



ALL-COUNTY CHOIR INFO

**2025
DIRECTOR
INFORMATION**
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TCSS ALL-COUNTY CHORAL FESTIVAL

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Who? Each high school and middle school director in the TCSS will select students to participate in the TCSS All-County Choral Festival. Twenty students from each school will be accepted at first; however, we may be able to accommodate additional students as registrations are received and the total number of students in each choir is calculated. If some schools do not use all of their available seats, they will be made available to other schools on a first come, first serve basis.

Clinicians:

- High School – Carlton Copeland from Troy University
- Middle School – Andrew Mills from Florence Middle School

What? Students will learn their music prior to the festival, then join with other choir students from the TCSS and rehearse during the two-day festival with the clinician. The students will present a free, public concert that evening that will feature both a middle school and high school mass choir. The high school and middle school choirs will join together to present a combined piece at the end of the concert.

Repertoire:

- MS #1 - Yonder Come Day – Podd, SAB
- MS #2 - Bonse Aba – Johnson, 3 part mixed
- MS #3 - Everlasting Melody – Dilworth, 3 part mixed
- HS #1 – Domini Fili Unigenite – Vivaldi/Liebergen, SATB
- HS #2 – I am a Possibility – Von Kampen, SATB
- HS #3 – All Too Soon – Hatfield, SATB
- HS #4 – You Can't Step Twice (into the Same River!) – Tate, SATB
- Combined MS/HS – I Sing Because I'm Happy – Dilworth, SATB (Middle school boys may choose to sing tenor or bass on this piece, whichever fits their vocal range best.)

When? The festival will be held on Monday and Tuesday, January 13-14, 2025. The tentative festival schedule is attached at the end of this document.

Where? The festival will be held at Calvary Baptist Church and The University of Alabama in the Moody Music Building.

How Much?

Each participating student should pay \$40 to his/her director. Shared festival costs (concert programs, t-shirts, clinician/accompanist fees, facility fee, etc.) will be paid by the central office. Other costs (meals, bus drivers, bus mileage, subs) will be paid by each local school. At the conclusion of the festival, the total amount for all shared costs will be divided between the participating schools (on a per student basis), and each school will be sent an invoice to pay their fair share from the fees (\$40 per student) they collected.

What does the student get for \$40?

- Music packet and practice tracks (mp3 files)
- T-shirt
- Travel to the festival
- Two snack breaks during the festival

How do I select students?

- Option A - Give a student information packet and corresponding forms to every eligible student, then take students first come, first served as they return forms. (For example, a high school would take the first 5 sopranos, first 5 altos, first 5 tenors, and first 5 basses.)
- Option B – Give a student information packet and corresponding forms to students you select and give them a week to return forms and money. Once a week has passed, open to other eligible students.
- Please only register balanced groups. For example, a middle school cannot send 14 sopranos, 4 altos, and 2 guys. The sections of each choir need to be balanced.
- Please only register students who will represent your school and program well. Do not bring students with behavior issues or students who struggle in your classes. It is imperative that All-County is successful as it is one of our best ways to gain support for choral music in our school system.

What else do I need to do?

- Collect a TCSS All-County Acknowledgement Form and Field Trip Permission Form from each student (hold the forms at your local school, use them to register your students for the festival, then bring them to the festival).
- Collect, receipt, and deposit student fees to your local school choir account.
- Using the link below, register each student for the TCSS All-County Choir by the deadline of **Friday, October 18, 2024.**
- Distribute music and rehearsal tracks to participating students. Use the PDF copies for now. After everyone has registered, we will send you a packet with the hard copy of the music.
- Perform regular check-ins with your students to ensure they are using the rehearsal tracks to learn the music and **TEACH THE MUSIC** as necessary.
- If needed, schedule a bus driver for your school for the two days of the festival. (Some schools may be able to share – Northside Middle and High, Sipsey Valley Middle and High, Hillcrest Middle and High with Duncanville, etc.)
- If needed, arrange a local school paid substitute to cover the students you leave behind.
- Arrange chaperones, a nurse or medically trained teacher/para-educator, etc. to attend the festival with you, as needed.

Helpful Links

- [Click here](#) for the High School Music Packet
- [Click here](#) for the Middle School Music Packet
- [Click here](#) for the Rehearsal Tracks
- [Click here](#) for Student Acknowledgement Form and Field Trip Form
- [Click here](#) to register your students

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Festival Day 1 **Monday, January 13**

1:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Registration at Calvary Baptist
2:00 – 2:45 p.m.	Rehearsal 1 at Calvary Baptist High School in Choir Room Middle School in Sanctuary
2:45 – 3:30 p.m.	Snack for Middle School (eat with your voice part? Play GTKY game?) Director-led section rehearsals for High School if needed
3:30 – 4:15 p.m.	Snack for High School (eat with your voice part? Play GTKY game?) Director-led section rehearsals for Middle School if needed
4:15 – 5:45 p.m.	Rehearsal 2 at Calvary Baptist High School in Choir Room (finish early to walk over and join MS) Middle School in Sanctuary
5:45 – 6:00 p.m.	HS join MS to run combined closer with coordinator Parent pick-up at Calvary OR bus back to your school and parents can pick up there

Festival Day 2 **Tuesday, January 14**

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Rehearsal 3 at Calvary Baptist High School in Choir Room Middle School in Sanctuary
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Rehearsal 4 at Calvary Baptist High School in Choir Room Middle School in Sanctuary
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Lunch break with your school Schools will divide up and go to different areas of town for lunch Time for photos with your own school
2:00 – 2:15 p.m.	Combined Riser placement in the Moody Concert Hall (15 mins)
2:15 – 2:45 p.m.	Combined rehearsal of closer (including instrumentalists, if needed)

HIGH SCHOOL AFTERNOON

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Rehearsal 5 at Moody Choral Opera (potentially add instrumentalists)
4:00 – 4:15 p.m.	Break
4:15 – 4:30 p.m.	Riser Placement on Stage and find seating
4:30 – 5:15 p.m.	Dress Rehearsal on Stage (includes instrumentalists and a group photo of the high school choir)
5:15 – 5:45 p.m.	Snack break/get dressed for concert
5:45 p.m.	Seated in concert hall

MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTERNOON

3:00 – 3:15 p.m.	Middle School riser placement and assign Concert Hall seating
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	MS Dress Rehearsal in Concert Hall (includes time with instrumentalists and a group photo of the middle school choir)
4:15 – 4:45 p.m.	Snack Break/get dressed for concert
4:45 – 5:45 p.m.	Rehearsal 5 (includes final details for concert) in Choral Opera Room
5:55 p.m.	Line up backstage to take the stage from both sides
6:00 p.m.	Concert