

# Agenda of the Choral Section of NWNMMEA Meeting May 2023

- **Members attending:** Laura Argotsinger, Katie Patton, James Golden, Paul Cranfill, Marletta Newman, David Collard, C. Allen Green (Kirtland MS), John Hamilton (virtual)
- Called to Order at 10:06am
- **Financial Report**
  - There is 7126.91 in the choir account. But we are missing 6 payments totaling \$1614.99. We should have \$8741.90 in our account when all payments are received. Minus what was spent today on breakfast.
- **High School & Middle School Solo and Ensemble**
  - When: **October 2, 2023**
  - Where: **FHS**
  - Laura will get the judges. (Make sure the judges fill out a clinician contract and W9 form and it is given to the choir secretary.)  
<https://www.nmmea.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Choir-Adjudication-Contract.pdf> )
  - Registration by **Sept. 18, 2023** . Please register on the NMMEA website  
<https://www.nmmea.com/districts/northwest/entry-forms/> (Siromani will need to invoice everyone once registration is completed)
  - Fee is **\$10** per student per ensemble/song (If you register the student, they need to pay regardless of showing up to the event)
  - This event is great for All State solo practice.
  - May use a track as accompaniment.
  - Types of songs: Art, Jazz, Broadway, Folk. No Pop or Country songs.
  - It is recommended that one legal copy of the music is on hand for the judges.
  - Students please stay true to the printed page of music.
  - Small ensembles are encouraged to sing non-unison pieces.
  - Students need to be prepared with their accompaniment track on CD, flash drive or phone (if using an Apple phone please make sure they have a dongle/adapter.)
- **Honor Choir for 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade**
  - **Wrap-up: What went well, do we keep it? What to change?**
  - **Date: November Nov. 2, 2023**
  - Venue:           Kirtland BIPAC
  - Laura will get the clinician. (Make sure they fill out a clinician contract and a W9 form and given to the choir secretary  
<https://www.nmmea.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Choir-Adjudication-Contract.pdf> )  
Suggestions on clinicians?
    - \*Petra Lyon\*
    - 1. Mika Proctor
    - 2. Susan Hargraves
    - 3. Tammy Martin
    - 4. Brian Ureling
    - 5. Marilyn Barnes
    - 6. Rebecca Kendall
    - 7. Jadira Flamm
  - Accompanist: James Golden (Fill out a contract & W9 form also for the choir secretary's records to be paid.)  
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- Each school may bring 4 sopranos, 4 altos and 4 baritones.
- Repertoire: Adjudicator will choose one piece by at least two months in advance.
- Who wants to be on the committee that will choose the rest of the rep. Theme?
- Music Selection Committee:
  1. James Golden
  2. Katie Patton
  3. Allen Green
  
- Who will provide recordings to send out to the students? James, Laura, Shera
- Registration <https://www.nmmea.com/districts/northwest/entry-forms/> due October 2, 2023 (one month before the event) (Siromani will invoice everyone once registration is completed)
- Laura will keep a spreadsheet of the names of the students who will be participating.
- Fee is **\$25** per student. (If you register a student, they need to pay regardless of showing up to the event).
- Katie will get t-shirts printed.
- Katie & Shera will get the programs printed.
- Students bring a sack lunch, drink and a snack.
- Siromani will order lunch for directors and clinician/accompanist.
- David and Allen will do the schedule for the day including scheduling sectionals.
- Rehearsal start at 9:00am Concert begins at 6:00pm Charge \$2 at the door for parents.
- Siromani and Laura will be in charge of collecting the money at the door
- Add a chamber choir? Need to consider cost of accompanist and clinician. Each 10-12 program would contribute one S,A,T,B for small chamber group.
  - Consider opening to Durango, FLC
  - Clinician: Virginia Nickels-Hircock, or others
  - tabled discussion until fall meeting
  
- **High School All State**

Location: UNM, Albuquerque; Date: Jan 10th-13th, 2024

  - Auditions will be Oct. 16-29
  - Registration deadline is Oct. 2nd (early registration), Oct. 9 (late registration)
  - Audition piece is Lacrimosa, Mozart - Cameron F. LaBarr Arrangement (Gia Publications)  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/16hvxt2aKQfjD1bXO6pj55wGQqwHil8SfT1Crv6iy4-Q/edit>
  - Please buy an audition track for each student to help keep the fees down.
  - Will there be a NW District High School All State prep day at FHS or SJC. TBD
  
- **Youth All-State**
  - Date: Jan 25th-27th, 2024 Location: Please check website: nmacda.com
  - Audition pieces: Youth: \_\_\_\_\_; Elementary: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Website is <https://nmacda.com> for more information
  - Audition Deadline is \_\_\_\_\_
  - Clinicians are Elementary: Michael Chandler Youth Treble: Paul Hallsted Youth Mixed: Joshua Pedde Must register as an **ACDA member** <https://acda.org> to participate
  - Shera is Farmington trip coordinator? Not at meeting, need to clarify
  
- **Music Performance Assessment**
  - **Discuss 2023 - how'd it go? Date: too early, move it later, move it earlier?**

- **Not really a qualifier for state.**

- **Date: March 27th and 28th 2024: March 27th: middle school, March 28th; high school.**
- Registration deadline **February 27th**. Please make sure your NAFME membership <https://nafme.org/join-renew/> is up to date so you don't have problems registering and please do not register late. (Siromani will invoice everyone once registration is completed)
- Venue James Host TCPAT
- Host will need to make sure that everything is set up for MPA; judges tables; signs posted; risers for stage, sight reading room and warmup room. Host will get high school kids as guides for the choirs. Will also need auditorium door monitors, MP3 recording students to deliver/pickup judging packets, sight reading room monitor. On high school performance day we need to make sure that no jobs are being neglected because the high school kids are performing.
- Need to hash out sight reading - discussion tabled for the fall.
  - Choral piece for unison, SA, SAB, SATB?
- Siromani will do the schedule
- Laura will get the judges.
  - Virginia Nickels-Hircock
  - Wesley Dunnigan
- **-Implement a judging rubric with a judging meeting prior to the beginning of the festival.**
- Judges need to fill out judges contracts <https://www.nmmea.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Choir-Adjudication-Contract.pdf> and W9 forms <https://www.nmmea.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/W-9.pdf> and send them to [nw-choralsecretarytreasurer@nmmea.com](mailto:nw-choralsecretarytreasurer@nmmea.com)
- Site Chair: Middle School Day: Laura & David  
High School Day: Siromani Leath & Marletta & Katie & Shera  
Site Chair duties include: MCing (?), runners, computer/judging inputting
- \$215 Fee (this includes one \$15 photo fee for the director)
- Photographer: Pam Prater
- Siromani will provide lunches for the judges/directors/accompanists, also will need to get snacks and drinks/ice.

- **State Choir Festival**

- **Wrap up: how'd it go? Quality competition?**
  - **Congrats to NW participants!! Heights won MS, PV got 2nd in both Mixed and Treble.**
- Date: April ?, 2024
- Location: V. Sue Cleveland high school, Rio Rancho, NM
- NMAA does not require a membership, the only requirement is to go to MPA and get a composite score of no less than a 90. Must be an NAFME member.
- Laura will represent us in the State Choir Festival meetings.
- Farmington district will pay for the bus to state.
- The cost is \$225 per choir to register for the event. Dan will pay for the registration fee.
- Must submit a completed and signed registration form, NMAA Verification of Eligibility form and roster (signed by a school administrator), a signed Music Director's Code of Conduct and check or PO or CCD for \$225 per choir by March \_\_\_\_\_, to Zac Stevenson, Deputy Director of NMAA.

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- Use <https://www.nmact.org/activities/choir/> for more information and to see who performs on each day

- **Other Business**

- ENMU Men's Choir Festival -
- FLC Honor Choir - Thursday Nov. 9th, 2023
  - Brendan Barker contact
  - \$30/student
  - 5 min. showcase of each school choir
- Anything else?
- Outstanding bills (I have emailed the teachers regarding the outstanding payments).

- **Next Meeting**

- Fall 2023: Same day as District meeting in the AM.
- August 21st, 2023: 9AM Choral VP's house
- Full District meeting August 21st, 2:30pm @ Tibbetts MS, Farmington

- **Proposed Spring Date:**

- May 13th 2024 9am
- Full District meeting May 13th, 2:30

- **Adjourn at 12:56pm**