



Dear Colleagues,

The following information is regarding the nineteenth annual Alabama ACDA Young Voices Festival. We are thrilled to be celebrating nineteen wonderful years of choral singing by young people from all over the state of Alabama. We welcome and encourage your participation in this event as we strive to make this the best festival ever. If the information is not relevant to your particular area of expertise, please pass it along to a colleague who might benefit from this opportunity.

The Alabama ACDA Young Voices Festival is a unique event for 4th - 9th grade students in the state of Alabama. The Young Voices Festival offers choral students a challenging opportunity to perform advanced choral literature under the direction of nationally recognized music educators. Held in the spring on the campus of Auburn University, Young Voices offers 4th - 9th grade students eligibility to participate in one of four choirs. Two Children's Choirs and two Junior High Choirs comprise the two day event. Rehearsals begin Friday afternoon into Friday evening. Students present a final concert on Saturday afternoon which is open to the public. The dates for this years festival are May 4-5, 2012. The Young Voices Festival is sponsored by the Alabama chapter of the American Choral Directors Association.

Clinicians for the 2012 festival are Mark Railey for the Boychoir, Lu Ann Holden for the Girl's Children's Choir, Colleen Thompson for the Junior High Girls' Choir and Anthony Sears for the Junior High Mixed Choir. Biographies on all the clinicians, as well as audition forms, registration forms and further information may be found on the web at [www.alabamayvf.org](http://www.alabamayvf.org). Auditions for the Junior High Girls' and Mixed Choirs will be held February 11th, with a registration deadline of January 15th. All other festival registration is due March 15th.

Please take note of the address to which all correspondence should be mailed to ensure our receipt of your registration. If you have any questions regarding this event, please feel free to contact Lisa Latham at [lisalatham@bellsouth.net](mailto:lisalatham@bellsouth.net). Thank you for your past support of Young Voices and we look forward to seeing you this spring.

Sincerely,

Lisa Latham  
Alabama ACDA Young Voices Festival Chair

The Alabama ACDA Young Voices Festival is a unique opportunity for 4th-9th grade students in the state of Alabama. Young Voices offers choral students a challenging opportunity to perform advanced literature under the direction of nationally recognized music educators. Fourth through ninth grade students are eligible to participate in one of four choirs. The Mixed Choir will include 7th-9th grade students only, and will perform SATB music. The Jr. High Girls' Choir will include 6th-9th grade students only, and will perform advanced treble music. The two Children's Choirs are for students in grades 4-6 for the Boychoir, and 4-5 for the Girls' Children's Choir. Sixth Grade Girls should participate in the Junior High Girls Choir, unless they are housed in an elementary school, in which case they may choose between the Junior High Girls' Choir and the Girls' Children's Choir. No sixth graders may participate in the Mixed Choir.



### **Girls' and Mixed Choir Audition Information**

Auditions are held for the Mixed Choir and Girls' Choir in four locations throughout the state. Directors may choose the location that is the most convenient for them. Auditions will be held in Huntsville, Birmingham, Mobile and Montgomery. Students will not be required to memorize their music for the audition. However, all selected participants must have their music memorized for the festival. Directors may bring an unlimited number of students to audition. Students **MUST** know the piece in the original language at the time of the audition. Singing on a neutral syllable will not be permitted. **NO PHOTOCOPIED MUSIC WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE AUDITION.** If you are sending students to audition for the Mixed Choir, please balance your group by sending the same number of sopranos, altos, tenors and basses, or as close to the same number as possible. In the Junior High Girl's Choir, please make sure that the treble parts are divided equally (as in SopI, SopI/ SopII, SopII/Alto, Alto). For example, if a girl sings SI/SII, then she sings Sop. I in 2-pt treble music, but Sop. II in SSA music. A girl who is a SII/A sings Alto in 2-pt treble music, and Sop II in SSA music. This also gives everyone a part if there is an SSAA piece. Please remember that one of our goals is to choose a balanced festival choir. The purpose for this is to allow more kids the opportunity to participate and to keep the number who do not make it to a minimum. **If a school is sending only girls, they MUST audition for the JH Girls' Choir. If a school has mostly girls and very few boys, the boys may audition for the JH Mixed Choir and the girls should audition for the JH Girl's Choir.** AN AUDITION FEE OF \$5.00 PER STUDENT, ALONG WITH A LIST OF THE NAMES OF THOSE AUDITIONING IS DUE ON THE AUDITION DEADLINE. All fees are non-refundable. Please send one school check made payable to *ACDA Young Voices Festival* for the entire audition amount. Confirmation of your audition location, directions to your audition site, and audition times will be mailed to you no later than the last week in January. Directors will be notified of the results via e-mail approximately two weeks following the auditions.

### **Children's Choir Information**

Children's Choir participants do not have to audition; however, directors are encouraged to send their better students. Students must exhibit appropriate attitude, behavior, musicality, and the ability to sit through long rehearsals. This event is not the time to "reward" the kids who may have "improved" or "really need it." We understand that philosophy but must also maintain the integrity of the event. Please keep this in mind and choose those whose attitude and behavior reflect the principles on which Young Voices was founded. Directors may bring a maximum of 10 students for the Girls' Children's Choir, and a maximum of 10 students for the Boychoir. Please select an even number of students to balance the music. Sixth grade girls housed in a middle school should audition for the Junior High Girls' Choir. This helps to keep the size of the choirs more manageable.

### **Registration**

There is a \$35.00 registration fee for all Young Voices participants (which includes the performance t-shirt). A \$40.00 school/organization registration fee is also required of each participating school. The enclosed registration form will be used for *All YVF Participants* and is due March 15. If you have students auditioning for the *Mixed* or *JH Girl's Choir*, you should not fill out the registration until after you have received a list of students who are selected for the festival. Only one school/organization fee is required of each participating group. Please send one school check made payable to *ACDA Young Voices Festival* for the entire amount. No personal checks will be accepted and all fees are non-refundable. Directors are responsible for securing accommodations for their own students.

### **Rehearsal/Attendance Information**

Students selected for the Young Voices Festival will be expected to be on their best behavior at all times. Attendance at **all** rehearsals is mandatory. Students may not be late to rehearsal for any reason. Roll will be taken at the beginning of each rehearsal. Please do not put us in a position to take action against latecomers. Any student who misses a part of a rehearsal for any reason may be asked to forfeit their place in the choir.

### **Clinicians, Music and Rehearsal Recordings**

Clinicians for the festival are experts in their fields, and are carefully selected. Clinicians for each year are listed in the Director's letter. A list of titles to be performed is attached. The music is available from J.W. Pepper. You may reach them at 1-800-345-6296 or online at [www.jwpepper.com](http://www.jwpepper.com). Refer to the Alabama ACDA Young Voices Festival and specify which choir's music you need. Please see the attached song list for ordering information. Rehearsal CD's are available for all choirs. Each set includes a master CD for each voice part, which may be copied for individual students. Additional CD's may be purchased at a discounted cost to avoid duplicating. To order, fill out and return the enclosed order form. Orders will be mailed at the first of December. (NOTE: The check for the rehearsal CD's must be made out to *Lisa Latham*, not ACDA Young Voices Festival.) Directors, please do not share rehearsal CD's; each school should order their own sets.

### **ACDA Membership**

All directors **must be** a current member of ACDA. ACDA membership application forms are available at [www.acdaonline.org](http://www.acdaonline.org). For additional information e-mail Lisa Latham at [lisalatham@bellsouth.net](mailto:lisalatham@bellsouth.net). E-mail is the most effective way to communicate with us and will provide you with the fastest response. Responses to many questions you may have can also be handled by contacting teachers who have participated in the event.

### **Website**

All information in this letter is repeated on the Young Voices Festival website-[www.alabamayvf.org](http://www.alabamayvf.org). Clinicians bios are available for perusal and all registration forms and rehearsal CD order forms may be printed from the website as well.

***Note: Please feel free to photocopy and share this information with your colleagues.***

**Young Voices Audition**  
**Registration**  
**For JH Mixed and JH Girls**



*Postmark Deadline– January 15*

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Director's E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Director's Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Requested time and city for auditions \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of students auditioning for the JH Mixed Choir \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of students auditioning for the JH Girls' Choir \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of students auditioning: @ \$5.00 = total \$\$ enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to *ACDA Young Voices Festival*.

*No personal checks will be accepted.*

Deadline for Audition Registration is January 15th

Fill out and return the enclosed audition lists with names completed

*Mail all forms and \$\$ to: Lisa Latham 1685 Shades Pointe Drive Birmingham, AL 35244*

\*\*\*Attach a copy of current ACDA membership card \*\*\*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Director's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# AUDITION LIST JH GIRL'S CHOIR

ORGANIZATION NAME : \_\_\_\_\_ DIRECTOR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME	VOCAL PART (SI, SI/II, SII/A, A)
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*Photocopy as needed and return with audition registration*

# AUDITION LIST JH MIXED CHOIR

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STUDENT NAME	VOCAL PART (S, S2, A, T, B)
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# Young Voices Registration

*Postmark Deadline– March 15*



School \_\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone (       ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone(       ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Director's Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (       ) \_\_\_\_\_

JH Girls: (previously auditioned) total number: \_\_ Sop I \_\_ Sop I/II \_\_ Sop II/A \_\_ Alto

JH Mixed: (previously auditioned) total number: \_\_ Sop \_\_ Alto \_\_ Tenor \_\_ Bass

Girls' Children's Choir total number: \_\_ Sop I \_\_ Sop II \_\_ Alto

Boychoir total number: \_\_ Sop \_\_ Sop II \_\_ Alto

Total number of students \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 + \$40.00 school fee = \_\_\_\_\_ total enclosed

**Make school check payable to ACDA Young Voices Festival**

**Please attach list(s) of student's height and t-shirt sizes;  
Directors add your size as well!**

**Director: Attach a copy of current ACDA membership card  
if we do not have a copy from your audition**

**Mail all forms and money to:**

**Lisa Latham  
1685 Shades Pointe Drive  
Hoover, AL 35244**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Director's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**GIRLS'  
CHILDREN'S  
CHOIR**

**ORGANIZATION NAME :** \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTOR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **T-SHIRT SIZE** \_\_\_\_\_

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**BOYCHOIR**

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Please balance as evenly as possible. Also, please indicate who will be singing the different parts when and if the music divides. This will help us with the seating chart.

**RETURN THIS FORM WITH FESTIVAL REGISTRATION**

**JH GIRLS' CHOIR**

ORGANIZATION NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTOR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ T-SHIRT SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

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Please submit this form with  
YVF registration after notifi-  
cation of audition results.  
Photocopy as needed.

**JH MIXED CHOIR**

ORGANIZATION NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTOR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ T-SHIRT SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please submit this form with  
YVF registration after notifi-  
cation of audition results.  
Photocopy as needed.**

# Young Voices C.D. Order Form

**C.D.'s are available for purchase at any time, but will not be mailed until December**

Purchase order numbers and school checks will be accepted.

Make checks payable to Lisa Latham

e-mail [lisalatham@bellsouth.net](mailto:lisalatham@bellsouth.net)

1685 Shades Pointe Drive

Hoover, AL 35244

ID# 417257779

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**CD's must be purchased in sets in order to keep groups balanced;  
After ordering one complete set, additional CD's may be ordered at a discounted rate if you do not  
wish to duplicate your own copies.**

\_\_\_\_\_ JH Mixed Set- \$88.00    \_\_\_\_\_ JH Girls Set- \$88.00    \_\_\_\_\_ Girls' Children's Choir Set- \$44.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Boychoir Set- \$44.00

Please indicate additional number you wish to purchase of each:

_____ JH Mixed Soprano/SII	_____ Girls' Children's Choir Soprano/ Soprano II
_____ JH Mixed Alto	_____ Girls' Children's Choir Alto
_____ JH Mixed Tenor	_____ Boychoir Soprano/Soprano II
_____ JH Mixed Bass	_____ Boychoir Alto
_____ JH Girls Soprano I	
_____ JH Girls Soprano I/II	
_____ JH Girls Soprano II/A	
_____ JH Girls Alto	

Subtotal- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Set (s) Plus \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Individual C.D.'s @ \$18.00 each

**For shipping charges please add the following:**

1-4 C.D.'s- \$3.00

5-10 C.D.'s- \$5.00

10-15 C.D.'s- \$8.00

15 or more- \$10.00

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Purchase Order # and Amount \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail orders will ONLY be accepted with a purchase order # and  
the above personal information

## YVF Music Lists

“Come Sing With Me” -SATB- is the combined closing song.  
Please teach Children’s Choir participants the unison line at the top.

JH students WILL audition on this piece.

Please note that m.73-81 will be skipped.

All titles are available from J.W. Pepper– 1-800-345-6296

The music lists for the Young Voices Festival can be found at [www.alabamayvf.org](http://www.alabamayvf.org) under “songs.” Please refer to this list for accuracy and do not rely on festival lists from music distributor websites. While we do our best to ensure the music lists are accurate everywhere they are published, the official Young Voices website is the best source for the complete music lists each year. Thanks for your support and happy singing!