



PMEA District 1 Chorus

February 10 & 11, 2022

East Liberty Presbyterian Church

116 S Highland Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Hello everyone,

We are very much looking forward to the PMEA District 1 Chorus festival, to be held on Thursday, February 10 and Friday, February 11, 2022. While we are serving as the host directors, we are grateful to East Liberty Presbyterian Church (ELPC) for serving as the host venue for our festival. If you have never been to East Liberty Presbyterian, you and your students are sure to be in awe.

We are excited to welcome Dr. Susan Rice, director of the Heinz Chapel Choir at the University of Pittsburgh, who will be serving as the guest conductor.

Attached is a tentative festival schedule. Please have students check their schedule against the festival schedule before they audition for District Chorus. Per PMEA policy, students must participate in the complete festival program.

In an effort to keep you informed of festival plans, please take note of the following:

- The ensemble **may** be reduced in size this year due to COVID mitigations.
- Representation will still be maintained. The final decision for ensemble size will be made in November.
- Current COVID guidelines will require appropriate mask coverings for all students, directors, and concert attendees.
- The number of concert attendees may be limited due to COVID guidelines set in place by the county, state, or host site.
- Meals provided for students: Lunch (Thursday & Friday); Dinner (Friday)
- In an effort to limit the number of people eating at one time at East Liberty, lunch and dinner will not be provided for directors
- The amount of music for the program has been minimally decreased. Antiphon & I Love My Love will remain on the concert program

Important Information about auditions for the Region I Chorus festival:

- Auditions will be conducted virtually via submittable. The audition excerpts will be communicated with all directors and participating students on Thursday, February 3 at 8:00 a.m. The link to the D1 Chorus Submittable audition and a listing of the audition excerpts will also be posted to the PMEA District 1 website.

- Students and directors will use the Submittable account they created for the November audition.
- Students must upload their audition, through their Submittable account, no later than 10:00 p.m. on Friday, February 4, 2021. ***Students need to consider the time that will be required to complete the online application and process/upload the audition video in order to ensure the timely submission.
- Directors will be notified of the auditions they need to evaluate by Monday, February 7, 2021. The judging of auditions must be completed by 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2021
- Students must participate in District Chorus to be eligible for Region Chorus.

We will be mailing music folders to all directors in early December along with all necessary paperwork. We have not been able to finalize the cost of the festival as there are many variables that have not been solidified. We will notify you as soon as we are able to.

If there is anything we have learned in the last year and a half, it is flexibility. Through our discussion, our main goal for this festival is to provide a safe and authentic experience for our students. We are so excited to be moving forward with this festival and can not wait to see all of you soon and to hear our students sing!

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