehearsal voice files, concert program, office materials, digital video and audio downloads of the concert, and miscellaneous costs. This fee does not include housing, meals, or travel.*

### **Housing**

*The designated Honor Choir hotels will be listed in the acceptance packet.  
Students are required to provide and pay for their own housing.*

### **Chaperones**

*Each Honor Choir participant must be accompanied to San Jose by a parent or other designated chaperone, age 21 or older. It is permissible for one chaperone to be responsible for more than one singer.*

### **Meals**

*Singers and chaperones are responsible for all meal costs in San Jose. We will be rehearsing near the San Jose State University campus, and there are many inexpensive food options around, including the student union.*

### **Travel**

*Honor Choir participants and chaperones will arrange and pay for their own travel.*

### **Rehearsals (subject to change)**

#### **Thursday**

*10:00-11:45am Check in (Rotary Summit Center, top floor) Signs will direct you to the registration tables. \*Please note: Parking is very limited in downtown San Jose. A suggestion is to park at your hotel and walk over to the Rotary Summit. The walk is about 10-15 minutes from the Honor Choir hotels.*

*12:30-4:30pm First Rehearsal (Rotary Summit Center, top floor)*

*4:30-5:00pm Short stretch break*

*5:00-6:30pm Rehearsal*

*Dismissed at 6:30pm Eat a good dinner and get a good night's sleep for tomorrow!*

#### **Friday**

*9:00am-12:00pm Rehearsal*

*12:00-2:00pm Lunch*

*2:00-4:00pm Rehearsal*

*4:00-6:00pm Dinner*

*6:00-8:00pm Honor Choir Exchange Concert (St. Joseph's Cathedral)*

**SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

*9:00-10:00pm Evening concert*

## **Saturday**

8:45am Meet at Rotary Summit Center and we will walk to the Cathedral for sound check. We will sit on the risers after sound check and start the concert at 11:00am.

11:00am Honor Choir Concert at St. Joseph's Cathedral (Junior High and Men's)

### **Concert**

The Junior High and High School Men's Honor Choirs Concert will be presented in the beautiful St. Joseph's Cathedral on Saturday, February 17th at 11:00am. The Cathedral is located at [80 S Market Street, San Jose, CA 95113](https://www.google.com/maps/place/80+S+Market+Street,+San+Jose,+CA+95113). **Concert Tickets are \$10 and will be made available ONLINE one week before the concert. If you plan on attending both concerts (Junior High/Men's AND Women's/Mixed), it will require TWO tickets, one to each concert. Tickets are free for conference attendees but you must reserve your tickets in advance.**

### **II. Online Application Information**

Up to 200 singers for each Honor Choir will be selected by audition. All applicants must be sponsored by a current member of ACDA or CMEA, and may be members of school, church, and/or community choral organizations.

#### **Required Vocal Audition Elements**

##### **Element 1**

Upper Range Vocalization (determine your highest pitch and sing an acapella ascending major scale up to that pitch from low "do" to high "do"). Either solfege or a neutral syllable is acceptable. \*Please state the starting pitch at the beginning of the recording.

##### **Element 2**

Lower Range Vocalization (determine your lowest pitch and sing an acapella descending major scale down to that pitch from high "do" to low "do"). Either solfege or a neutral syllable is acceptable. \*Please state the starting pitch at the beginning of the recording.

##### **Element 3**

*"My Country, 'Tis of Thee" (America): Sing the first verse unaccompanied beginning on the pitch designated according to your chosen voice part.*

*(Soprano and Tenor: F; Alto and Bass: D flat)*

**\* Students should not say their name, teacher's name, or school name.**

***Helpful hints for recording:***

*-Files must be in mp3 format in order to upload to Opusevent*

*-It is helpful to say the name of the ascending and descending scale so adjudicators know the student's range (ex: C major ascending, A flat major descending).*

*-Please make sure that all effects are OFF when you are recording. Garage Band can default to a reverb effect when you are recording voices, which can distort the audition recording.*

*-LISTEN to your uploads after you put them on Opusevent to make sure you have the right tracks uploaded in the right place.*

*We are looking forward to having your singers audition!*

*Amanda Isaac*

*California All-State Junior High Honor Choir*

*Molly Peters*

*California All-State High School Honor Choirs Chair*

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