



Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

I am pleased to nominate your child, _____, to participate in the **2019 Ohio Choral Directors Association (OCDA) Children's Honor Choir, June 17-19, 2019**. 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 2018 guest conductor, Dr. Barbara Lamont, director of choral activities at Southeast Missouri State University. She has a passion for conducting, teaching, and exploring the choral art with young singers and has served as adjudicator and clinician in Missouri and New York. She received her Master of Music degree in choral conducting from Michigan State University, studying with David Rayl, Sandra Snow, and Jonathan Reed, and her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in choral conducting at Texas Tech University in May of 2016, studying with Rick Bjella and John Hollins. Dr. Lamont is a charter member of mirabai, a professional women's ensemble in residence at Michigan State University, and is featured as a pianist on mirabai's debut recording, Ecstatic Songs. She is also a 200-hour certified yoga instructor and enjoys exploring the connection between yoga/kinesthesia and 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 via email and music will be distributed at the first satellite rehearsal.

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

Sincerely,

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

CHILDREN'S HONOR CHOIR - NOMINATION INFORMATION

Student Name: _____

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

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)

**2019 OCDA CHILDRENS HONOR CHOIR
DETAILS AT A GLANCE**

WHO: 150 students currently in grades 4-8

WHAT: 2019 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 17-19, 2019; final concert June 19 at 3:00 p.m.

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

COST:

\$220.00 per student *with housing (air-conditioned dorm – space is limited)* – 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.

\$195.00 per student *with housing (non-air-conditioned dorm)* –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 6 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 after students are registered.

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, 2019. 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 19). All tickets are \$10 and seating is general admission.

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

2019 SATELLITE REHEARSAL LOCATIONS AND DATES

State Area	Coordinator Conductor	Location	Room	Dates	Time
SE	Melanie Horne	Ohio University School of Music Glidden Hall	TBD	June 1 & 15	9am - Noon
SW	Brian and Sara Potts	Cincinnati Area	TBD	TBD	9 am - Noon
Central	Evan McIntyre	St. Andrew Christian Church, 1985 Swansford Drive, Dublin, OH	TBD	June 1 & 15th	9 am - Noon
NW	Chrissy Rohrs	Elmwood Local Schools Bloomdale, OH	Choral Room	June 8 & 15	9 am - Noon
NE	Jennifer Call	Cleveland Institute of Music 11021 East Blvd Cleveland, OH 44106	Kulas Hall, Room 217	June 1 & 15	9 am - Noon