

To: VOCAL DIRECTORS

**From: Patty Nelson, Site Coordinator
2023 State Vocal Contests**

Date: Spring 2023

RE: Welcome to the 2023 State Vocal Contests!

We are glad you are here for the 2023 State Vocal Contests. This is our 15th year to host these events and look forward to serving you.

Home Base for the contest is Raley Chapel, the tallest structure in Shawnee on the highest piece of land in this part of the county. It is hard to miss it!

The contest phone number will be 405-585-4300 in case you have an emergency during the contests.

A separate Bus Parking memo is on this website for you. If you are driving a car or van, please park anywhere you can find in the lots behind the Chapel or on MacArthur Street. If you are in a bus, we ask that you drop off students on the west side of the Chapel – note the signs we will have in place to help you with this. It is requested by our Campus Police that you not park in the lot next to the Chapel (Noble Complex lot) but to proceed to the lot next to the Wellness Center – the Noble Complex lot is for commuter parking. Please alert your bus driver to this situation.

One of the most important things to note is to make sure when your choir / solos / ensembles are performing – specifically, what day they are to be performing. Please note the top of the OSSAA website page to make sure what day you are accessing when looking up your performance information. DO NOT assume you are coming on the day you requested, please double-check that!

Remember:

State Choral Contest: March 30-31

State Vocal Solo/Ensemble Contest: April 20-21.

Some logistics:

- ◆ **Clothes Changing Rooms for Students** - there are 8 restrooms in the Chapel available for students. Please remind them not to leave items in these rooms.
- ◆ **Potter Auditorium** - this is the large auditorium upstairs. This is the designated “hang-out” area. If your student(s) is (are) not performing or getting ready to perform, please have them wait in this area. Also, please have them stay off the stage - there are 1,800 seats in the auditorium for their use.

- ◆ **No food or drinks** are allowed in the building. We will allow students to carry water bottles with lids. Students can go outside to eat and drink, or walk to the Student Center (directly east of the Chapel) to purchase refreshments. The no food/drink policy is an on-going policy for this building year-round, not just for this event. Please help us keep our building in good condition.
- ◆ **Warm-up** space is limited. If your students need practice space, Ford Hall (across campus) is available with 20 practice rooms. Your map should note the location of this building, or you can ask any monitor or faculty member. Please tell your students they should not warm-up in hallways due to the noise level in the building.
- ◆ **Music Students and Faculty** are serving as monitors and helpers in the registration area. Please find one of these people if you need assistance. They will be wearing name tags identifying them as OBU Division of Music faculty and students.
- ◆ **Awards** will be given out the Drawing Room. This is at the front of Potter Auditorium on the east side of the building right next to what was the music office. It is now the Missions office. The music office is now downstairs on the same hall at Raley 142 (the warm up room for the choir contest) Please check the website to make sure you receive the correct awards. This helps prevent confusion later if there are questions about the awards. Also, please help us with traffic flow by keeping students from this area.
- ◆ **Solo/Ensemble/Choir** adjudication sheets will be returned to you in your packet as soon as those sheets are tabulated, and awards can be processed. Please remind your solo students to write the name on the adjudication form they wish to have on any certificate issued.
- ◆ **Scores** will not be posted; however, a link to the OSSAA website with up-to-date scores will be available through a QR code.
- ◆ **Choir Performances** - please abide by the OSSAA rules regarding time in warm-up room and in sight-singing. Monitors will time your warm-up time and let you know when your time is up. Please move quickly out of that area when time is called. A monitor will ask you information about your choir and the works you will be performing for announcing purposes. Please be sure to provide them with any pertinent information you feel is necessary. Copies of musical scores should be turned over at registration time, and it will be returned to you when you pick up scores and awards.
- ◆ **Downstairs** in Raley Chapel will be very crowded. Please attempt to keep your students in the Auditorium upstairs or out of the building when they have leisure time. The Geiger Center has a snack bar, game room, and soft drink machines - directly east of the Chapel. We will only allow the student, their accompanist, and their teacher in solo adjudication rooms and only the ensemble, their accompanist, and their teacher in ensemble adjudication rooms. In addition, please help the monitors keep the noise level

down in the hallways, especially the hallway outside of the Sight-Singing area. We appreciate your help with this type of crowd control.

- ◆ **Phone/Fax/Computer** - if you have need of some type of communication services while you are here, please don't hesitate to ask.
- ◆ **Multiple Venues** – all choirs will be in Raley Chapel. SOME solo and ensembles will be in multiple buildings this year, including our student center (the Geiger Center) and Ford Hall (across campus). We will have signs available to point you to those places.
- ◆ **Copying Music** – per OSSAA contest rules, you may not use copied music unless you have written permission of the publisher. We cannot copy music per copyright regulations – please make sure you have your music with you when you leave!
- ◆ **Scheduling** – Mr. Alex Claussen is doing the scheduling. If you have changes to make with scheduling, it is best you contact him through the OSSAA website portal.
- ◆ **Please!** Make sure when you look at the schedule that you note the **DAY** you are supposed to come. We usually have one or two groups that come the wrong day, and it creates a very chaotic situation for us to attempt to fit everyone in. We have, in the past, not been able to accommodate this because of the tight schedule with which we are working. Please come on the right day!
- ◆ **Food for you and your students** – OBU does have a Chick-fil-a on campus, as well as a snack bar and other services. These services often get very busy during the 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. time frame, and with the addition of approximately 1,500 high school students it will be a busy place. If you wish your students to eat in the on-campus cafeteria, that must be prearranged with Patty Nelson no less than 2 weeks before each contest. After that, we ask that your students do not eat in the cafeteria. There are a multitude of food opportunities across the street and down Kickapoo Street toward I-40 that can accommodate your needs.