



FALL 2011

Dear Choral Director,

I am writing you to invite a quartet or an octet of your outstanding high school singers to participate in the Eastern Illinois University *Honor Choir Festival Singers* for all schools located in IMEA District V (IMEA is not a sponsor of this event, nor is it involved in any way). This event will take place on Thursday, February 9 and Sunday, February 12, 2012. The Honor Choir will perform Sunday afternoon as part of Eastern's *Songs of Love Concert* in the new Doudna Fine Arts Center (<http://www.eiu.edu/doudna/>). In addition to the Honor Choir preparing their selections, they will also have the opportunity to perform with the Eastern Illinois University Concert Choir accompanied by members of the EIU faculty and the Eastern Symphony Orchestra.

Each school may send a mixed quartet (SATB), octet (SSAATTBB) or one treble quartet (SSAA) to participate. If your school is not able to send a full quartet or octet, fewer singers may apply and they will be formed into quartets by our staff. The success of this event depends in part on each director's willingness to spend time preparing the music with the students. The singers must be prepared musically in order to participate in the Honors Choir rehearsals and performance.

Students who are interested in auditioning for EIU Music Department may do so during specific times during the Festival. For more information regarding auditions and music scholarships visit our website at: [http://www.eiu.edu/~music/admissions\\_undergraduate\\_and\\_transfer.php](http://www.eiu.edu/~music/admissions_undergraduate_and_transfer.php)

We hope that you will encourage your best singers to take part in this unique music making opportunity. If you have any questions pertaining to the Honor Choir please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me personally. You can also use our website if you want to forward to students: [http://www.eiu.edu/~music/news\\_events\\_honor\\_choir\\_letter.php](http://www.eiu.edu/~music/news_events_honor_choir_letter.php)

Sincerely,

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## **Instructional Staff**

All full rehearsals will be under the direction of Dr. Richard R. Rossi, Director of Orchestral and Choral Activities. Sectionals, vocal coachings will be led by EIU music faculty and graduate students *including*:

- Jerry Daniels, Voice Faculty & Chair of Music Dept.: [http://www.eiu.edu/~music/people\\_faculty\\_daniels\\_jerry.php](http://www.eiu.edu/~music/people_faculty_daniels_jerry.php)
- Marilyn Coles, Voice Faculty & Division Director: [http://www.eiu.edu/~music/people\\_faculty\\_coles\\_marilyn.php](http://www.eiu.edu/~music/people_faculty_coles_marilyn.php)
- Janet McCumber, University Mixed Chorus & MTO: <http://eiu.edu/music/personnel.php?id=jmmccumber>

### **Working Schedule (subject to change)**

#### **Thursday, February 9, 2012**

5:00 - 6:30 pm	Check-in and Registration (lobby: Doudna Fine Arts Building)
6:30 - 7:30 pm	First Full Rehearsal (Choral Rehearsal Room)
7:30 – 7:45 pm	Break
7:45 – 8:30 pm	Sectionals
8:30 - 9:30 pm	Full Rehearsal

#### **Sunday, February 12, 2012**

Noon – 1:00 pm	Sectionals
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Full Rehearsal in Dvorak Concert Hall
2:00 – 2:15 pm	Break
2:15 – 3:15 pm	Full Rehearsal in Dvorak Concert Hall
3:15 – 3:45	Break and time to get dressed for concert (snack provided by SAI)
3:45	Line up in Choral rehearsal room (in concert attire)
4:00 pm	Concert Performance

### **Application and Cost**

There is a \$25.00 non-refundable application fee per student. The application fee must be included with the application form and returned by January 15, 2012. Due to popular demand, we encourage you to send in your application form and check ASAP. ***Make check payable to: Eastern Illinois University.*** Please make a copy for your files.

### **Meals**

Meals are the responsibility of the individual director, school chaperone and/or parent(s). EIU has several on-campus restaurants including Chick-Fil-A, Connie's Pizza, and Subway.

### **Music**

Music will be provided for each student.

## **Rehearsal & Concert Attire**

Attire for the rehearsals will be casual school clothes. For the concert please have the singers wear your choir's formal concert attire (robes, coat & tie, nice dress, etc.) There will be sufficient time before the performance to change.