



Missouri Fourth and Missouri Music Educators Association

A Federated State Association of the National Association for Music Education

Fifth Grade Parents/Guardians,

Each year the Missouri Music Educators Association holds a nationally recognized professional development event at the Tan-Tar-A Conference Center that features numerous performing ensembles, clinics, sessions, and workshops. In 2020, to add a superlative musical experience for Missouri's fourth and fifth-grade students just like yours, MMEA held its inaugural MMEA All-State Children's Choir. The fourth annual MASCC will take place on Tuesday, January 28th, 2025.

Any fourth or fifth-grade Missouri student is eligible. The audition window will open on August 15th, 2024, and close on September 30th. The audition piece is "Ah, Poor Bird" 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 1st. 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, Tuesday, January 28th, in the Compass Rose Ballroom of the Tan-Tar-A Conference Center. The conductor will be the renowned Victor Johnson, a native of Dallas, Texas, and the School Choral Editor for *Sing!*, the educational publishing division of Choristers Guild. A prolific composer and arranger, he has over 450 choral works, vocal solo books, and keyboard collections currently in print. In addition to his work as a composer and editor, Victor serves as a conductor of the Dallas Symphony Children's Chorus, the resident children's chorus for the Dallas Symphony Orchestra.

An adult chaperone will be required for each student who may be the student's music teacher or parent/guardian. The MMEA All-State Children's Choir will perform at 4:30pm, the same day, in the 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 86 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 childrens.choir@mmea.net.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Sacco
MMEA President