

TENNESSEE ACDA
HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL FESTIVAL
2017

Dear high school directors,

I am eager to welcome you and your choir(s) to the 2017 ACDA State Choral Festival this week! Congratulations for the hard work that you and your students are doing each day! I'm proud to call Tennessee my "choral playground"!

This year's judges are Alicia Walker (University of South Carolina), Larry Wyatt (University of South Carolina) and Craig Jones (Harding Academy, Searcy, Arkansas).

Please plan to arrive at registration at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled warmup time. You will then submit 3 (three) original copies of each choral selection (with measures clearly numbered) for the judges. **Failure to fully comply will result in the lowering of the grade by one point on the 12-point scale for each piece. Use of illegally photocopied music will result in disqualification from performance and forfeiture of taped comments and plaque.**

It is imperative that students are monitored at all times as we are guests of First United Methodist Church. Please make certain that students are QUIET when traveling throughout the building or waiting in the area outside the sanctuary! We must respect performances by all choirs at the festival. We encourage you to allow your students to observe performances by other choirs, however please do not enter the sanctuary except between choirs. In addition, there should be absolutely NO FOOD whatsoever in the sanctuary!

You will receive a CD recording of your performance(s) in addition to a combination of taped and written comments by the judges and a plaque. The written comments, CD and plaque are typically available shortly after your choir performs. The taped comments will be emailed to you in an MP3 format. **Please check to make sure that your school's email server will permit an email from my email address or you may have difficulty receiving your recorded comments.**

The address for First United Methodist Church is 265 West Thompson Lane, Murfreesboro, 37129. Attached please find specific directions on where to unload and park buses.

Again, I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday and Thursday. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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