

# Fall 2017 ACDA Honor Choirs Information

## Forestview Middle School - 7th and 8th Grade Choir

The American Choral Director's Association of Minnesota (ACDA-MN) offers the opportunity for choral students across Minnesota to participate in a state Honor Choir. Students in 6th Grade choir at Forestview are eligible to audition for the competitive 7th and 8th Grade SSA (Soprano-Soprano-Alto) and TTB (Tenor-Tenor-Bass) Honor Choirs. Acceptance and admission into the program is a great honor, since several hundred students audition for positions in the choirs.

The State Honor Choirs rehearse and perform at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi, MN on Saturday, November 18th, 2017. This is an all-day event for students, with a commencing concert at 5:30 PM on Saturday, May 6th. Guest conductors for the event include Andrea Ramsey from the University of Colorado, Boulder (SSA Honor Choir) and Steve Hoemberg from Staples, MN (TTB Honor Choir).

Auditions for the Honor Choirs are recorded aurally and submitted electronically. A panel of music teachers will listen to submissions and select students for the choirs via blind electronic auditions and a definitive rubric. Forestview students may record their audition before or after school. Any student auditioning for Honor Choir must submit at **\$16.50 application fee** (cash, or check made out to Forestview), application form, and must demonstrate excellent knowledge and understanding of the application material. During auditions, students will perform a one-octave, a cappella scale (do-re-mi-fa-sol-la-ti-do) and will sing "My Country Tis of Thee" (TTB Honor Choir) or "Musica Dei" (SSA Honor Choir). **Students are expected to learn these materials at home, before the audition.**

Students selected for the Honor Choirs are responsible for learning challenging, new music. This requires a commitment to spend a significant amount of time and effort learning the music at home, listening to practice CDs or practicing online. Students must memorize this music before the concert. If a student is selected for membership in the honor choir, the registration fee is **\$124.00** per student (including fees for the guest conductor and musicians, facilities, food, T-shirt, CD recording of the concert, two tickets to the concert, and liability/administration) *This fee is payable ONLY if the student is accepted into the honor choir program, and scholarships may be available.*

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Because the Honor Choirs are sponsored by ACDA-MN, deadlines are strict and applications and auditions submitted after a certain date will not be accepted. Please note the following steps:

1. **Fill out and return the attached form** to Mrs. Swanson or Mr. Aulie with a \$16.50 check attached (made out to Forestview Middle School). This is due Friday, September 15th, 2017..
2. **Learn and practice audition materials.** We will provide a practice CD and link to online practice. The materials should be learned at home, *before* your audition.
3. **Record your audition** before or after school by Monday, September 25th, 2017.

More information can be found at the following websites:

ACDA Honor Choir Website:

<http://mnhonorchoirs.org/7-8-ttb-ssa-honor-choirs-2017-18-audition-information>

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Brainerd Music Website:

<http://www.brainerdmusic.org/acda-honor-choirs.html>

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