

Virginia Elementary Music Educators Association 12th Annual All Virginia Elementary Chorus – 2017

Saturday, April 1, 2017

Western Branch High School ~ Chesapeake, Virginia

Dr. Martha Springstead, guest conductor

Approximately 200 outstanding Virginia singers will experience the joy of making music together. Participants will be selected by their general music teacher. Students will work with a master conductor, learn a varied repertoire of quality choral literature, and increase their knowledge of vocal skills. Each elementary music teacher must be a current member of NAFME/VMEA by December 1, 2016 in order to participate.

Teachers may select students according to the number of students enrolled in the highest grade at their school (limited to grades 4, 5, and 6 students with unchanged voices).

- ♪ Schools with 1-150 students in their highest grade may select up to 4 participants.
- ♪ Schools with 150-250 students in their highest grade may select up to 6 participants.
- ♪ Schools with 250 or more students in their highest grade may select up to 8 participants.

Participation will be limited to the first 200 students whose music teachers submit a completed Intent Form and pay the registration fee. VEMEA requires a registration fee of \$30.00 for each participating student AND a \$40.00 fee for each participating school. Please submit only ONE check or money order per school, made payable to VEMEA. Purchase orders cannot be accepted. In the event that more than 200 students register, any Intent Forms and payments that are received in excess will be returned to the school.

The registration fee includes the cost of instruction during the rehearsal, participation in the concert, sheet music, lunch, certificate, name tag, and t-shirt. The registration fee also includes event overhead such as auditorium rental, guest conductor/accompanist fees, printing and mailing costs, etc. Lunch for participating students and teachers will be provided on the day of the concert. All participating students and teachers will receive a t-shirt the day of the concert, which will be worn during the concert. Music packets will be mailed directly to each school from The Musical Source in January.

Each individual student/family will be responsible for lodging near the concert venue if necessary. The list of nearby hotels will be e-mailed and will be available on the VEMEA website closer to the concert date.

Intent forms and payments should be postmarked by Thursday, December 15, 2016. Checks should be made payable to VEMEA. Mail your payment and the enclosed Intent Form to: Jason Kriner; c/o Clara Byrd Baker Elementary School; 3131 Ironbound Road; Williamsburg, VA 23185.

When your intent form AND payment have been received you will get a confirmation e-mail from Jason Kriner, (Jason.kriner@wjccschools.org). In January 2017, you will be required to complete an on-line registration form, to provide the names of your students and more details about your students (full name, height, t- shirt size, lunch choice, etc.). Directions for on-line registration will be e-mailed to you at the address you provide on the intent form.

VEMEA All Virginia Elementary Chorus Goals

1. To provide elementary school students with:
 - ♪ An exciting, quality choral experience with other students from Virginia
 - ♪ An opportunity to share vocal artistry and grow as musicians
 - ♪ An opportunity to work with a guest clinician
 - ♪ An opportunity to sing quality children's choral repertoire
2. To provide an opportunity for elementary music educators to set a higher standard of vocal excellence in Virginia's schools.

Proposed Rehearsal and Performance Schedule

Schedule is subject to change at discretion of AVEC staff and guest conductor.

8:30 AM	Students & Teachers arrive and check-in
9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon	Rehearsal
12:00 Noon – 1:15 PM	Lunch in shifts (divided by voice parts)
1:15 PM -3:45 PM	Rehearsal
3:45 PM – 4:30 PM	Concert Hall open to public; Students backstage to prepare for concert
4:30 PM	Concert

The concert uniform will be black pants/skirts and the All Virginia Elementary Chorus t-shirt, which will be distributed on the day of the concert. The uniform policy will be e-mailed to registered teachers in January 2017.

The concert will be professionally recorded and DVD's will be available for order.

The music teacher or school-approved chaperone must be present at all times during the rehearsal and concert. Teachers are required to follow their school division policy for field trips in regards to permission slips, emergency contact data and medication.

Students who participate in the VEMEA All Virginia Elementary Chorus will achieve a unique honor for themselves and their schools. VEMEA is committed to setting new standards of excellence for general music and elementary vocal music education in the public and private schools of Virginia. This exciting, high quality choral experience will be fulfilling for you and your students. We look forward to working with you and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

All Virginia Elementary Chorus Staff

AVEC Coordinator	Jason Kriner	Email: jason.kriner@wjccschools.org cell: 757-303-7000
Guest Conductor	Dr. Martha Springstead	
Guest Accompanist	Mary Letson	
VEMEA President	Marie Weber	

Dr. Martha Springstead is a graduate of Mount Union College, where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Music education. She has taught in Morocco and Ohio, in addition to her 32-year career in Virginia Beach. Dr. Springstead received her Master's Degree in Music Education from Shenandoah University in 1999, and her Doctor of Musical Arts in Music Education in 2008. She was named Teacher of the Year 2002 for Larkspur Middle School, a Distinguished Teacher at Landstown High School in 2012 and has three times been included in "Who's Who Among American Teachers". Dr. Springstead has served as accompanist and guest conductor for All-City and district choral events, and has also been an adjudicator for district and all-state choral events. She is the Director of Choral Music at Landstown High School, where her choirs have consistently received superior ratings at District Festivals and competitions.

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INTENT FORM

(Please print legibly)

Section 1 – School Information

Name of School: _____

Music Teacher's Name: _____ NAFME ID#: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

List your school district name: _____

School Phone Number: (_____) _____ School Fax Number: (_____) _____

Music Teacher's school e-mail address: _____

VMEA District (Visit www.vemea.com if unsure): _____

Section 2 – School Endorsement

Highest grade level at school (circle one) 4th 5th 6th Enrollment of highest grade level: _____

The following signature indicates approval for the above named teacher to select students to participate in the All Virginia Elementary Chorus.

Principal's Name: _____

Principal's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Section 3 To be signed by the school music teacher

By signing below, I am intending to bring a group of students to participate in the 2017 All Virginia Elementary Chorus held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 in Chesapeake, VA. I understand that I or a school-approved chaperone will remain in the rehearsal area with my students at all times. I understand that if registration exceeds 200 students, my school may not be able to participate and my registration fee will be returned to my school.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

