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29th MTSU Winter Music Education Conference



CRITICAL TOPICS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORAL MUSIC

January 19, 2013

Reading session, inspiring
reluctant male singers, quality
repertoire for the middle school
choir, vocal improvisation, and
more!!

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Clinician – Dr. Patrick Freer

Patrick K. Freer is associate professor of choral music education at Georgia State University where he conducts the University Men's Chorus. He holds degrees from Westminster Choir College and Teachers College, Columbia University. He has guest conducted or presented in 34 states and 12 countries. He is Academic Editor and Chair of the Editorial Board for the *Music Educators Journal* and has authored over 70 articles in most of the field's leading national and international journals. Publications include *Getting Started with Middle School Chorus* and the DVD series *Success for Adolescent Singers*.



When & Where

Saturday, January 19, 2013, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

On-Site Registration 8:30 a.m.

Wright Music Building, IRH

MTSU

Registration

Pre-Registration \$20.00 (students \$5.00)

On-Site Registration \$25.00 (students \$10.00)

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9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Research Meets Reality: Why Boys Drop

Out of Chorus and What We Can Do

About It

Highlights from new research will ground this discussion of what teachers can do to: 1) keep boys enrolled in choral singing during adolescence, 2) facilitate the return to choral singing by boys who withdraw, and 3) develop active and successful recruitment/retention strategies for different types of schools and choral situations.

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. – Noon

Working with Reluctant Male Singers and Their Changing Voices

Demonstrations of how to work with boys whose voices are in the midst of change. Explore techniques to help boys achieve success.

Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

You may bring your own lunch or dine at the many restaurants close to MTSU.

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

What is “Quality” Repertoire for My Middle School Choir?

Reading session examining several current repertoire selections that will answer questions related to quality literature and how to introduce it to your singers.

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Vocal Improvisation for Middle School Choirs (...and You! ... Really!)

Explore how to include vocal improvisation within what you already do. Strategies, techniques, games, & vocalizes all geared toward building greater musicianship.

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Closure, Questions & Answers

Pre-Register Today!
Must be postmarked by January 10th

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School Name _____

E-Mail _____

School Phone _____

Home or Cell Phone _____

Please check all that apply:

I am a

- General music teacher
- Choral music teacher
- University student
- Private music teacher
- Classroom teacher
- High school student

Return this form **and** payment by **January 10th**, if you wish to pre-register to:

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