

Audition procedures for ACDA Louisiana Men's All-State Choir 2009

by Cedric Bridges

Any male singer who lives in Louisiana and is enrolled in a choral program in the 10th-12th grade is eligible to audition. Each singer's audition must be prepared and submitted by a sponsoring director who is a current member of ACDA.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

All singers accepted for the 2009 Men's All-State Choir will be financially responsible for the following:

- **\$75 registration fee** upon acceptance (non-refundable: covers music, clinician, insurance, practice tape/CD, and badges)
- Transportation to and from Baton Rouge
- Hotel costs and meals
- T-shirt & tape or CD recording of the concert (optional)

PREPARING THE AUDITION

1.) Preparing to Record the Audition Cassette or CD:

- Each singer must be on a separate tape or CD.
- Use only new, quality cassettes or CDs and recording equipment.
- Listen to the cassette or CD to make sure it is complete and audible.
- Rewind the tape before mailing.
- Absolutely NO editing.

2.) Labeling the Audition Cassette or CD:

- Please do not send the cassette box with the tape.
- Each cassette tape or CD must be clearly labeled with the singer's **name, grade level, and voice part**.
- Tapes or CDs will not be returned.

3.) Recording the Audition Cassette or CD:

- The recorded audition has 3 parts that must appear in the order listed:
 - a. **Spoken Introduction:** At the beginning of the tape or CD, in a clear voice, the singer must speak his name, grade level, and voice part.
 - b. **Scales:** The student must sing 2 diatonic scales (each spanning the range of an octave), using the starting pitches indicated for their voice part below. Scales must be sung a cappella, using "ah".

TEMPO: mm = 66-80 (one pitch = one beat)

1. First Scale – ascend, breath, descend
2. Second Scale – ascend, breath, descend

Voice Part

Starting Pitches

(C4 = middle C)

(C3 = C below middle C)

Tenor 1

1. F below C4
2. A below C4

Baritone

1. E below C4
2. A below the C3

Tenor 2

1. G below C4
2. C below C4

Bass

1. D below C4
2. F below the C3

- c. **Required Audition Piece:** Student must sing the following piece with piano accompaniment ONLY using the tempo indicated in the music. The student's voice part MAY NOT be played. Teachers MAY NOT sing with the students. Each audition piece must be performed unedited.

Shout For Joy! (Psalm 98) by Dan Davison, Walton Music
HL08501645 WW1389

4.) Application Form:

- Fill out a separate audition form for EACH singer. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT the information on the audition form and check to make sure all information requested is complete.
- Include a \$7 per student entry fee. Please make checks payable to LA ACDA, **one check per school or organization.**
- Wrap the application form around the associated cassette or CD and secure it with a rubber band. **Do not use tape!**
- Send the tape and the audition form to the following address:

Dr. Ric Watkins
73030 Lion Drive
Covington, LA 70433
ric.watkins@stpsb.org

NOTE: ENTRIES THAT DO NOT COMPLY WITH THESE RULES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

DATES AND DEADLINES

Postmark for audition tape/CD	September 11, 2009
Tape received by R. Watkins	September 19, 2009
<i>(Confirmation will be emailed to teachers using email address on entry form)</i>	
Audition tapes/CDs judged	September 19, 2009
Teachers notified about results	September 20, 2009
Music packets mailed to participants	September 21, 2009
Hotel reservation made by participants	September 29, 2009
Postmark deadline for fees/registration materials	October 1, 2009
Registration materials received by R. Watkins	October 10, 2009

The chairpersons for this event are Dr. Ric Watkins and Cedric Bridges (985) 893-9843.

AUDITION MATERIALS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAT SEPTEMBER AND RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER. ALL DEADLINES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

ENCLOSURE CHECK OFF: _____ AUDITION TAPE OR CD
 _____ AUDITION FORM WRAPPED AROUND TAPE OR CD WITH RUBBER BAND
 _____ COPY OF ACDA MEMBERSHIP CARD
 _____ \$7.00 ENTRY FEE PER STUDENT

LA-ACDA Fall Vocal Conference
October 29 – 31, 2009
Crowne Plaza
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