



Division of Music

To: High School Vocal Directors
Re: OSSAA State 1A, 2A, and 3A Choral Contest
State Vocal Contest
April 19-20, 2012

PLEASE READ IMMEDIATELY!

We are pleased to once again welcome the State Choral/Vocal Contest to Oklahoma Baptist University. We hope you will find the venue to be to your liking and hope your time on campus and in Shawnee is pleasant and productive.

This packet of information contains several pieces of information regarding the contest. Please look through the materials and let me know if you have questions regarding them.

As you know, OSSAA has implemented a user-friendly web site to handle most of the scheduling. Please direct your questions about those issues to OSSAA. In addition, if you have questions about rules and regulations please contact Mike Plunkett at the OSSAA office. Of course, if you have questions about the venue, we are here to help.

For information purposes, please use the following as contact people and numbers:

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The contest begins at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 19 in the Raley Chapel on the OBU campus. Most choral, ensemble, and solo adjudication will take place in this building; some adjudication will take place in the Geiger Center next to the Chapel. In addition, warm-up rooms are available in Ford Music Hall; in addition, Potter Auditorium, the large 1,800-seat auditorium on the first floor, will be available to all concerned as a “hang-out” area. The contest will conclude by 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 20.

Please make sure that you double check which DAY you are scheduled to be here. We may not be able to accommodate teachers arriving with students on the wrong day.

I have included a map and information about bus and automobile parking. I have also included a list of Shawnee-area restaurants for your use. If you wish, students may utilize the Student Center (directly east of the chapel) which contains a snack bar and bookstore.

Please come prepared for several things:

- No food and drinks (other than water in closed containers) are allowed in the Chapel. This is an on-going policy, not just for this event.
- There are only limited rooms for changing clothes.
- Warm-up rooms are available in Ford Music Hall, it is a 3-minute walk across campus. There are 25 practice rooms in Ford Music Hall (#6 on map).
- The hallways in the Chapel will be very crowded. Please help us by encouraging students to stay in the large auditorium upstairs unless they are actually performing or on their way to perform.
- Please encourage students to go into adjudication rooms only if they are performing or about to perform. Some solo adjudication rooms are small and we cannot allow students to follow friends in just to listen.
- If you are performing in the Geiger Center (#14 on campus map) or Sarkeys (# 13), you will not be able to warm up in the hallways or empty rooms of the Geiger Center; you will need to plan to do this either in Ford Music Hall, outside of the building, or in Potter Auditorium in Raley Chapel.
- You are not allowed to warm up in the foyers or entrances of Raley Chapel, as this disrupts judging taking place downstairs. Please be sensitive to this as you will want this consideration for your students also.

Registration will also be held in Raley Chapel - signs will help lead you to this area. For the sake of congestion please do not allow students to come to the registration area. The registration area will also be the location for scores and awards distribution. We will post scores as quickly as possible in a location where students can access it.

We hope your visit and participation in this event on our campus is a pleasant experience. Please let me know if you have questions. See you in Shawnee soon!

Sincerely,

James Vernon
OBU Division of Music
Site Manager for 2012 State Choral/Vocal Contest