



Dear Colleagues,

The following information is regarding the seventeenth annual Alabama ACDA Young Voices Festival. We are thrilled to be celebrating seventeen wonderful years of choral singing by young people from all over the state of Alabama. We welcome and encourage your participation in this event as we strive to make this the best festival ever. If the information is not relevant to your particular area of expertise, please pass it along to a colleague who might benefit from this opportunity.

The Alabama ACDA Young Voices Festival is a unique event for 4th - 9th grade students in the state of Alabama. The Young Voices Festival offers choral students a challenging opportunity to perform advanced choral literature under the direction of nationally recognized music educators. Held every spring since 1993 on the campus of Auburn University, Young Voices offers 4th - 9th grade students eligibility to participate in one of four choirs. Two Children's Choirs and two Junior High Choirs comprise the two day event. Rehearsals begin Friday afternoon into Friday evening. Students present a final concert on Saturday afternoon which is open to the public. The dates for this years festival are May 1-2, 2009. The Young Voices Festival is sponsored by the Alabama chapter of the American Choral Directors Association.

Clinicians for the 2009 festival include Randy Pagel for the Boychoir, Mary Alice Stollak for the Girl's Children's Choir, Lori Hetzel for the Junior High Girls' Choir and David Brunner for the Junior High Mixed Choir. Biographies on all the clinicians, as well as audition forms, registration forms and further information may be found on the web at *****www.alabamayvf.org**. Auditions for the Junior High Girls' and Mixed Choirs will be held February 7th, with a registration deadline of January 10th. All other festival registration is due March 10th.

Please take note of the address to which all correspondence should be mailed to ensure our receipt of your registration. If you have any questions regarding this event, please feel free to contact Lisa Latham at lisalatham@bellsouth.net. Thank you for your past support of Young Voices and we look forward to seeing you this spring.

Sincerely,

Lisa Latham
Alabama ACDA Young Voices Festival Chair



The Alabama ACDA Young Voices Festival is a unique opportunity for 4th-9th grade students in the state of Alabama. Young Voices offers choral students a challenging opportunity to perform advanced literature under the direction of nationally recognized music educators. The sixteenth annual Young Voices Festival will be held on the campus of Auburn University May 1-2, 2009. Fourth through ninth grade students are eligible to participate in one of four choirs. The Mixed Choir will include 7th-9th grade students only, and will perform SATB music. The Jr. High Girls' Choir will include 6th-9th grade students only, and will perform advanced treble music. The two Children's Choirs are for students in grades 4-6 for the Boychoir, and 4-5 for the Girls' Children's Choir. Sixth Grade Girls should participate in the Junior High Girls Choir, unless they are housed in an elementary school, in which case they may choose between the Junior High Girls' Choir and the Girls' Children's Choir. No sixth graders may participate in the Mixed Choir.

Girls' and Mixed Choir Audition Information

This year, auditions are being held for the Mixed Choir and Girls' Choir on Saturday, February 7, 2009 in four locations throughout the state. Directors may choose the location that is the most convenient for them. Auditions will be held in Huntsville, Birmingham, Mobile and Montgomery. Students will not be required to memorize their music for the audition. However, all selected participants must have their music memorized for the festival. Directors may bring an unlimited number of students to audition. Students **MUST** know the piece in the original language at the time of the audition. Singing on a neutral syllable will not be permitted. **NO PHOTOCOPIED MUSIC WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE AUDITION.** If you are sending students to audition for the Mixed Choir, please balance your group by sending the same number of sopranos, altos, tenors and basses, or as close to the same number as possible. In the Junior High Girl's Choir, please make sure that the treble parts are divided equally (as in SopI, SopI/SopII, SopII/Alto, Alto). For example, if a girl sings SI/SII, then she sings Sop. I in 2-pt treble music, but Sop. II in SSA music. A girl who is a SII/A sings Alto in 2-pt treble music, and Sop II in SSA music. This also gives everyone a part if there is an SSAA piece. Please remember that one of our goals is to choose a balanced festival choir. The purpose for this is to allow more kids the opportunity to participate and to keep the number who do not make it to a minimum. **If a school is sending only girls, they MUST audition for the JH Girls' Choir. If a school has mostly girls and very few boys, the boys may audition for the JH Mixed Choir and the girls should audition for the JH Girl's Choir.** AN AUDITION FEE OF \$5.00 PER STUDENT, ALONG WITH A LIST OF THE NAMES OF THOSE AUDITIONING IS DUE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 10TH. All fees are non-refundable. Please send one school check made payable to *ACDA Young Voices Festival* for the entire audition amount. Confirmation of your audition location, directions to your audition site, and audition times will be mailed to you no later than the last week in January. Directors will be notified of the results via e-mail approximately two weeks following the auditions.

Children's Choir Information

Children's Choir participants do not have to audition; however, directors are encouraged to send their better students. Students must exhibit appropriate attitude, behavior, musicality, and the ability to sit through long rehearsals. This event is not the time to "reward" the kids who may have "improved" or "really need it." We understand that philosophy but must also maintain the integrity of the event. Please keep this in mind and choose those whose attitude and behavior reflect the principles on which Young Voices was founded. Directors may bring a maximum of 10 students for the Girls' Children's Choir, and a maximum of 10 students for the Boychoir. Please select an even number of students to balance the music. Sixth grade girls housed in a middle school should audition for the Junior High Girls' Choir. This helps to keep the size of the choirs more manageable.

Registration

There is a \$35.00 registration fee for all Young Voices participants (which includes the performance t-shirt). A \$30.00 school/organization registration fee is also required of each participating school. The enclosed registration form will be used for *All YVF Participants* and is due March 10. If you have students auditioning for the *Mixed* or *JH Girl's Choir*, you should not fill out the registration until after you have received a list of students who are selected for the festival. Only one school/organization fee is required of each participating group. Please send one school check made payable to *ACDA Young Voices Festival* for the entire amount. No personal checks will be accepted and all fees are non-refundable. Directors are responsible for securing accommodations for their own students.

Rehearsal/Attendance Information

Students selected for the Young Voices Festival will be expected to be on their best behavior at all times. Attendance at **all** rehearsals is mandatory. Students may not be late to rehearsal for any reason. Roll will be taken at the beginning of each rehearsal. Please do not put us in a position to take action against latecomers. Any student who misses a part of a rehearsal for any reason may be asked to forfeit their place in the choir.

Clinicians, Music and Rehearsal Recordings

Clinicians for this year's festival will include David Brunner for the Mixed Choir, Lori Hetzel for the Jr. High Girl's Choir, Mary Alice Stollak for the Girls' Children's Choir and Randy Pagel for the Boychoir. A list of titles to be performed is attached. The music is available from J.W. Pepper. You may reach them at 1-800-345-6296 or online at www.jwpepper.com. Refer to the Alabama ACDA Young Voices Festival and specify which choir's music you need. Please see the attached song list for ordering information. Rehearsal CD's are available for all choirs. Each set includes a master CD for each voice part, which may be copied for individual students. Additional CD's may be purchased at a discounted cost to avoid duplicating. To order, fill out and return the enclosed order form. Orders will be mailed at the first of December. (NOTE: The check for the rehearsal CD's must be made out to *Lisa Latham*, not ACDA Young Voices Festival.) Directors, please do not share rehearsal CD's; each school should order their own sets.

ACDA Membership

All directors must be a current member of ACDA. ACDA membership application forms are available at www.acdaonline.org. For additional information e-mail Lisa Latham at lisalatham@bellsouth.net or John Kincaid at jkincaid@hoover.k12.al.us. E-mail is the most effective way to communicate with us and will provide you with the fastest response. Responses to many questions you may have can also be handled by contacting YVF committee members who have participated in the event. You may contact John Kincaid at jkincaid@hoover.k12.al.us or other teachers who have participated in the past.

Website

All information in this letter is repeated on the Young Voices Festival website- www.alabamayvf.org. Clinicians bios are available for perusal and all registration forms and rehearsal CD order forms may be printed from the website as well.

Note: Please feel free to photocopy and share this information with your colleagues.

Young Voices Audition Registration For JH Mixed and JH Girls



Postmark Deadline– January 10, 2009

Organization _____ Director _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____

Fax Number (____) _____ Director's E-Mail Address _____

Director's Home Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Requested time and city for auditions _____

Total number of students auditioning for the JH Mixed Choir _____

Total number of students auditioning for the JH Girl's Choir _____

Total number of students auditioning: _____ @ \$5.00 = _____ total \$\$ enclosed

- ✓ Make check payable to *ACDA Young Voices Festival*.
- ✓ *No personal checks will be accepted.*
- ✓ Deadline for Audition Registration is January 10, 2009
- ✓ Fill out and return the enclosed audition lists
- ✓ Attach a copy of current ACDA membership card

Mail all forms and \$\$ to:
Lisa Latham
1685 Shades Pointe Drive
Birmingham, AL 35244

Date _____ Director's Signature _____

**JH GIRL'S
CHOIR**

**ORGANIZATION
NAME :** _____

STUDENT NAME	VOCAL PART (SI, SI/II, SII/A, A)
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**Photocopy as needed and return with
audition registration**

**JH MIXED
CHOIR**

**ORGANIZATION
NAME :** _____

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Young Voices Registration

Deadline– March 10, 2009



Organization _____ Director _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____

Fax Number () _____ E-Mail Address _____

Director's Home Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Cell Phone () _____

JH Girls: (previously auditioned) total number: ___ Sop I ___ Sop I/II ___ Sop II/A ___ Alto

JH Mixed: (previously auditioned) total number: ___ Sop ___ Alto ___ Tenor ___ Bass

Girls' Children's Choir total number: ___ Sop I ___ Sop II ___ Alto

Boychoir total number: ___ Sop ___ Alto

Total number of students _____ @ \$35.00 + \$30.00 school fee = _____ total enclosed

Make check payable to ACDA Young Voices Festival

Deadline for registration form is March 10, 2009

Please attach list(s) of student's height and t-shirt sizes; Directors add your size as well!

**Director: Attach a copy of current ACDA membership card
if we do not have a copy from your audition**

Mail all forms and money to:

**Lisa Latham
1685 Shades Pointe Drive
Hoover, AL 35244**

Date _____ Director's Signature _____

**GIRLS'
CHILDREN'S
CHOIR**

ORGANIZATION
NAME : _____

STUDENT NAME	VOCAL PART (SOPRANO I/II, ALTO)	HEIGHT IN INCHES	T-SHIRT SIZE (YL, AS, AM, AL, AXL)
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BOYCHOIR			
STUDENT NAME	VOCAL PART (SOPRANO I/II, ALTO)	HEIGHT IN INCHES	T-SHIRT SIZE (YL, AS, AM, AL, AXL)
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Please balance as evenly as possible.
Also, please indicate who will be singing the different parts when and if the music divides. This will help us with the seating chart.

Please return with festival registration

**JH MIXED
CHOIR**

**ORGANIZATION
NAME :** _____

STUDENT NAME	VOCAL PART (S, A, T, B)	HEIGHT IN INCHES	T-SHIRT SIZE (YL, AS, AM, AL, AXL)
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**Please submit this form with
YVF registration
after notification of
audition results**

**JH GIRL'S
CHOIR**

**ORGANIZATION
NAME :** _____

STUDENT NAME	VOCAL PART (SI, SI/SII, SII/A, A)	HEIGHT IN INCHES	T-SHIRT SIZE (YL, AS, AM, AL, AXL)
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ACDA YOUNG VOICES FESTIVAL COMMITMENT FORM



- ◆ I understand the commitment I am making in auditioning for/participating in the Alabama ACDA Young Voices Festival. I recognize that I am expected to honor my commitment to this festival if selected and will do my best to learn my music and to help contribute to the festival choir by giving my personal best. I recognize that if I do not honor this commitment I will be letting down others who could be in the choir in my place.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

- ◆ I understand the commitment my child is making to the Young Voices Festival. I will do my best to help them honor and uphold their commitment.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

- ◆ I recommend _____ for participation in the Alabama ACDA Young Voices Festival.

Comments:

Choral Director's Signature _____ Date _____

- ◆ I recommend _____ for participation in the Alabama ACDA Young Voices Festival.

Comments:

Principal's Signature _____ Date _____

YVF 2009 Music Lists

“Come Sing With Me”-SATB- is the combined closing song.
Please teach Children’s Choir participants the unison line at the top.

JH students WILL audition on this piece.

Please note that m.73-81 will be skipped.

All titles are available from J.W. Pepper– 1-800-345-6296

Girls Children's Choir

Mary Alice Stollak, Conductor

I Will Sing with the Spirit	John Rutter	Hinshaw,	MNC-1387
Mozart's Adagio	arr. Kirk Aamo	Santa Barbara	SBMP 565
I Will Give You the Key	Daniel Kallman	Shawnee Press	YS0202
The Mending Song	Daniel Kallman	Shawnee Press	YS0203
My Lord What a Morning	arr. Sue Ellen Page	Hinshaw	HMC 266
Animalia	Earl Reisdorff	Santa Barbara	SBMP 781
Come! Sing With Me	Ken Berg	National Music Pub.	NMP-404

Boychoir

Randy Pagel, Conductor

Ave Maria	arr. Jim Leiningger	Alliance	AMP 0083
Think on Me	arr. Greg Gilpin	Shawnee Press	E0589
Instrument of Peace	Greg Gilpin	Alfred	24106
Tiger! Tiger!	Mary Lynn Lightfoot	Heritage Music Press	15/2275H-2
River in Judea	arr. John Leavitt	Shawnee Press	EA-139
Come! Sing With Me	Ken Berg	National Music Pub.	NMP-404

Junior High Girls Choir

Lori Hetzel, Conductor

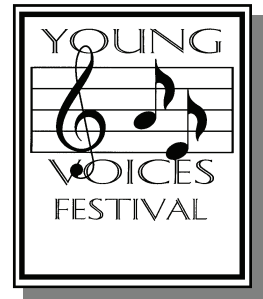
Can You Hear	Papoulis	Boosey	48004978
Hashivenu	Dwyer and Ellis	Colla Voce	24-96680
Spirits	arr. Douglas Beam	Colla Voce,	24-96650
Alleluia Fanfare	E. Rentz	Alfred	
I'm Gonna Sing	Andre Thomas	Heritage	15/2024H
Come! Sing With Me	Ken Berg	National Music Pub.	NMP-404

Junior High Mixed Choir

David Brunner, Conductor

For Spacious Skies	D. Brunner	Boosey & Hawkes	HL#48004713
Barter	DeWald	Boosey & Hawkes	HL#48004807
Watane	Sirett	Boosey & Hawkes	HL#48005021
Shine On Me	R. Dillworth	Hal Leonard	#8551557
A Living Song	D. Brunner	Boosey & Hawkes	HL#48019285
Come! Sing With Me	Ken Berg	National Music Pub.	NMP-404

The information provided on this sheet is
accurate and should be ultimately
referred to in the case of
a discrepancy between this list and information
sent to you by a music distributor.



Young Voices C.D. Order Form

C.D.'s are available for purchase at any time, but will not be mailed until after December 1st.

Purchase order numbers and school checks will be accepted.

Make checks payable to Lisa Latham

e-mail lisalatham@bellsouth.net

1685 Shades Pointe Drive

Hoover, AL 35244

Tax ID# 417257779

Please add shipping charges to your total.

Name _____ School Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ E-Mail _____

**CD's must be purchased in sets in order to keep groups balanced;
After ordering one complete set, additional CD's may be ordered at a discounted rate if you do not wish to duplicate your own copies.**

_____ JH Mixed Set- \$80.00 _____ JH Girls Set- \$80.00 _____ Girls' Children's Choir Set- \$40.00

_____ Boychoir Set- \$40.00

Please indicate additional number you wish to purchase of each:

_____ JH Mixed Soprano	_____ Girls' Children's Choir Soprano/SII
_____ JH Mixed Alto	_____ Girls' Children's Choir Alto
_____ JH Mixed Tenor	_____ Boychoir Soprano/SII
_____ JH Mixed Bass	_____ Boychoir Alto
_____ JH Girls Soprano I	
_____ JH Girls Soprano I/II	
_____ JH Girls Soprano II/A	
_____ JH Girls Alto	

Subtotal- \$ _____ Set (s) Plus \$ _____ Additional Individual C.D.'s @ \$15.00 each

For shipping charges please add the following:

1-4 C.D.'s- \$4.00

5-10 C.D.'s- \$6.00

10-15 C.D.'s- \$8.00

15 or more- \$10.00

Total Enclosed _____ Check Number _____

OR

Purchase Order # and Amount _____

E-mail orders will ONLY be accepted with a purchase order # and the above personal information