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September 3, 2018

Dear Choral Director:

Greetings! It is my distinct pleasure to announce **Choral Leadership Day at Muskingum University**, to be held on **Friday, October 12 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**. You are invited to attend with 1 or 2 SATB quartets of your strongest singers for a day of learning and singing great music under the leadership of master conductors.

Our guest clinicians, **Dr. Hilary Apfelstadt** and **Prof. James Gallagher**, will join me in presenting six pieces of high-quality, engaging choral music that we will learn together in large-group sessions. Later in the day, sectional rehearsals will give your singers a chance to dig deeply into sight-reading, musicianship skills, and vocal techniques. You may also nominate up to 2 of your students to receive a free voice lesson with a member of Muskingum's distinguished vocal faculty. The day concludes with a brief "mini-concert" featuring the Muskingum University Concert Choir and other vocal ensembles, followed by a group performance of the repertoire we've learned throughout the day.

The participation fee of \$120 per quartet includes a music packet for each student and lunch in Muskingum's beautifully renovated Patton Dining Hall. Directors receive a complimentary music packet and may participate in a conducting-teaching masterclass with our guest clinicians. Directors will also enjoy a catered lunch with the guest conductors in the Palmer Art Gallery.

Choral Leadership Day is limited to 160 singers. **Please reserve a spot for your quartet(s) by submitting the attached Registration Form no later than Wednesday, October 3.** Confirmation emails will be sent by Friday, October 5. Singers will be accepted in the order in which responses are received, up to our limit of 160.

Registration begins at 8:30 am in Brown Chapel, and the first rehearsal begins promptly at 9:00. Checks for the participation fee of **\$120 per quartet** will be collected at registration and should be made payable to Muskingum University.

Choral Leadership Day promises to be a wonderful and engaging event, for singers and choral directors alike! I hope that you will be able to join us.

Sincerely,



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CHORAL LEADERSHIP DAY: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(subject to revision)

8:30-9:00 am	Registration
9:00-9:05 am	Welcome, announcements, schedule
9:15 – 11:15	Rehearsal session 1 (final 30 minutes are split, men/women)
11:15 – 12:15	Men: Sectionals in WH 204 and 127 Women: Lunch at Patton Hall Directors: Masterclass with clinicians
12:15 – 1:15	Women: Sectionals in WH 204 and 127 Men: Lunch at Patton Hall Directors: Catered lunch with clinicians in Palmer Art Gallery
1:15 – 2:45	Rehearsal session 2
2:45 – 3:00	Break
3:00 – 3:15	Admissions Talk
3:15 – 4:00	Mini-Concert: featuring the Muskingum Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, and Musical Theatre Ensemble Concludes with a full-group “performance” of the music learned during the day
4:00	Dismissal & departure

Voice Lessons will run from 9:30 until 3:00. Each director may nominate up to 2 students to receive a free 30-minute voice lesson with one of Muskingum’s voice faculty.

Students will be pulled out of and returned to the full rehearsal by the faculty member while rehearsals continue.

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CLINICIAN BIOGRAPHIES



Hilary Apfelstadt recently retired from the University of Toronto where she was Professor and Director of Choral Studies from 2010—2018, after leaving a similar position at The Ohio State University. She is a frequent guest conductor and masterclass teacher, and also enjoys writing about choral music. In July 2018, she received a Choral Canada award for her book on Canadian composer Ruth Watson Henderson, *I Didn't Want It to be Boring* (Toronto: Prism Publishers). Dr. Apfelstadt is again living in Columbus and looks forward to hearing many fine Ohio choirs in the coming years.



James Gallagher is Professor Emeritus in the School of Music of The Ohio State University, where he served as Director of Choral Activities. Mr. Gallagher conducted the award-winning OSU Men's Glee Club and also the Symphonic Choir. His teaching responsibilities included vocal pedagogy, conducting, and choral repertoire. While at OSU, choral ensembles under Mr. Gallagher's direction performed at numerous state, regional, and national conventions of ACDA, MENC, and OMEA. Mr. Gallagher continues to be active as a teacher, clinician, and conductor. He and his wife, Carol, are active in their church and spend part of each winter in Florida.



Zebulon M. Highben is Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Muskingum University. He has served as a guest conductor, clinician, and lecturer throughout the United States, and in 2016 represented the US in ACDA's International Conductors Exchange Program with South Korea. In 2015, he received The American Prize in Conducting for his work with the Muskingum Concert Choir and Chamber Singers. Dr. Highben is also a prolific composer, with over fifty works published in the United States and Sweden.

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REGISTRATION FORM

School Name _____ Director's Name _____

School Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Director's e-mail _____

Director's Phone (____) _____

NOMINATED STUDENTS

Please provide each student's name next to their voice type.

If you are only bringing a single quartet, leave the second quartet blank. If you are nominating students (up to 2) for a voice lesson, please place an asterisk next to the students' names.

1. SOPRANO: _____ Grade _____

2. ALTO: _____ Grade _____

3. TENOR: _____ Grade _____

4. BASS: _____ Grade _____

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2. ALTO: _____ Grade _____

3. TENOR: _____ Grade _____

4. BASS: _____ Grade _____

I understand that a check for \$120 (one quartet) or \$240 (two quartets) is due at registration.

Teacher's Signature _____

Please submit this form no later than Wednesday, October 3, 2018.

You may email it to zhighben@muskingum.edu or mail to:

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