



Announcing

2010 OCDA Children's Honor Choir

In conjunction with OCDA Summer Conference at Otterbein College

June 21-23, 2010

Dear Colleagues,

The OCDA Board of Directors announces the Sixth Annual OCDA Honor Choir for 150 Ohio unchanged voices in grades 4-8 (current school year). Elementary and Junior High School Music Specialists and community choir conductors are invited to select their finest young singers to participate. Teachers **DO NOT NEED TO BE ACTIVE OCDA MEMBERS** to recommend singers. **Need-based scholarships are available for singers.** Forms are available on the OCDA website: www.ohiocda.org.

Participants will be prepared for the event in five satellite ensembles across the state. OCDA understands and respects time limitations of educators and hopes that many teachers and their singers will be able to take part knowing it will not be an additional strain on their already hectic schedules. The five satellite ensembles will hold two preparatory rehearsals in June 2010. (see registration form for dates and locations in your area) Information and biographies of the satellite conductors is available on the OCDA website (www.ohiocda.org). **Note:** Any teachers willing to prepare their own students are welcome to do so. Please send a separate note indicating your interest in preparing your own students. You will receive information & music once registration materials are submitted.

Dr. Robert Ward will conduct the 2010 Honor Choir. OCDA is honored to have him as the Guest Conductor for the 2010 OCDA Children's Honor Choir.

Dr. Robert J. Ward currently serves as Associate Director of Choral Studies at The Ohio State University, where he conducts the Men's Glee Club, the Symphonic Choir, and teaches courses in conducting and choral literature. Prior to his appointment at The Ohio State University, Dr. Ward was, for sixteen years, a member of the music faculty at Oklahoma State University. Dr. Ward has been honored with invitations to present concerts and lectures for National ACDA, National Collegiate Choral Organization, North Central Division ACDA, Central Division ACDA, Southwest Division ACDA, International Kodaly Educators, Organization of American Kodaly Educators Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Choral Directors Association, as well as Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Mississippi, Ohio, Utah, Arkansas, and Louisiana Choral Directors Associations. He is currently the editor of a children's choral music series and a men's choral series published through Santa Barbara Music Publishers. In 2001, Dr. Ward was awarded the Director of Distinction Award by the Oklahoma Choral Directors Association and in 1997 was presented the Amoco Outstanding Faculty Award at Oklahoma State University for outstanding undergraduate teaching. He holds the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Michigan State University.

The OCDA Children's Honor Choir Concert will be presented in Otterbein College's Cowan Hall. The concert is opened by a Guest Choir. This year, the Guest Choir will be the St. Paul's School Choir, under the direction of John Bryan. Choirs have the opportunity to sing for music educators, families, and friends throughout the state and inspire them with their artistry.

All OCDA conference attendees will receive a concert ticket and will be able to observe Dr. Ward as he works with the choir. A special offer to observe rehearsals and take part in the summer conference is available as an introductory opportunity for all non-ACDA members that have students participating in the honor choir. (You must have never held an ACDA membership to take advantage of this offer.) Details and forms are available by contacting Dr. Sandra L. Mathias at jmath27@sbcglobal.net and will soon be available on the OCDA website (www.ohiocda.org). All Honor Choir registrations must be postmarked by April 15, 2010.

Without support from the teachers of Ohio, OCDA would not be able to offer these opportunities to the youth in our state. Please support this outstanding opportunity for our young singers in Ohio. If you do not have students in grades 4-8, please share this information with a colleague that does. Because OCDA is focused on what is best for the children of Ohio, all teachers are invited to recommend their most talented young singers.

Thank you for supporting the 2010 Honor Choir,
Dr. Sandra L. Mathias and Mr. Tyler Young
OCDA Children's Honor Choir Co – Chairs

OCDA Honor Choir Team

Emily Gil, OCDA CHC Immediate Past Chair
Tracy Gabrielson; OCDA Elementary Choir R&S Chair
Robyn Lana; ACDA National Children's Choir Chair
Amy Ruff, OCDA Middle School Choir R&S Chair
Sandra Mathias; OCDA Children's Choir R&S Chair
Molly Rule – Conductor, Pickerington Children's Choir of the Columbus Children's Choir
Kathleen Bates – Elementary Music Teacher – London City Schools
Ann Usher – Professor of Music Education at Univ. of Akron