

SOUTH JERSEY CHORAL DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION

November 6, 2018

Dear Elementary School Music Teacher,

We hope you are enjoying this school year with much success and enthusiasm!

While in the midst of all your dedicated fall preparation, now is the time for thinking about participation in the 36th Annual SJCDA Elementary Choral Festival conducted by this year's guest conductor, Jim Papoulis, featuring the world premiere of our commissioned piece, "Only I".

The festival will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at Investors Bank Performing Arts Center at Washington Township High School in Sewell, NJ. Check-in begins at 9:00 am with the rehearsal running all day, followed by the concert at 4:00 pm.

If you wish to participate, you must return the **participation form** with **full payment** by **December 8, 2018** along with a **copy of your current NAFME card** and **the information form**. This will ensure that your students will be included in this musical performance. Music packets will be mailed *after January 1st* and will include a link to the website for audio files of the voice parts, conductor notes, (also included on the website), and picture order forms. The director's packet as well as the student packets will be \$25.00 this year. Please be reminded that the director's packet is **not an optional purchase**. The student packets **will not be sent** unless money is included to purchase the director's packet.

All students must be in grades 4, 5, or 6 to participate with a **6-student** representative (**three sopranos, three altos**) maximum per school. Due to space restrictions, all schools will be accepted in the order in which the applications (**WITH** full payment) are received. Participation in the festival is limited to a first-come, first-served basis, and we expect availability to fill very quickly. Students **MUST** attend the entire rehearsal start to finish with their teacher or a NAFME proxy in order to participate. All students that participate will be given a complimentary recording of the performance. Additional recordings will also be available for order.

In addition, please select your most musical students to ensure the highest quality concert possible. The festival is a long day with limited rehearsal time. Much of the students' success depends on their musical ability, in addition to your assistance in learning and reviewing the music with them. Students will be expected to arrive prepared to sing their parts and be attentive to the conductor's artistic expression and interpretation of all music.

Concert attire is as follows: white top, black bottoms, black socks (boys)/ black or flesh-colored stockings (girls), black shoes (include flats, boots, dress shoes). Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding the festival at any time. We anticipate another very successful festival for our elementary singers.

Sincerely yours in music,

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2018-2019 SJCDA Elementary Chorus Participation Form & Invoice

Director name: _____

Preferred email: _____

Cell phone number: _____

School name: _____

School address: _____

\$25.00 per student music packet X () number of students: \$ _____

Teacher music packet - *not optional* _____ **\$25.00**

TOTAL _____ **\$**

- Send:**
1. This form
 2. Check for total amount due payable to **SJCDA**
 3. Copy of NAFME card

To: Patty Allen, *Elementary Festival Manager*
79 Union Street
Salem, NJ 08079

Deadline: December 8, 2018