



Dear Colleagues,

The Ohio Choral Directors Association is pleased to announce the 14th annual Ohio Choral Director's Association Children's Honor Choir, to be held at Otterbein University during the OCDA Professional Conference, June 18-20, 2018. Music teachers and community children's chorus directors who are members of OCDA and/or OMEA are invited to recommend their best treble singers who have just completed grades 4-8.

This extraordinary choir will be comprised of 100 of YOUR most committed and advanced singers. The combination of these wonderful children and the excellent teaching of our guest conductor, Dr. Kristina Caswell MacMullen, will create an experience your singers will remember for years to come.



Kristina Caswell MacMullen serves as assistant professor of conducting and assistant director of Choral Activities at The Ohio State University, where she conducts Women's Glee Club and instructs both undergraduate and graduate students in the areas of conducting and choral pedagogy.

As an active adjudicator and clinician, Dr. MacMullen has conducted All-State and honors choirs throughout the United States. Upcoming engagements involve students in Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. In 2011 she was runner-up in the National American Choral Directors' Association graduate level conducting competition. Other awards include selection as a Fulbright Fellowship Alternate to Slovenia, the Don and Kay Cash Fellowship, and being named a graduate student of distinction for Texas Tech University in the areas of music and humanities. Her teaching and conducting is featured on the DVD "Conducting-Teaching: Real World Strategies for Success" published by GIA (2009).

Dr. MacMullen earned both the bachelor of music education and master of music degrees from Michigan State University. She completed the doctor of musical arts degree at Texas Tech University. Prior to her appointment at The Ohio State University, Dr. MacMullen enjoyed a diverse career as a public school teacher, interacting with students in rural, suburban, and urban settings, elementary through high school. She has presented and co-presented interest sessions at state, regional, national, and international conferences.

Nomination procedure

Online nominations will be accepted until March 15, 2018. You may nominate up to 8 singers using the online nomination form at: <https://goo.gl/forms/obPIHAiTrTIyOQWn1>. Please make sure you have a valid phone number and current parent email address for each singer you nominate. A helpful parent letter is available for download on the OCDA website at www.ohiocda.org.

Please rank your singer in the order in which you want them to be considered. This will help us select the singers from each school that will be most ready for this intensive experience.

After your nominations have been submitted, parents will receive a congratulations email with the link to register their child after April 1st. If you have questions at any time, please email ocdache@gmail.com.

Chaperones

Each recommending teacher is responsible for securing the appropriate number of chaperones to accompany and supervise his/her students. See below for more details:

- Each participating school/organization receives 1 free chaperone for every 4 paid singers. More chaperones are welcome, but they must pay the additional chaperone fee (\$100 with housing, \$50 commuting).
- We need you to secure enough chaperones for your groups. All you need to do is send their names and email addresses to ocdachc@gmail.com. (Don't worry, you'll get a reminder email.)
- A separate registration will be available April 16 - May 1. We will provide coupon codes to prorate the cost (100% off for 4 registered students, 75% for 3 registered students, etc). Those chaperones will be sent an individual email with the link to register that will include the code that corresponds to the number of registrations that we have in the system. Here's where it gets tricky, if kids register late, then I can't give the chaps their correct coupon code.
- We will stay in communication with who has registered and who has not.

Deadlines

Nominations will be accepted: February 7 – March 15, 2018.

All singer registrations must be complete by April 15, 2018.

Detailed information will be sent via email directly to parents and teachers after May 1, 2018.

Music preparation

Participating students will begin preparations for the choir in two **required** satellite rehearsals held around the state. Dates and locations of satellite rehearsals will be published on the OCDA website as soon as they are available. Please email ocdachc@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns about the satellite rehearsals.

Without the support from the music teachers and children's chorus directors from Ohio, OCDA would not be able to offer opportunities such as this to our young singers. Please support this event by recommending your most outstanding singers and pass this invitation along to colleagues and friends!

Thank you for your support of choral music in the state of Ohio and for OCDA!

Sincerely,

OCDA Children's Honor Choir Team
Jennifer Call – OCDA Children's Honor Choir Chair
Rebecca Parsons Japikse - onsite Honor Choir Coordinator