

MTVA CHORAL ADJUDICATION FESTIVAL

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Dear MTVA Colleagues,

I hope this correspondence finds each of you rested and rejuvenated and on your way to a successful second semester. It is once again the time of year to extend an invitation to each MTVA director and his or her choirs to participate in the MTVA Choral Adjudication Festival. With the registration deadline fast approaching, I hope that each MTVA member is already making the necessary plans to register all participating choral ensembles by January 15, 2009.

Once again, First Methodist Church in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, has been gracious enough to accommodate our festival, which seems to grow every year. If you are not familiar with the layout of First Methodist, a floor plan of the event site will be posted on our website soon for your convenience in planning. The sanctuary is acoustically rewarding for any size ensemble, and it is a wonderfully aesthetic space in which to sing. A team of quality adjudicators has been assembled to provide valuable feedback and positive critiques for your choral groups, and I hope that each of you will make every effort to attend and reap the rewards of this MTVA event.

***Please take the time to look over the section of the MTVA Handbook regarding guidelines for the choral festival. It is important that you make yourselves aware of all of the specifics as stated in the handbook so that all aspects of the festival, including your registration for the event, can occur without unforeseen challenges.

Please fill out the online registration for the event via the MTVA website as soon as possible (www.mtva.org). Please be certain to carefully fill out the registration form accurately and include the appropriate fees per ensemble. Furthermore, any and all special requests regarding scheduling should be submitted on the SPECIAL REQUEST form and should also be completed by the January 15 deadline. Every attempt will be made to accommodate all special requests, and scheduling will be done on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the MTVA festival, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at the following address: choatem@k12tn.net While each of our teaching situations is undoubtedly unique, we are all committed to bringing quality choral music education to young people. By affording your students the opportunity to participate in the MTVA festival, you have most assuredly taken a step further in that process. I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Michael Choate
MTVA Choral Festival Chair, 2009