



To: Tennessee High School Choral Directors
From: Brian Russell, TNACDA State CPA Coordinator
Re: 2022 High School State Choral Performance Assessment

Greeting Colleagues,

I hope this message finds you having a good school year with your choral program. I feel blessed every day to be able to work as a choir director, and am so proud of the excellent choral programs across our state. The activities of our regional TMEA affiliate vocal associations, and organizations like ACDA have contributed significantly to my professional growth, and speaking for TNACDA Tucker Biddlecombe and all of our officers, we want to continue to enhance the choral art into the future.

The High School State Choral Performance Assessment (State CPA), formerly known as the State Choral Festival, is one way that TNACDA fosters the choral arts for our students. Last year Robert King expertly kept this event alive during COVID as a virtual-only event, and we are all indebted to him for his years of stewarding this important part of our programs' growth. During last year's virtual-only event all choirs from across Tennessee were invited participate with no pre-requisite entrance requirements.

Coming out of COVID, this year we will have a 'hybrid' set of entrance requirements; whereas in most years choirs must first receive a Superior at a qualifying regional adjudication event to become eligible for the State event, this year we want to honor that level of achievement while also making participation possible for choirs who either were not able to participate or, for many reasons we all understand, did not receive a Superior at their regional event.

With all this in mind, here is information you'll need to know about this year's State CPA:

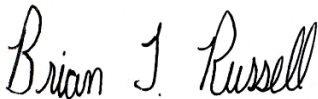
- 1) Choirs who received a Superior at their regional assessment event are guaranteed a spot at the State CPA;
- 2) The remaining spots will be filled with choirs who did not participate or did not receive a Superior at this year's regional assessment event, filled in the order in which their registration

was received. This means that **this year only your choir can register for the State CPA without first receiving a Superior at a regional event.**

- 3) New guidelines are available at TNACDA.org (along with new rubrics/scoring guidelines). Note that the guidelines don't represent this year's temporary allowance of choirs who didn't receive Superiors at regional and that the registration deadline is later this year than the guidelines would typically allow;
- 4) Choirs can register at the "High School State Choral Performance Assessment" tab of TNACDA.org;
- 5) The deadline to register is Friday, April 8, 2022. If you received a Superior at your regional event, go ahead and mail your payment or pay online (<https://tennessee-acda.square.site>). If not, you'll receive an email from me around April 11 confirming your choirs have been scheduled, after which you can mail a check or pay online.
- 6) The fee for each choir is \$178. Payment may be made with credit card on our web site (or at <https://tennessee-acda.square.site>), or send checks, made to "Tennessee ACDA" mailed c/o Brian Russell, Stewarts Creek High School, 301 Red Hawk Pkwy, Smyrna, TN 37167.
- 7) Schedule for the events will be posted by April 13;
- 8) Please email me at brian.russell@tnmea.org with any questions!

Once again, we have sites across our three regions to make the event more accessible and cost effective for participants, moving the same panel of judges to each site to assure a consistent standard statewide. Objective critiques are the lifeblood of improvement, both for directors, and ultimately for the benefit of our students. The grades are secondary. Receiving suggestions for how we can continually improve is the real objective. Also the prestige of singing at the State event can provide an additional motivation for choristers. We hope you will seriously consider taking part.

All the best,



Brian Russell, D. Mus. A.

Choral Director

Stewarts Creek High School

TNACDA State CPA Coordinator



High School Choral Adjudication **State Festival**

DATES/LOCATIONS

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 • Calvary Episcopal Church • Memphis

Thursday, April 21, 2022 • First United Methodist Church • Murfreesboro

Friday, April 22, 2022 • Church Street United Methodist Church • Knoxville

ADJUDICATORS



Dr. Cliff Ganus
Harding University (retired)



Dr. Gary Packwood
Mississippi State University



Dr. Debra Spurgeon
University of Mississippi (retired)

REGISTRATION

\$178 per choir • Registration opens March 1, 2022 • Info at TnACDA.org