



Dear Colleagues,

The Ohio Choral Directors Association is pleased to announce the 15th annual Ohio Choral Director's Association Children's Honor Choir, to be held at Otterbein University during the OCDA Professional Conference, June 17-19, 2019. 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 150 of YOUR most committed and advanced singers. The combination of these wonderful children and the excellent teaching of our guest conductor, Dr. Barbara Lamont, will create an experience your singers will remember for years to come.



Dr. Barbara Lamont is director of choral activities at Southeast Missouri State University where she directs all choral ensembles and teaches choral music education classes and conducting. 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 is looking forward to directing honor choirs in Arizona and Ohio in the coming months. Dr. Lamont has also been actively engaged as a collaborative pianist since 1994, accompanying ensembles as well as soloists. 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.

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### **Nomination procedure**

Online nominations will be accepted until March 15, 2019. You may nominate up to 10 singers using the online nomination form at <https://goo.gl/forms/YHI2Qd6ZvMbDnKS02>. 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. <http://ohiocda.org/SummerConference/childrenschoir/>

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 [ocdachc@gmail.com](mailto:ocdachc@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 6 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. You will be sent an email to confirm your chaperone assignments.
- A separate registration will be available April 16 - May 1. We will provide coupon codes to prorate the cost (100% off for 5-6 registered students, 75% for 3-4 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 15 – March 15, 2019.

All singer registrations must be complete by April 15, 2019.

Detailed information will be sent via email directly to parents and teachers after May 1, 2019.

## **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](mailto: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  
Michael Grimm - onsite Honor Choir Coordinator