Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

I am pleased to nominate your child, _____, to participate in the **2017 Ohio Choral Directors Association (OCDA) Children's Honor Choir, June 19-21, 2017**. If accepted, they will join other excellent singers in grades 4 - 8 on the campus of Otterbein University in Westerville, Ohio, for three days of rehearsals that will culminate in a memorable final concert. This is an extraordinary opportunity and honor for your child!

OCDA is proud to announce our 2017 guest conductor, Dr. Ann Usher from The University of Akron. At the University, Dr. Usher has served as Professor of Music, Director of the School of Music and Interim Director of the School of Dance, Theater, and Arts Administration. Prior to joining the Akron faculty, she taught public school choral music for eleven years, specializing in the middle school level. Dr. Usher is a master teacher that will lead your child in an intense and rewarding experience of excellence in choral singing.

By completing the bottom portion of this letter, you will enable me to complete the nomination of your singer for this honor. If you are willing to serve as a chaperone, please indicate that below as well. If accepted, you will receive an online link to register your singer (and yourself should you be available to chaperone).

PLEASE RETURN THIS INFORMATION TO ME BY: _____

OCDA will email a private link to register for the choir in April. Once registered, you will receive all necessary additional information. Additional paperwork will be due at the first satellite rehearsal. Your child will receive his/her music at the first satellite rehearsal as well. Additional details about this event can be found on page 2.

Congratulations on the great work your child has demonstrated. I am very excited to nominate them for this honor!

Sincerely,

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See page 2 for *Details at a Glace* and satellite rehearsal dates and locations.

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CHILDREN'S HONOR CHOIR - NOMINATION INFORMATION

Student Name:_____

Parent(s) Name:_____   Parent Phone (cell, home)_____
                                                                    circle one

Secondary Contact Name:_____   Secondary Phone (cell, home)_____
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Contact Email: _____Secondary Email: _____
Please print clearly – this is the address your acceptance letter will be mailed to.
Add ocdachc@gmail.com to your contacts to ensure delivery of Honor Choir materials.

I am willing to chaperone: _____
                                          (please print name clearly)

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**2017 OCDA CHILDRENS HONOR CHOIR
DETAILS AT A GLANCE**

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WHO: 120 students currently in grades 4-8

WHAT: 2017 OCDA Children's Honor Choir

WHERE: Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio

WHY: To participate in a highly artistic choral group with other young singers from Ohio

WHERE: June 19-21, 2017; final concert June 21 at 3:00 p.m.

REHEARSAL DATES: Singers must attend 2 satellite rehearsals, dates and locations are below.

COST:
$195.00 per student *with housing* –fee includes room and board (2 nights on campus; 5 meals – Tuesday breakfast through Wednesday lunch), expert instruction, and Children's Honor Choir t-shirt.

$112.50 per student *without housing* – fee includes lunch (Tuesday, Wednesday), expert instruction, and Children's Honor Choir t-shirt.

One free chaperone for every 4 singers registered. *Additional chaperone fee is $100 for those staying on campus and $50 for commuters.* Fees are collected via credit card or PayPal via a separate online registration process that will open May 1, 2017.

REGISTRATION: An online registration link will be sent via email after your nomination has been accepted. Please make sure contact information is correct so that you will receive the link in your email.   Registration must be submitted by April 15, 2017. Be sure to add ocdachc@gmail.com to ensure delivery of Honor Choir materials.

CONCERT TICKETS: Concert tickets may be purchased online at the time of registration or at the door the day of the event (June 21). All tickets are $10 and seating is general admission.

QUESTIONS? You may visit www.ohiocda.org or email ocdachc@gmail.com for more information.

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2017 SATELLITE REHEARSAL LOCATIONS AND DATES

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State Area	Coordinator Conductor	Location	Room	Dates	Time	
SE	Melanie Horne	Ohio University School of Music Glidden Hall	TBD	June 10 & 17	9am - Noon	
SW	Sandy Thornton	Epiphany United Methodist Church 6635 Loveland-Miamiville Rd. Loveland, OH 45140	TBD	June 3 & 10	9 am - Noon	
Central	TBD	TBD	TBD	June 11& 18th	9 am - Noon	
NW	Chrissy Rohrs	Elmwood Local Schools Bloomdale, OH	Choral Room	June 10 & 17	9 am - Noon	
NE	Pat Haynish	Chagrin Falls High School 400 E. Washington St. Chagrin Falls OH	Band Room	June 3 & 10	9 am - Noon	