



ST. LOUIS METRO DISTRICT EIGHT  
**MISSOURI MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION**  
*Affiliated with the Music Educators National Conference*  
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Dear Colleagues,

Time to start thinking about those students you feel are ready for a chance to participate in the 20<sup>th</sup> annual **Metro District 8 Middle School-Junior High Honor Choir**. This choir of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will have the opportunity to perform on the same program with the High School District Honor Choir on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Below you will find detailed information about this year's event. If you've never participated before, this is a great time to give it a try. If you're a regular, welcome back!

**Fall 2010 Honor Choir dates:**

- **1<sup>st</sup> Rehearsal** – Saturday, October 29, 2011: **10 AM - Noon, Gateway Middle School**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Rehearsal** – Monday, November 7, 2011: **5:30 PM – 7:30 PM, DeSmet Jesuit High School**
- **Rehearsal/Performance** – Saturday, November 12, 2011: **8:15am-5:15pm (4:00pm performance), TBA.**

**Attendance at ALL rehearsals is required for all singers – Please read the attached policy**

**Clinician**

Our clinician this year is Mr. Greg Gilpin. Greg is a well-known, ASCAP award-winning choral composer and arranger with hundreds of publications to his credit. He is also in demand as a conductor for choral festivals, all-district and all-state choirs and is a member of MENC and ACDA. As Director of Educational Choral Publications for Shawnee Press, Inc., Greg oversees creation of the educational music products for this distinguished publisher. He has been commissioned to write a piece for our ensemble, which will premiere the piece at our November concert.

**Nomination Form**

Nominations will be completed on our website this year. Please go to [www.stlmetrodistrict8.org](http://www.stlmetrodistrict8.org). Only teachers should complete the nomination form. You will receive an e-mail from me listing your nominations after you have entered them to verify your entries. Please **nominate from 3 up to 12 seventh and eighth grade students, in SAB trios**. This will help us assure balanced parts. Students are chosen on the recommendation of the instructor, so it is critical to the whole group's success that we nominate our most capable students in each voicing. Since numbers will be determined by response and school size, **a nomination cannot automatically guarantee membership in the honor choir**. Enter your students so the **strongest singers in each voicing appear first on the list** (enter them first). I will get back to you on which students have been accepted once the submission deadline has passed.

**Requirements/needs**

- **balanced trios - SAB voicing** – of students who **can hold a part!** There will be at least one song requiring tenors and basses, so please indicate which part better suits your men on the form.
- students committed to mastering their music and attending all 3 rehearsals and performance!
- **teacher section leaders/accompanists** for first two rehearsals
- teacher chaperones at all rehearsals/performance

**Cost**

- registration is **\$10.00** per student. Please use the **Payment Invoice Form** (also found on the website) to make and send your payments to Ken Lederle (payments will not be accepted at rehearsals). Please make checks payable to **"St. Louis Metro District 8"**.

Please complete the online registration form by **Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**. PLEASE feel free to call or e-mail at any time with questions or suggestions. I will do my best to give you an official notice of students accepted by Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

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All forms and other information (including maps) will be available at [www.stlmetrodistrict8.org](http://www.stlmetrodistrict8.org). Please continue to look there for updated information.