

UPDATE MEMO

Date: September 27, 2010

To: MTVA Mid-State and Freshman Honors Directors

From: Michael Choate, 2010 MTVA Mid-State Auditions Chair

RE: Audition Information

ALL PARTICIPATING DIRECTORS ARE REQUIRED TO WORK THE ENTIRE AUDITION EVENT, INCLUDING BOTH DAYS OF AUDITIONS ---REGARDLESS OF WHEN YOUR OWN STUDENTS ARE SCHEDULED. ONLY DIRECTORS WHO HAVE HAD APPROVAL FROM THE MTVA BOARD FOR AN ABSENCE IN ADVANCE ARE PERMITTED TO MISS ANY PORTION OF AUDITIONS.

It takes all of us to make this happen for our students. I know that you have all worked so hard to prepare your students. Thank you in advance for all of your hard work and willingness to make this opportunity become a reality for your students.

It is time once again for Mid-State/ Freshman Honors auditions. I know that you have been working hard with your students to prepare. The following information should help in beginning to prepare for a successful audition process and in looking ahead to October 1st and 2nd:

- **All participating directors should arrive no later than 4:30 p.m. for a director's meeting at Ezell Harding Christian School on Friday, October 1, 2010. DO NOT BE LATE!!!!** The first auditions begin promptly at 5 p.m. Directions to Ezell Harding are enclosed. This information is also posted on the MTVA web site, www.mtva.org. Directions to the school are posted under the "Event Directions" on the left hand column of the website.
- ***IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING PARKING/SPACE:** This year, Ezell Harding has both a home volleyball AND a home football game on Friday afternoon/evening. Please make sure that you are prepared for heavier traffic than usual. Due to the gym being used, our warm-up room on Friday evening will have to be moved to another location.
- ***FOOD FOR YOUR STUDENTS:** If your students wish to purchase snacks, they will be able to do so from the concession windows in the gym lobby at Ezell Harding. For lunch on Saturday, they will have Chick-Fil-A items for sale from the concession stand as well.
- * We have made every attempt possible to correct all technological errors prior to scheduling students. **IF YOUR STUDENTS DO NOT SHOW UP ON THE AUDITION SCHEDULE, PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP!**
- Please note that Saturday's auditions will begin at **8:00 AM**. Judges will need to be at the site at **7:30 AM** to ensure an efficient start.
- Every attempt was made by Lia Holland, our technologist, to accommodate all special requests during the scheduling process. Please do not "reschedule" on your own as it creates problems and slows the audition process. If you have a problem, please let me know. I will do my best to take care of it.

- In order for the audition process to go smoothly, students should “check in” with the registration table to ensure their scores are matched correctly with their name both at the audition room and in the scoring room. When this does not occur, it delays the scoring process for everyone. **PLEASE communicate this to your students!**
- Students need to be present on site in enough time to warm up and locate their audition room. At least 45 minutes is recommended.
- *Midstate music WILL BE AVAILABLE after results are posted Saturday evening. However, some of our auditions are scheduled to run until 6 p.m. this year, so prepare for a later posting than usual. If you choose not to wait for results, music will be available for pick up at a later time and location TBA.
- *Part learning CD’s have been ordered for all Mid-State and Freshman Honors ensembles. It will be up to each director to order his/her own CD’s. The order form will be placed in the director’s packet/ sent with the music. We did request this year for tempos to be less than performance speed, so as to better aid the learning process. Hopefully, they will be more helpful!

CLINICIANS:

This year, we are pleased to once again have outstanding clinicians for our event. The following choral professionals will be serving as our clinicians this year:

SATB -- Dr. Mark Simmons, Director of Choral Activities, University of Tennessee Martin
TTBB – Dr. Gene Petersen, Men’s Choir Director, University of Tennessee
SSAA—Dr. Andrea Dismukes, Women’s Choir Director, Lee University

PLEASE CONTACT ME WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS THAT YOU MAY HAVE.

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Thanks for your hard work and for your patience. This process is tedious and time consuming for all of us, but I know that we all agree that the end result is definitely worth it for our students.

Many Thanks,

Michael Choate
MTVA Mid-State Auditions Chair, 2010
Middle Tennessee Vocal Association

Directions to Ezell Harding Christian School
574 Bell Rd. Antioch, TN 37013
School Phone # 367-2045
All-Region Auditions
October 1st and 2nd, 2010

From the North

Take I-65 South (toward Nashville)
Merge onto I-24 E via Exit 86 on the left toward Chattanooga/Knoxville/I-40 E
Take the Bell Rd Exit off of I-24 (EXIT #59)
Turn left onto Bell Rd.
The school will be on the right about 2 miles from I-24

From the West

Take I-40 East (toward Nashville)
Merge onto I-440 E via Exit 206 toward Knoxville
Merge onto I-24 E toward Chattanooga
Take the Bell Rd Exit off of I-24 (EXIT #59)
Turn left onto Bell Rd.
The school will be on the right about 2 miles from I-24

From the East

Take I-40 West (toward Nashville)
Take the Donelson Pike exit (EXIT 216) TOWARD the airport
Turn left onto Donelson Pike
Turn left onto Murfreesboro Pike
Turn right onto Bell Rd.
The school will be about ••• mile on the left

From the South

I-65
Take I-65 North (toward Nashville)
Take EXIT 74-A (this is Old Hickory Blvd., which becomes Bell Rd)
The school will be 9-10 miles on the right
I-24
Take I-24 West (toward Nashville)
Take the Bell Rd. exit (EXIT #59)
Turn right onto Bell Rd.
The school will be on the right about 2 miles from I-24