



# ELEMENTARY HONORS CHOIR

## Audition Information

The Michigan Music Education Association is thrilled to present the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Elementary Honors Choir, which will be held in March of 2017. It is open to 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students of MMEA members. This year we will feature TWO separate ensembles—a 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade choir & a 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade choir. Each group will rehearse separately, and will perform on their own at the concert. The performance will also feature one joint piece with the combined groups singing together. This year's directors will be announced soon. The audition fee is \$10, and cost of participation, if accepted, is \$50.

### The schedule is as follows:

**Day 1          Rehearsal: March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ Grand Ledge High School**  
***(820 Spring Street Grand Ledge, MI 48837)***

10am - noon Rehearse  
12-1 Break, Lunch  
1PM-3PM pm Rehearse

**Day 2          Performance: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ Grand Ledge High School**  
***(820 Spring Street Grand Ledge, MI 48837)***

10am-noon Rehearse  
Noon-1 Lunch  
1-2PM Lineup, spot check, Sound Check, break  
2:30PM Concert/Recording  
(this schedule may be adjusted slightly closer to the event)

### To apply for membership to the Elementary Honors Choir:

1. Prepare an audition recording (any method available to you). 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade students will sing "Happy Birthday" in the key of G without accompaniment. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade students will sing "America" (My Country T'Is of Thee) in the key of G without accompaniment. If students are not able to sing that song for religious or other reasons, they may sing another song of their choice with a similar range, or sing a few vocalizes. **Label each recording with the student's first & last name, grade & school.** For example, if Bobby Jones goes to East Elementary school, his audio file should be labeled "Bobby Jones Grade 5 East Elem."
2. Fill out an application form for each student (either via paper or online)
3. Send a check payable to the "Michigan Music Education Association" of \$10 for each student.
4. All items must be postmarked by **November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. Snail mail address is:  
Lisa Ebener, NW Elem. School, 3757 Lansing Avenue, Jackson, MI 49202  
Email: [mmeahonorschoir@gmail.com](mailto:mmeahonorschoir@gmail.com) Phone number: (320) 204-MMEA  
Fax: (517) 789-8467

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## Audition Criteria and Instructions:

1. Directors should recommend students who are strong in ALL of the following categories: 1) music reading skills; 2) tone quality; 3) social skills; 4) willingness to work with peers and adults; and 5) aptitude for success with long rehearsals.
2. It is imperative that students commit to both the first rehearsal date and the second rehearsal/concert date. Not attending one or the other compromises their comfort level at the concert, as well as the comfort level of those singing near them.
3. Students will receive acceptance and voice part assignment in the form of an email to their recommending teacher by **December 13<sup>th</sup>**. They must return their letter of commitment and payment of \$50 by **January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. Students will then be sent this year's music and links to the learning/listening tracks.
4. Students need to be well-prepared for the first rehearsal. All music will need to be memorized for the concert. Concert dress will be black pants or black skirt and black tights and the T-shirt (provided at the 2<sup>nd</sup> rehearsal/performance).

## Fees and what they cover:

Your \$10 audition and \$50 Honor's Choir fees pay for a T-shirt, music, food on rehearsal and concert days & concert space. It also helps pay for the Director and Accompanist stipends.



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# ELEMENTARY HONORS CHOIR APPLICATION

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

Music Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

Music Teacher Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Student:** I am applying for membership in the MMEA Elementary Honors Choir. I understand that this is a privilege and I will do my best to learn my music and contribute in a positive way during rehearsals and at the concert.

**Parent:** My child is interested in becoming a member of the MMEA Elementary Honors Choir. I will encourage my child to learn their music and represent themselves, myself and their school in the highest possible way.

**Music Teacher:** My student has demonstrated aptitude in 1) music reading skills; 2) tone quality; 3) social skills; 4) willingness to work with peers and adults; and 5) aptitude for success with long rehearsals. I will encourage him/her to learn the music, and be a positive participant at rehearsals and the concert.

## Audition Audio File format:

\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (call our dedicated Honors Choir line &, at the prompt, sing your audition):

320-204-MMEA (6632)

\_\_\_\_\_ .mp3

\_\_\_\_\_ .wav

***Can be emailed***

\_\_\_\_\_ CD .mp3

\_\_\_\_\_ CD .wav

\_\_\_\_\_ Cassette Tape

***Can be snail mailed***

Name on the Audio File (Use Child's first & last name, and school) \_\_\_\_\_

**Send to:** Lisa Ebener, NW Elem. School, 3757 Lansing Avenue, Jackson, MI 49202

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***\*\*Application deadline is November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016\*\****