



# Cultural Arts Center Choral Festival 2022

## Welcome & Information

The Cultural Arts Center of Dothan, Alabama is pleased to welcome all choirs and show choirs to the Fall Choral Festival 2022. Our goal is present you with an outstanding performing arts experience while spotlighting the talents of your best and brightest students. As a non-profit organization our mission is to introduce and encourage youth in the arts. It is our hope that the festival may spark extra drive and determination to launch a successful school year, or to provide valuable experience in preparing for district, regional, and state competitions

For the second year the Choral Festival will be held in the Dothan Opera House, one of Dothan's oldest acoustically sound stages with 3 floors of seating so you can watch and learn from other choirs. Dressing will be provided on the bottom floor of the Civic Center located across the street from the Opera House, and buses will be able to park next to the civic center for ease in loading and unloading students and directors. Qualified Adjudicators have been secured for the festival along with seasoned and knowledgeable volunteers, emcee, and Opera House staff to make this the best onstage experience possible.

During your stay you may choose to visit the National Peanut Festival that is being held November 4-13, 2022, at the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds located on 231 South. We encourage you to visit [www.nationalpeanutfestival.com](http://www.nationalpeanutfestival.com) for more information about festival tickets and entry passes. While you are performing in downtown Dothan, we encourage you to visit the many restaurants, shops, and venues in the downtown district. Wiregrass Commons Mall located on 231 North will be sending all choral directors' information about their food court and shopping opportunities as this Mall has bus parking close to the Food Court area.

Now for the housekeeping information!

### **HOW TO REGISTER:**

Registration forms and other pertinent information is located on our website at [www.theculturalartscenter.org](http://www.theculturalartscenter.org). Follow the orange bar to locate the "EVENTS" tab and click. Under that tab you will see a drop-down menu that includes "FALL CHORAL FESTIVAL". Click on this and it will take you to a plethora of PDF forms and information that you can print and complete for registration.

1. Print out the Choral Festival Registration Form and fill it out completely. Return it to us in one of two ways: A. Scan the document and email it to [ann@theculturalartscenter.org](mailto:ann@theculturalartscenter.org) or B. Mail the document to 909 S. Saint Andrews Street, Dothan, AL d 36301. Be sure that if you mail the document, it will be **received by OCTOBER 14, 2022**, to NOT INCUR the \$25 late registration fee.
2. Upon receipt of the registration forms, an invoice will be sent immediately to the Accounting Person named on the registration form along with a signed W9 for your files. **PAYMENT IS DUE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 28, 2022**. School checks and personal checks are accepted. Should

you need to pay by credit card, please call Ann at 334.699.2787 and she can take your credit card information over the phone and complete the transaction and email you a receipt. NOTE that is a 5% convenience fee for this type of transaction. **After October 28, 2022, fees paid are non-refundable should you find you need to cancel.**

### **DATES OF THE COMPETITION:**

Choral Competition dates are Monday Afternoon November 7, Tuesday all day November 8, and Wednesday all-day November 9. Slots are every 15 minutes to give time for warmup, performance and exiting. On your registration form you can write any information we may need to know about your choice of dates and times, but ultimately the final choice of slotting your performance will be the call of the Cultural Arts Center. At the same time your accounting contact person receives the invoice, you will be notified by email of your performance date and time.

### **DEADLINES YOU NEED TO REMEMBER:**

- Deadline to register: October 14, 2022
- Deadline for payment/cancellation: October 28, 2022
- \$25 late fee for registrations received by mail or email after October 14, 2022
- Non-refundable cancellation deadline: October 28, 2022

### **PERFORMANCE DAY DETAILS:**

- Choirs will need to come dressed or performance if possible. We will have dressing rooms available on the bottom floor of the Dothan Civic Center located across the street from the Opera House for changing once you have performed. Bringing a change of clothes for after performance is encouraged, and volunteers will be there to make sure students get all their belongings out of the dressing room areas as you are leaving. Be sure students put their names on clothing items in case they drop or get left.
- Choral Students and Choral Directors will be mailed arm bands to wear as part of their performance attires so they can watch other choirs for free.
  - Should you register after October 14, those arm bands may be held for you at registration since you may not receive them in time.
  - All others who accompany you including parents, chaperones and volunteers will pay \$5 at the Box Office window to watch the performances
- There will be warm up rooms at the Opera House for the 15 minutes prior to your performance time. A keyboard and CD player will be provided to you in these rooms
- You will be assigned a Choral Volunteer once you check in that will guide you and stay with you until you complete your performance.
- No Food or Drink is allowed in the Dothan Opera House and this rule is strictly enforced. Failure to comply by a student, volunteer or chaperone could result in the entire choir being asked to leave and unable to perform.
- THIS YEAR each day's choral performances will be videotaped and uploaded to Vimeo. We will share with each director the link to these performances along with a list of which choirs and their divisions will be performing each day. This will allow you to see others in your division

perform and to watch other choirs for ideas, tips, all to help you improve for your next choral performance.

### **COMPETITION DETAILS:**

- Choirs must provide 3 ORIGINAL copies of each piece of music with measures numbered and the school's name clearly labeled when you arrive the day of the festival. If your music is copied, please provide permission from the publisher to use the music. This music will be turned in at registration check in by the Choral Director.
- If your choir is performing to recorded music, present your CD at the registration table upon arrival so that our sound engineer can test your CD ahead of your performance time and work out other possible solutions should it not play. Please make sure to bring additional CDs for practice and warm up.
- Choirs must perform 2 songs of choice.
- Choral Risers will accommodate 100 students.
- An Electronic keyboard, full size, will be available onstage for your accompanist

### **SHOW CHOIR COMPETITION DETAILS:**

- Show Choirs may perform a program of choice no longer than 15 minutes. Sheet music is NOT REQUIRED for Show Choirs but please list the Publisher's name(s) with the songs and their authors.
- The stage area is 32 feet wide and 27 feet deep. Wing space is available on both sides of the stage.
- The grand curtain can be closed to allow students time to get into place. Should you want the grand closed please designate on the CD COVER your directions for opening the grand and starting music (i.e., Do your students come on stage before or after the music starts?)

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone and we will get you answers. Looking so forward to seeing all of you again this year and hearing those amazing and beautiful voices echoing throughout the Opera House!

Sincerely,

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