

2009 South Central District Elementary Honor Choir & Workshop

Welcome back, teachers! My name is Cindy Anthony, and I am the Elementary Chairman for the KMEA South Central District. Each year the SCKMEA district offers a teacher workshop for K-6 music teachers along with an honor choir for students in grades 4-6. The teacher workshop is a wonderful opportunity for all of us elementary music teachers to meet and share ideas!

This year the Elementary Honor choir and Workshop will be hosted at the Sterling High School Ora Shields Activity Center in Sterling, KS, on Saturday, October 24, 2009. The Honor Choir will consist of 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students from the South Central District. We would love to have six of your students participate in this choir! Please enter your six students on the online registration form at sckmea.org, and mail the registration fee of \$10.00 per students, and \$10.00 per teacher for the workshop, to:

Larry Brownlee
SCKMEA Executive Secretary
308 E. Washington
Sterling, KS 67579
(Please make checks payable to KMEA)

The district website lists the deadline for entries as October 1, but I will accept entries up until October 17. (Entries after that date cannot be guaranteed listed on the program.) If you send me your email address I will send you a confirmation notice.

Schedule:

- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Registration at Sterling High School; address is 308 East Washington; use East Entrance to Activity Center on East 4th street.
- 8:30 – 9:00: Rehearsal begins. Teachers will help seat students and watch beginning rehearsal. Teachers visit hospitality room for continental breakfast.
- 9:15 – 10:30: Teacher workshop with Janet Armstead, St. George Elementary (Music Memory-Mind Food!)
- 10:15 – 10:30: Snack and beverage break for Part I
- 10:30 – 10:45: Snack and beverage break for Part II
- 10:45 – 11:40: Final rehearsal for students; Conclusion of teacher workshop with Janet Armstead
- 11:40 – 12:00: Rehearsal ends; teachers help students prepare for concert
- 12:00 (noon): Honor Choir Concert

Once again, Robert Calhoun Productions of Hutchinson will professionally record the concert. Representatives of Robert Calhoun will be at the concert to take orders for a recording of the concert.

Please make sure your students are well prepared to rehearse (they should know all of their notes before the day of the concert). Please do not bring students who don't know the music. Copies of the music may be purchased at Senseney Music Co., 2300 Lincoln, Wichita, KS. (1-800-362-1060) (www.senseneymusic.com)

CHORAL SELECTIONS

1. "We Will Sing for Joy" Scarlatti/Lowe Lorenz Pub. CGA 202 Unison 1.75
2. "The Little Birch Tree" Goetze Boosey & Hawkes 48003970 Unison 1.80
3. "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?" Emerson Hal Leonard 40326209-H 2-pt 1.80
4. "My Heart Remembers You" Shelton Hinshaw HMC2207 2-pt 1.80
5. "Cripple Creek" Crocker Hal Leonard 423-03032 2-pt 1.70

Students should bring their music to rehearsal on the 24th. Choir participants must wear dress clothes (we recommend that they come already dressed for the concert.) Student check-in begins at 8:00 a.m. There will be two breaks for the honor choir students (one with snack). The Honor Choir concert begins at 12:00 p.m. NOON in the Ora Shields Activity Center. (Doors will open at 11:45). The concert is free, and is open to parents, teachers, and friends. We look forward to seeing you on October 24th!

About the Conductor

Karen Graber Sims teaches choral music for grades 6-7-8 at Maize South Middle School. She earned a BA degree from Bethel College in Newton, and a Masters degree from the University of Illinois. Karen has taught grades 5-12 in public school and has enjoyed working with children and music in various community and church choir settings. She is active as an adjudicator and clinician and has served on the KMEA and KCDA boards at the district and state levels. Karen lives in Maize with her husband and three daughters, Kristina, Cassie, and Kayla.

2009 Mini-Convention Workshop Clinician

Janet Armstead is the K-6 Vocal/General Music instructor at St. George Elementary School in St. George, KS. She received both her B.S. and M.M. degrees in Music Education from Kansas State University. She also holds the level one certification for teachers of Orff/Schulwerk. She is very active in KMEA and has taken four different performing groups to the KMEA State Convention. She was named the Outstanding Music Educator for the North Central District in 2000, 2006, and 2009. She has served on the State KMEA Board as the Elementary Chairperson. Janet is the Music Memory Competition Coordinator for the State of Kansas, the subject of her workshops at this mini-convention. She is the composer of an original elementary musical, "On the Trail to Santa Fe."