



Announcing

2014 OCDA Children's Honor Choir

In conjunction with OCDA Summer Conference at Otterbein College

June 16-18, 2014

Dear Colleagues,

The OCDA Board of Directors announces the Seventh 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 or request one by emailing Tyler Young at mr.tylerjyoung@gmail.com.

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 2014. (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. Sandra Mathias is a graduate of SUNY - Fredonia (BS in Mus. Ed.); Ball State University (MA with Orff Concentration), The Ohio State University (Ph.D. in Mus. Ed.), and The Kodály Center of America (Kodály Certificate). Dr. Mathias is retired from Capital University, where she served as Professor of Vocal Music Education for 29 years and the Columbus Children's Choir, where she served as Founder/Artistic Director for 25 years. Under her direction, the New World Singers of the Columbus Children's Choir performed at the 2007 national conferences of the American Choral Directors' Association (ACDA) and the Organization of American Kodály Educators (OAKE).

Dr. Mathias is the recipient of the Kodály Institute Intezetért Award, the CSO Community Music Educator of the Year, the Southside Settlement Arts Freedom Award, and Outstanding Educator Award from OAKE. She has presented papers at conferences in the United States, Hungary, Australia, England, Hungary, and China. She is a Past President of the Organization of American Kodály Educators (OAKE). She has served as the R & S Chair for Children's Choirs for OCDA and Central Division of ACDA.

The OCDA Children's Honor Choir Concert will be presented in Otterbein University's Cowan Hall on Wednesday, June 18, at 3 pm. Parents will be able to purchase tickets at the door.

All OCDA conference attendees will receive a concert ticket and will be able to observe Sandy Mathias as she 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 Tyler Young at mr.tylerjyoung@gmail.com and will soon be available on the OCDA website (www.ohiocda.org). **All Honor Choir registrations must be postmarked by April 14, 2014.**

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 your outstanding 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 2014 Honor Choir,

Tyler Young

Robyn Lana

OCDA Children's Honor Choir Co-Chairs

OCDA Honor Choir Team

Suzanne Walters - OCDA Elementary Choir R&S Chair

Jennifer Call - OCDA Children's Choir R&S Chair

Sandy Mathias



February 2014

Dear Parent,

I am proud to recommend your child, _____ for the Ohio Choral Director's Association's 2014

Children's Honor Choir. Children throughout Ohio, in grades 4-7 (present school year) who have been selected by their music teacher, will gather on the campus of Otterbein University in Westerville, Ohio for final rehearsals and concert. Renowned choral director Dr. Sandra Mathias, retired Director of the New World Singers of the Columbus Children's Choir and , will conduct serve as this year's guest conductor. Your child will enjoy working with Dr. Mathias as she prepares a variety of treble choir music.

When

The 2014 OCDA Children's Honor Choir will be in residence on the campus of Otterbein University from June 16th through June 18th. Additionally, there will be two mandatory, 3 hour "satellite" rehearsals held in five locations throughout the state. (Listed below.)

Where

Satellite Rehearsals –

NW – Bowling Green State University (May 31 & June 7 from 9am-Noon)

NE – University of Akron (May 31 & June 14 from 9am - Noon)

SW – University of Cincinnati (May 31 & June 14 from 9am-Noon)

SE – Ohio University (June 7 & 14 from 9am-Noon)

Central – Capital University (June 7 & 14 9am - Noon)

Final rehearsals/performance – June 16-18, 2014

Otterbein University's Cowan Hall. Children and chaperones will stay in the Otterbein dorms and will dine in the campus cafeteria.

Costs - \$165 Registration Fee will include an Honor Choir t-shirt, room (2 nights) and board (5 meals, Tuesday breakfast thru Wednesday lunch).

Who

150 children from all over Ohio will participate in the Honor Choir. Satellite rehearsals will be led by University Educators/Conductors and Children's Choir Specialists from around the state.

Registration Deadline

Please see your teacher about their specific deadline. They must have all materials by **April 14, 2014**. There is limited space in the choir and registrations are accepted on a first come first served basis. You teacher may choose an earlier deadline in hopes of securing your child's seat in the choir.

When will I hear from OCDA?

OCDA will email you an acceptance packet in early May. In that packet, you may order your concert tickets (\$10.00 each). You will receive an Emergency Medical Form that must be completed and notarized in order for your child to participate. You will also receive directions to your Satellite Rehearsal location and directions to the Otterbein Campus meeting location.

When would my child get the music and t-shirt?

OCDA will give your child the music at the first satellite rehearsal. Each satellite rehearsal will be led by some of Ohio's finest children's choir conductors, to offer this opportunity to your child. Your child will receive his/her t-shirt on June 18th, at registration at Otterbein.

We have a conflict with one of the satellite rehearsals. Can my child still participate? Unfortunately, no.

Your child must be in attendance at each rehearsal (for all six hours) or they will not be permitted to participate in the honor choir. (Exceptions: Child is being prepared by their teacher or parent.) Singers need to come knowing their music so that they can have a positive, successful experience.

What can I do to help?

Chaperone the event at Otterbein University. Please talk to your teacher about this need. Each school must provide chaperones who will be responsible for children from their own school/district. Cost for chaperones is \$100.00 on campus, \$50.00 for those chaperoning students off campus.

Please fill out the attached Student Registration Form and consider chaperoning for this event.

Return all forms and checks to me no later than: _____

Sincerely, _____
(teacher signature)

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Recommending Teacher's Form

(Mandatory for acceptance of school's registrants)

Name:	Home Phone: ()
Home Address:	
City:	Zip Code:
Zip Code:	
Email Address:	
Name of School:	School Phone: ()
School Address:	
City:	Zip Code:

Teacher MUST arrange chaperones. OCDA does not assume any chaperoning responsibilities. Please list your parent chaperones below:

1. _____

2. _____

Please list the students you are recommending AND THEIR VOICE PART (SI, SII, A):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Satellite Location in which your students will participate

_____ NW – Bowling Green State University (May 31 & June 7 from 9am-Noon)

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If you would like to order an adult size T-Shirt (\$10.00) please circle one and include extra payment:

_____ small _____ medium _____ large _____ XL

Registration Options

Option 1: Teacher does NOT hold a current ACDA membership nor has been a member in the past. If the teacher joins ACDA/OCDA (\$85 for a year's membership – first time member: \$64), then the teacher may attend the OCDA Summer Conference as a guest of OCDA for no additional charge. In order to take advantage of this introductory offer, the teacher must join ACDA by April 13, 2013. (please turn over)

(Membership forms are available online at www.ohiocda.org.) Please send OCDA Honor Choir a copy of your membership application form with this teacher registration form.

Option 2: Option 1, plus the teacher but would also like to stay in the dorm with their singers and eat meals provided by the Honor Choir. Option 2 is an additional \$100.

Option 3: The teacher does not wish to join ACDA or attend the OCDA Summer Conference but will be serving as a chaperone. Room and board during the Honor Choir experience is \$100 chaperone fee. Chaperoning requires the teacher to be with their singers at all times. Teacher choosing this option may not attend summer conference sessions.

Option 4: The teacher will not chaperone, but will arrange for trusted chaperones to be responsible for their singers while on Otterbein campus.

Please the teacher's choice:

_____ Option 1 = \$85 (\$64-first time member) mailed to OCDA Treasurer (listed on membership form) + copy of ACDA application form mailed to Sandra Mathias (address listed below)

_____ Option 2 = \$185 or \$164 = \$85 or \$64 mailed to OCDA Treas. + copy of ACDA application form + \$100 room/board

_____ Option 3 = \$100 for room and board + chaperone form filled out, with teacher listed as chaperone

_____ Option 4 = No cost to teacher, appropriate chaperone arrangements made

- **OCDA must receive all registration materials postmarked by April 14, 2013.**
- **Please make checks payable to OCDA and mail all registration materials to:
OCDA Honor Choir, Tyler Young, 13402 Fancher, Westerville, Ohio 43082**

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Student Registration Form

Child's name:	Age: Grade:
Circle one: Male or Female	Phone Number:
Address:	
City:	Parent Name:
Zip Code:	Email:
Height In INCHES (An estimation is fine):	Voice Part (circle one): <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> SI SII AI AII </div>

T-Shirt Size, Please Circle One: Youth: Small Medium Large XL

Adult: Small Medium Large XL

Satellite Rehearsal, Please Check One

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I understand the honor in being selected and the commitment that my child and I are agreeing to. If I am unable to chaperone, I will be sure to know what parent/teacher will be chaperoning my child before I complete registration.

Parent's Signature _____

- Non-refundable \$165/00 fee must accompany each registration form.**
- OCDA must receive all registration materials from teachers, statewide, by April 14, 2014. Registration forms should be returned to your child's teacher at an earlier deadline that they have requested.**
- Registrations will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Space is limited and will include as many schools as possible. When the choir is full, new registrations will be returned. All acceptance material will be sent out in early May.**
- Please make checks payable to OCDA.**

TEACHERS – Please complete and return the Recommending Teacher's Form. Failure to turn in the this form will result in the student's payment and registration being returned. Also, please PRINT CLEARLY below:

Teacher's Name _____

School Name _____

Chaperone Name (for Otterbein stay) _____

Teacher Signature Required:

I recommend the above student _____

Please fill out form completely or it may be returned to you. TEACHERS – please keep a hard copy of all forms.

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Chaperone Registration Form

Name:		Home Phone: ()
Circle one: Male or Female		Cell Phone: ()
Address:		
City:	Zip Code:	
Email Address:		
Name of child in honor choir:		
Name of School:		
Teacher's Name:		

Optional T-Shirt Order. Please include payment of \$10 for each size needed and circle the size(s) needed:

Adult: Small Medium Large XL

In order to make this special event successful, the OHIO CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION and participating music teachers must have the assistance of parent volunteers and chaperones. Please check below when you would like to volunteer or chaperone:

_____ Satellite Rehearsal #1 – 2 volunteers needed (total) to help take attendance, monitor bathroom breaks, hand out music, and hand out concert tickets. You will be contacted, if needed, by the satellite conductor.

_____ Satellite Rehearsal #2 - 2 volunteers needed (total) to help take attendance, monitor bathroom breaks, and hand out music. You will be contacted, if needed, by the satellite conductor.

_____ Otterbein campus stay – 1-2 chaperones needed PER SCHOOL to monitor breaks, meals, and singers overnight in dorms. Each chaperone must pay \$100 to cover room and board (Teachers, be sure to secure chaperones BEFORE you send in registration.

I understand the honor in being selected and the commitment that my child and I are agreeing to.

Parent's Signature _____

- **Non-refundable \$100.00 fee must accompany each registration form and does not include a T-shirt unless additional \$10 is paid.**
- **OCDA must receive all registration materials from teachers, statewide, by April 14, 2014. Registration forms should be returned to your child's teacher by an earlier deadline.**
- **Registrations will be accepted on a first come first served basis.**
- **Please make checks payable to OCDA.**