

## **BCMEA Festival 2**

5-6 Chorus

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February 28 & 29, 2020 Windsor and Binghamton University

Greetings 5-6 BCMEA Choral Teachers. We hope the new school year is off to a great start. There are no formal auditions for the 5-6 BCMEA Chorus. Choral teachers select those students whom they feel are:

- Good singers who match pitch well
- Dependable - they will follow through with this commitment
- Well behaved and can handle being part of a 160 voice chorus
- Who WANT to part of the All-County Chorus this year.

We will be using the following formula for selecting students for the 5-6 Chorus.

*\*Please notify Patti Schuster, Chairperson by **11/1/19** if you are **NOT** sending students\**

- Each participating school building is guaranteed a minimum of 4 singers in the ensemble.
- A school building can send up to 10% of the school chorus enrollment
  - ❑ Example: Teacher A has 72 students in a 6th grade chorus. The teacher can send a maximum of 7 students to All-County Chorus, but does not have to send the maximum amount. The teacher can choose to send only 2 students.
  - ❑ Example: Teacher B has 8 students in a chorus, the teacher can send 4 students to All-County Chorus.
- Teachers please notify Chairperson via email by Nov. 1st how many students you will be sending.
- If you have one or two more students above your allotment that you would like to send please contact Patti Schuster, Chairperson.
- Teachers who are not sending students or sending less than their allotment cannot "give" their slots to another music teacher. The chairperson is the only one who can redistribute slots in the ensemble.
- On November 1st we will know exactly how many unused slots we have for the ensemble. We will try to fairly distribute them to teachers who requested more slots. We will confirm the specific number of students each teacher is sending to All-County via email. A completed Festival II 5-6 Chorus Application will need to be sent to Patti Schuster, Chairperson by **Monday, December 2nd**. (*Please do not use choral applications from Festival 1 or Festival 3*)
- Completed applications will be accepted via email or by hard copy.
- Do not send applications until your allotment #'s are confirmed with the Chairperson.
- Music will be sent to you once your applications have been received.
- Once the formal applications are received, substituting of singers will **NOT BE ALLOWED**. School Districts will be billed for each student that submits an application, even if the student does not participate in the festival. Please be sure your students are aware of these guidelines and are willing to follow through with this commitment. If they drop out after December 1st, the district will still be billed the \$12 and no other student will take their place.

Please read the followup letter regarding our festival. It gives a basic overview of the festival with some helpful information to share with your students and their families!

Questions? Please feel free to email the Chairperson. Thanks!

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## 2020 BCMEA All-County Music Festival II

### Information about the Grades 5 – 6 All-County Chorus

Guest Conductor – Wendi Stetson

February 28, 2020 Windsor High School 4:30 – 8:00 PM

February 29, 2020 The Anderson Center @ Binghamton University

Rehearse from 9 AM – 2 PM; Concert at 2 PM

(arrive at the Anderson Center by 8:30 AM – it takes a while to get set up for the rehearsal)

Broome County Music Educators Association (BCMEA) puts on three All-County Music Festivals each year for students in grades 5 – 12. There are three different grade levels of Bands, Orchestras and Choruses, as well as a grade 10-12 Jazz Band. For most of the ensembles, students have to attend formal auditions in order to be selected to participate. Not everyone who auditions is accepted into all-county music ensembles.

For the 5 – 6 All-County Chorus, the choral music teachers select the students from their regular school chorus who will participate, following the guidelines established by BCMEA. This year, we anticipate a chorus of 160 singers from schools throughout Broome County. The cost for each student is \$12, which helps pay for the expense of putting on the music festival. Students who are selected will be loaned music and expected to learn prior to the first rehearsal. They will work with their music teacher either during the school day or after school to learn the music. Students must return the loaned music at the end of the concert on Saturday, Feb. 29th.

On the first day of the festival, students will rehearse with the guest conductor, Wendi Stetson, from 4:30 – 8:00 PM at Windsor High School. Each school district will determine transportation arrangements. Students will get a dinner break at approximately 6 PM. They can bring their own food, or purchase some food for a nominal cost (more info about that in January). Students should dress comfortably, bring their music and a few water bottles (no soda or fruit juice).

On the last day of the festival, Saturday, students must come to the rehearsal dressed in their concert attire. For 5 – 6 chorus, we only ask that students wear something dressy. There are no specific requirements on what to wear, but we do ask that students refrain from wearing flip flops, sneakers or jeans/sweatpants. The students will rehearse from 9 AM – 1:30, with a lunch break at approximately noon. There will be NO FOOD SOLD on Saturday, so students must provide their own food and water bottles.

The 2 PM concert will be held in the large Anderson Center Concert Hall. Ticket prices are:

\$6 per adult, \$5 student/senior citizen, \$20 family maximum. Cash only please.

Student performers do NOT need to buy a ticket, and are more than welcome to stay after they are done performing to watch the other musical groups perform.

This is a wonderful educational and musical opportunity for students to grow as musicians and perform in a first rate concert hall – it seats 1,000 people! **If you have any questions, please ask your school chorus teacher.** Your teacher will also give you the specific date you have to turn in your application form – be sure to hand it in on time. **If you hand it in too late, you most likely will not be able to participate.**