



# Mission Viejo High School

## Choral Music Program

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1 March 2018

Dear Parents of the MVHS Chamber Singers:

As I'm sure you know, the Mission Viejo High School Chamber Singers have been invited to perform in the LA Master Chorale High School Choir Festival on May 18, at the Walt Disney Concert Hall. This is a great honor and an amazing opportunity – not only to be invited by such a renowned organization, but also to sing in the incomparable Disney Concert Hall. Please join me in congratulating this wonderful group of incredibly talented students.

This festival is what the LA Master Chorale (LAMC) has come to call a "Big Sing" – meaning choral students from all over Southern California will come together to sing several selections under the direction of both Grant Gershon (LAMC Conductor) and this year's Guest Conductor, Dr. Edith Copley of Northern Arizona University. Both of these conductors are renowned pedagogues in the choral world, and we are truly blessed with this opportunity. Because we are preparing music to sing in a mass-choir setting, there will be a MANDATORY Area Rehearsal. The LAMC has offered two options for participating singers to attend (see dates and locations below) and work with Grant Gershon, but **ALL SINGERS MUST** attend ONE of these rehearsals.

#### AREA REHEARSAL DATES AND LOCATIONS:

Saturday, April 21, 9:00am-12:00pm – Chandler Pavilion, Stern Grand Hall

**\*\*Saturday, April 28, 9:00-12:00pm – El Monte High School, 3048 Tyler Ave, El Monte, CA 91731**

After coordinating with Mrs. Harris and the musical schedule, we have agreed and committed to participating in the April 28th rehearsal at El Monte High School ensuring we return to MVHS in time to not affect the musical. If anyone has a conflict with April 28 outside of the musical, you must attend the rehearsal on April 21, or **you will not be permitted to sing on May 18.**

I completely understand that everyone has a lot of commitments this time of year and although this I strongly encouraged everyone to participate in this once in a lifetime opportunity, it is not required as part of your grade in Chamber. Should you not be able to make either of the mandatory rehearsals or the performance day itself due to other commitments, please let me know by Monday, March 5 so that I may communicate the proper choir numbers represented from MVHS for this amazing event.

In regards to transportation for this rehearsal, **I NEED HELP!!!** I need parents to help drive students up to El Monte on Saturday, April 28. We simply cannot afford to pay for a bus on a Saturday. When we get back from Spring Break, I will have a detailed itinerary for the day, but PLEASE let me know A) if you can help with transportation this day, and B) how many students you can fit in your car. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!!

Please complete the attached Student Participation Agreement and Release. This must be turned in by Monday, March 5.

Sincerely,

Sarah Norris  
Director of Choral Music