



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 over 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. The fourth annual MASCC will take place on Wednesday, January 24, 2024.

Any fourth or fifth grade Missouri student is eligible. The audition window will open on August 15, 2023, and close on September 30. 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 24 in Compass Rose Ballroom at Tan-Tar-A Conference Center. The conductor will be the renowned Sophia Papoulis, the associate conductor of the Young People's Chorus of New York City. 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 85 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Hartman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'B' and 'H'.

Brian Hartman, President
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