

Hebron High School Choir Auditions

Current eighth grade students will audition for the two HHS choir directors at Arbor Creek MS on **Tuesday, April 23** and at Creek Valley MS on **Wednesday, April 24**. KMS students will work with director to declare which day they will audition at either ACMS or CVMS. The MS directors are currently working on the after school schedule for this audition day. Middle School students can sign up for an audition time with their teacher and the HS directors will hear students as they arrive within the middle school's time allotment. Current HHS/HHS9 students will audition on **Tuesday, April 30** beginning at **3:45 p.m.** Current High School students will have the opportunity to sign up for an audition slot starting after school on April 23. Slots will be available from 3:45-9:00 p.m. Sign-up for time slots will be first come, first served. Parents may e-mail Ms. Forester at foresterr@lisd.net or Mr. Ratliff at ratliffn@lisd.net if there are questions. If you do not have e-mail capabilities, please call the choir office at (469) 948-3025. Information and rehearsal tracks will also be available on the HHS school website, www.lisd.net/hhs (for all non-choir students) and CharmsOffice.com (for all current HHS choir students only) on April 10th. MS directors will have the MP3's of the song.

Things to keep in mind about your audition:

- Remember the saying, "Dress for the job you want, not the job you have?" Keep that in mind for your audition and dress professionally. It makes a great impression.
- Know that Ms. Forester and Mr. Ratliff are looking forward to meeting you and hearing your audition. We want you to do your very best, so take a deep breath and go for it!
- Both "The Salley Gardens' Red, Red Rose" and My Country 'Tis of Thee **MUST BE MEMORIZED!**

****You must turn in completed AUDITION FORM and CONTRACT (parent signature required) at start of the audition.****

The audition will take approximately 5-6 minutes and will include 3 different parts:

1. The student will sing the first verse of "**My Country 'Tis of Thee**" a cappella. Students will be given only the first note. Sopranos and Tenors will sing in Bb Major (first note is Bb). Altos and Basses will sing in G Major (first note is G).
2. The student will sing "**The Salley Gardens' Red, Red Rose**" with a recorded accompaniment. The voice part that you choose to sing in your audition is the part that will be assigned to you. (For example: if a soprano auditions with the alto voice part, she will be evaluated as an alto only.) Ms. Forester, Mr. Ratliff, Mrs. Fambrough, Mrs. Moreno, Mr. Norris, Mr. Holmberg and Miss Cunningham will have a copy of the tracks used for the audition, which can be reproduced.

*****My Country 'Tis of Thee and "The Salley Gardens' Red, Red Rose" together will be given a max score of 60 points.**

3. For sight reading this year, we will offer only one sight-reading example written in treble clef and bass clef. Each example will be 8 measures long and in the key of C, F, or G Major. The sight-reading will count for a **max score of 40 points.**

The whole sight reading process will go as follows:

- The tonic triad will be played (Do, Mi, So, Mi, Do, So, Do). The student is ENCOURAGED to sing along.
- The student will then have 30 seconds to practice and is encouraged to practice **out loud**. (This will not be reflected in your score).
- Once the full 30 seconds is over, the tonic triad will be played again.
- Then the student will begin performing his/her chosen sight reading. Do not start and stop over or ask to begin again. Simply take a deep breath, give yourself a slow count-off, and begin. The student may use his/her preferred method of sight-singing syllable (solfège, numbers, la, la, la, etc.) Be aware, the melody may not begin or end on Do.

This is NOT an open audition for everyone to hear. The students will be nervous enough as it is. The auditions may be videotaped for the directors' use. **The results will be emailed to the MS directors and posted online at www.hebronchoir.com between May 10-13th.** Please do not call or e-mail the directors about results. We will post the results when all of the forms and grade checks have been collected and the scoring is complete. The HHS counselors will be given the list of students for choir placement at this time. They will contact students if conflicts in schedule arise.

Notes about the Practice Tracks:

- "The Salley Gardens' Red, Red Rose" has a track with the voice part played in loudly for S, A, T and B this year for you to work with if you desire. Students ARE EXPECTED to sing the notes and rhythms listed in the music.
- The accompaniment track will be used for the audition not the track with your vocal line played.
- Part of our score is that you stay with the tempo of the audition track. Practice with it often so you are prepared to sing in front of judges.

My Country 'Tis of Thee

***My country 'tis of thee sweet land of liberty of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride.
From every mountain-side, let freedom ring.***