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Dear Colleague:

As you plan your events for the coming year, we would like to remind you and your students of the unique festival on the Iowa State University campus: the ISU HONOR CHOIR. Now in its 18th year, this event, to be held February 11-12, 2018 is designed to honor the top high school music students in the region and has been sanctioned by the Iowa Music Educators Association. The full details of the Festival are provided in the neighboring files.

Membership in the Honor Choir will be selected through live auditions, administered by Dr. James Rodde, Iowa State's Director of Choral Activities. All interested high school music students, grades 10-12, are invited to audition at one of the audition sites listed in the information packet. If travel prohibits being at one of the sites, a video audition process is in place. For details on this process, simply contact me.

The audition fee for the festival will be \$10.00, and must accompany the audition registration form. Participating students must make their own housing arrangements. Evening meals and music packets, however, will be furnished by Iowa State University, as a gesture to honor these students. This festival is an excellent opportunity for your students to experience the musical challenges offered by being part of a highly select group of young musicians in the region. Honor Choir members also have the opportunity to hear five ISU choral ensembles in performance.

To reserve audition times for your students, please return the attached registration form by Monday, October 9 to:

HONOR CHOIR
2427 UNION DRIVE
MUSIC HALL
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
AMES, IA 50011-2180

An exact audition schedule will be emailed to each participating director by Monday, October 16. Please post this material and encourage your students to audition. We are very interested in meeting them, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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