

Middle Tennessee Vocal Association

Dear Directors,

Congratulations on surviving another year of auditions!! Let me take this opportunity to say a **BIG “THANK YOU!!!”** to all those involved for the time and effort given. The auditions seem to have run very smoothly this year with only a minor skirmish here and there. As the first phase of auditions is now complete, it is time to both look ahead and reflect on the process. Remember that MTVA is paying for and having sent to you your Mid-State, Freshman Honors, and All-State music.

Looking ahead, we must remember two “BIG” things. The first is the second tier of All-State auditions, scheduled for **Saturday, February 3, 2007**. All students listed as All-state OR All-state alternates are required to attend this audition. At this audition, students will sing in mixed octets a portion of ALL pieces in the All-State repertoire. All directors with students in this audition are required to attend, and work during the audition. It will be held at St. Cecilia. *Please* encourage your alternates to attend.

All-State repertoire lists available at www.tnmea.org. We are supplying the All-State music for each of your students. You should be receiving this from JW Pepper in the next week.

Please don't forget about the TMEA/All-State fees. The director fee is \$60. Each director with students in All-State is required to submit this fee. This serves as your TMEA Conference registration fee, so you should NOT register separately for the conference, or pay through other registration outlets. A fee of \$40 per student is also due, regardless of which group your students are participating in. **ALTERNATES SHOULD NOT SUBMIT ANY MONIES UNTIL THEY ARE DEFINITELY PLACED.** I will notify you ASAP of alternate placements. This placement *can* come as late as the day before All-State. However, no alternates will be placed after 24 hours before the first rehearsal. If you have not received notification by that time, those students should not attend the conference. These fees will be due on Thursday, February 15, 2007 at the Mid-State event, along with the forms included (copy as you need).

As you prepare your students for All-State, DO NOT neglect our own **Mid-State event**, scheduled for **Thursday, February 15, 2007**. Please take advantage of the Mid-State part-learning CD's. Information is enclosed. You will be receiving Mid-State and Freshmen Honors music from JW Pepper in the next week.

Thank you all in advance for your professionalism and conscientiousness. Also, thank you for working very hard with your choral singers and being a role model for them. Have a restful and happy holiday season!!

Thank You,

Lia Holland
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