



Missouri Music Educators Association

A Federated State Association of the National Association for Music Education

Missouri Fourth and Fifth Grade Parents/Guardians,

Each year the Missouri Music Educators Association holds a nationally recognized professional development event at Tan-Tar-A Conference Center that features 33 auditioned student performing ensembles, 65 clinics/sessions, 3,600 registrants and total foot traffic of 10,000 people. In 2020, in an effort to add a superlative musical experience for Missouri's fourth and fifth grade students just like yours, MMEA held its inaugural All-State Children's Choir. Due to the pandemic, we were unable to do so last year, and are looking forward with hope to 2022. The second annual MASCC will take place on Wednesday, January 26, 2022.

Any fourth or fifth grade Missouri student is eligible. The audition window will open on August 15, 2021 and close on October 1. The audition piece is "Happy Birthday" sung without accompaniment (voice only) and in the key of their choice. The student, parent, or music teacher may register the student by uploading the recording to our online audition form at mmea.net along with some basic information including student height and t-shirt size (for reference if selected). A \$10 audition fee will be due by credit card at the time of submission. Students will be notified of selection on November 1. For those selected, a participation fee of \$60 will be due which will include all performance music mailed directly to the student or teacher, t-shirt, lunch, snack, as well as conductor, accompanist, and conference expenses.

The choir will begin rehearsal at 9:30am, Wednesday, January 26 in Compass Rose Ballroom at Tan-Tar-A Conference Center. The conductor will be the renowned Georgia Newlin. An adult chaperone will be required for each student who may be the student's music teacher or parent/guardian. The Missouri All-State Children's Choir will perform at 4:30pm the same day in Paradise C Ballroom. The performance is free and open to the public as is parking throughout the resort. Audio and/or video recordings will be available for purchase outside of the performance area.

For 84 years MMEA has been the gold standard for Missouri music students. We would love to see your student audition for this one-of-a-kind opportunity. Should you have any questions, please contact the MASCC Chair Karen Dickinson at karenmused@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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