

Vocal Division Chairperson

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Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! The Vocal Division is excited to introduce Dr. Stephen Futrell, Director of Choral Activities and Associate Professor of Music at Elon University in North Carolina, and Associate Professor of Music and Director of the Spelman College Glee Club, Dr. Kevin Johnson, as the Women's Chorale Conductor.

Before Second Round Auditions, District Audition Chairpersons Should Do The Following:

- Observe the deadline to email your **second round pre-registration form: September 30 to ajoneslmea@gmail.com**.
- Contact directors to confirm each student's commitment to participate in second round auditions.
- Fill audition and alternate spots before submitting the second round pre-registration form (**No changes to the pre-registration form will be accepted after September 30, 2019**).
- **Collect the 2019 LMEA Student Release Form from every student auditioning for first round and turn in all forms for second round audition participants to the Vocal Division Chairperson at the October 5, 2019 LMEA Board Meeting.**
- Include the names of the monitor, director designated for packet pick-up, and the contact numbers and emails of all directors sending students to second round.
- Identify handicapped and vision-impaired students on this form as well.
- Pay district audition fees (\$15 per participant) no later than the LMEA meeting, **Saturday, October 5**.

*****The 2019 LMEA Student Release Form must be completed, signed, and dated by each student and a parent or guardian in order to audition at second round.*****

The new process for choosing alternates more closely ensures students are selected based on ability. Directors will be contacted directly when an alternate is selected to audition for second round. As a reminder, only students who have pre-registered will audition as per LMEA board policy.

At Second Round Auditions (Saturday, October 12, Pineville High), every student is expected to present a STUDENT ID at Sign-In.

Second Round All-State Audition Schedule

District	/ Sign-in	Warm-Up	Audition
3	7:45	8:20	8:55
1	8:20	8:55	9:30
5	8:55	9:30	10:05
6	9:30	10:05	10:40
7	10:05	10:40	11:15
9	11:15	11:50	12:25
8	11:50	12:25	1:00
4	12:25	1:00	1:35
2	1:00	1:35	2:10

Immediately After Second Round Auditions, All Directors Should Do The Following:

- Check the LMEA website: www.lmeamusic.org for the posting of students selected as prospective All-State Choir members. Student registration forms (Form #1, Form 2, and the Academic Excellence Form) are on the website and must be printed, completed, and returned to the address on the form. These forms will not be in the student packet. **October 22** is the deadline to submit the three completed forms along with the registration fee of \$65.
- ***Submit payment to LMEA via the website using a credit/debit card by 10/22 or a school check or money order postmarked by 10/22. No personal checks accepted.***
- **Contact the director designated to distribute all-state registration packets for your district and arrange to pick up your members' packets the week following auditions. Packets contain time sensitive information that requires urgency in getting information in the hands of parents and students.**
- Supervise the completion and mailing of student all-state packet forms and fee check. Mail all of your school's entries in one envelope. Your involvement improves the efficiency of this process.

Directors, please complete your Conference Registration and pay online by October 22. Your registration for the conference is necessary in order for your students to participate.

Be sure to reserve your conference hotel rooms on Monday, October 15 following second round auditions.

Crowne Plaza Executive Center
4728 Constitution Avenue
Baton Rouge
225-930-0174 or 225-930-0130

New This Year:

The Women's Chorale concert is now on Saturday, November 23, 2019 with the Mixed Choir Concert. Because of this change, the rehearsal schedule has changed dramatically. **Registration for the Women's Chorale on Thursday, November 21, 2019 is 1:00 pm and the Mixed Choir registration is now 2:00 pm.** Please pay careful attention to schedule changes once detailed information is provided to students and teachers after second round.

Your Help is Crucial:

Please contact me ASAP should one of your registered all-state choir members withdraw from the all-state event. I have about a 7-day-window after the October 22 all-state choir registration deadline to secure alternates and submit their names for the printed program.

FVA Booklets:

FVA booklets are available for purchase through Fran Hebert. Booklets are \$2 each with a minimum purchase of 20 booklets. Email Fran Hebert with questions about inventory and to preorder booklets.

I wish you the best in preparing your student and look forward to seeing you at the conference.