

November 2012

Dear Honor Group Student:

We are very pleased that you have been selected to participate in this year's OMEA Honor Groups. We know that this experience will remain with you as a positive and pleasant memory for many years to come.

WHAT TO BRING

Music, pencil, water bottle, between-meal snacks, personal hygiene items, sleeping bag (optional), any necessary medication, a folding music stand (band/orchestra).

WHAT TO WEAR

MS/Elementary Groups: Concert attire will consist of a uniform T-shirt (provided), to be worn with black pants or skirt, dark shoes, and dark socks. (No tennis shoes, please.)

HS Band/Orchestra: Concert Black Attire

HS Choir: Wear your concert attire from your home school.

We request that students wear comfortable, appropriate clothes during rehearsals and the course of the honor group activities. Hats may not be worn indoors. Please do not bring expensive jewelry, irreplaceable items, or clothing with inappropriate slogans.

CONCERT TICKETS

MS/Elementary Groups: The Elementary concert is free. The Middle School concert is \$10. Tickets are available at the door.

HS Band/Orchestra/Choir: Tickets to All-State concerts are \$20 onsite at conference registration. You may purchase tickets in advance through TicketsWest <http://ticketswest.rdln.com> (\$3.50 fee per ticket). Tickets will be sold for \$25 at the door. Children grade 8 and below admitted free, no ticket needed. There will be a single ticket for the three concerts held simultaneously at 4:15. One ticket will be good for any or all of them—attendees can move between concerts as desired.

RECORDINGS/PHOTOGRAPHS

Recording devices (including video) are not allowed in the concert hall. We also ask that there be no flash photographs taken during the session/concert. An official sound recording will be made of the concert, and a professional photographer will take a group photo. Families may order CDs or photographs by completing and mailing the forms enclosed with your music.

MUSIC

Your music will be sent to your music teacher the first week of December. Please keep it in good condition. Music is to be turned in immediately following your performance. Percussion parts have been highlighted as to what part you must practice. Please have your music practiced and additional fingerings marked before the first rehearsal. Always have a sharpened pencil prepared for rehearsal markings. Seating will allow you the opportunity to meet as many new people as possible. This is intended to be a friendly and non-competitive ensemble.

REHEARSAL INFORMATION

REPORT TO YOUR REHEARSAL SITE FOR REGISTRATION

(Luggage will be transported to your hotel)

HS Band: Oregon Convention Center, Oregon Ballroom (204)

Registration: Friday, Feb. 15, 10am-12

HS Orchestra: DoubleTree Hotel Lloyd Center, Ballroom

Registration: Friday, Feb. 15, 10am-12

HS Choir: Oregon Convention Center, Portland Ballroom (256)

Registration: Friday, Feb. 15 10am-12

All MS Honor Groups: Holiday Inn Portland Airport, Ballrooms A-D

Registration: Friday, Feb. 15, 12:00pm-12:45

Elementary Choir: Holiday Inn Portland Airport, Ballrooms A-D

Registration: Friday, Feb. 15, 8:30am

MEALS

All meals will be at your rehearsal site. HS Band and Choir will be eating in room A1 of the Convention Center. If you have special dietary needs, please be sure to contact your group manager.

HOUSING INFORMATION

HS Orchestra

Double Tree Lloyd Center
1000 NE Multnomah
Portland, Or 97232

All MS/Elementary Groups

Holiday Inn Portland Airport
8439 NE Columbia Blvd
Portland, Or 97220

HS Choir

Courtyard Portland
435 NE Wasco St
Portland, Or 97232

HS Band

La Quinta Portland Convention Center
431 NE Multnomah St.
Portland, Or 97232

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

OMEA Elementary Honor Chorus

Saturday, February 16
9:35-10:00 AM
Benson Tech High School Auditorium
546 NE 12th Ave,
Portland, Or 97232

OMEA MS Concert(s)

Saturday, February 16
4:30-6:30 PM
Madison HS Auditorium
2735 SE 82nd
Portland, Or 97220

OMEA/WMEA All-State Choral Concert(s)

Sunday, February 17
4:15-5:30 PM
Oregon Convention Center, Exhibit Hall A
777 NE Martin Luther King Blvd.
Portland, Or 97232

OMEA All-State Instrumental Concerts

Sunday, February 17
4:15-5:30 PM
Oregon Convention Center, Oregon Ballroom
777 NE Martin Luther King Blvd.
Portland, Or 97232

We look forward to meeting all of you in February and please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Please direct all questions to:

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