

NEW YORK/AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION 1st ANNUAL MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR CHOIR

Saturday, August 9 & Sunday, August 10, 2009

- **CONDUCTOR:** NY/ACDA is honored to have acclaimed composer/arranger, conductor, and middle school vocal/general teacher, **Dr. Lon Beery** as the guest conductor of the 1st annual Middle School Honor Choir. A highly successful composer and arranger of middle school choral music, his composition, "I Believe" was performed by the United States Army Chorus at President Reagan's internment service in California. Dr. Beery teaches at Spry Middle School in Webster, NY and was previously on faculty at Syracuse University where he also served as chair of the music education department. In addition, Dr. Beery taught choral composition and arranging at the Eastman School of Music. Most recently, Dr. Beery was a recipient of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra's 2009 **RPO Musicians' Awards for Outstanding Music Educators**.
- **REHEARSALS:** All rehearsals and the concert will be held on the University of Albany campus and the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Albany, New York as part of the New York State Summer Music Conference.
- The **tentative** schedule for Saturday, August 9, 2009 includes:
 - 11:30 - 1:00 Registration (Lunch before on your own.)
 - 1:00 - 5:00 Rehearsal (There will be a snack break.)

The **tentative** schedule for Sunday, August 10, 2009 includes:

- 8:30 - 9:45 Rehearsal
- 9:45 - 10:00 Break
- 10:00-11:00 Open rehearsal (conference attendees and parents are welcome to attend)
- 11:00 - 12:00 Lunch on your own
- 12:00 - 1:00 Concert

REQUIREMENTS:

Recommending teachers must be active members of either NY/ACDA or NYSSMA.

We are looking for your finest singers who:

- are current 7th or 8th Graders in your choral program.
- can easily match pitch with a pleasant tone.
- can handle singing challenging music in multiple voicings and languages.
- display the discipline and interest to do well in a structured rehearsal situation.
- love to sing!

DEADLINE: TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009 POSTMARK

Please send the attached **application form** with your non-refundable application fee to the address below. **ACDA Members:** \$15 per recommended singer.

NYSSMA members who are not members of ACDA: \$20 per recommended singer.

Please send **no** cash. Checks may be made out to NY/ACDA.

Notification of acceptance will be sent out by June 1, 2009 or shortly thereafter. It is our hope to have the singers registered and music distributed to participating teachers as soon as possible. Housing information in Albany as well as information regarding participation fee (\$125.00), expectations and procedures will be forthcoming.

- **CONTACT:** Please send completed application forms and fees to:

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