

NMEA All-STATE 2014

WHAT?

The NMEA (Nebraska Music Educators' Association) is a statewide honor choir held in conjunction with the NMEA state convention Nov. 19-21. Through a highly competitive process, approximately 400 high school singers from across the state are selected to work with a world-renowned conductor for several days before the culminating performance held at the Lied Center.

WHY?

Through preparation, rehearsal, auditions, selection, conference rehearsal, and conference performance provide an intense and challenging opportunity to sing varied, quality literature with talented and dedicated students from across the state. Bonus: Connections, FUN!, Musical Growth, FUN, Personal Challenge, FUN!, Letter Points, FUN! Scholarship application material.....did we mention FUN!

WHERE? WHEN?

- Registration: Deadline is Sept. 10
- Prep Rehearsals: LSE Choir room after school on designated days.
- Record Audition: Fri. Oct. 10 during class time.
- Conference: UNL campus Nov. 19-21, 2014
- Performance: Lied Center - Nov. 21, 2014

HOW?

This is a biggie. Read carefully. Your director will guide you through this process!

1. **BUY YOUR MUSIC:** through Deitze music in Lincoln or www.jwpepper.com. Ask for the NMEA All State packet. Cost is generally around \$15.

2. **READ THROUGH THE MUSIC:** This is important as you must decide the vocal part on which you want to audition. Check ranges carefully! See your director if you need help deciding.

3. **REGISTER** through “Acceptd” website. This must be done by the student as there is a \$25 registration fee that must be paid by credit card. However, make sure you check with your director prior to registering for detailed instructions. You will need to upload your school ID photo as part of the registration.

4. PURCHASE REHEARSAL DOWNLOADS:

Go to www.nmeanebraska.org to purchase and download the rehearsal tracks for your specific voice. Cost is \$14.

5. PRACTICE! PRACTICE! PRACTICE!

Now that you have the music and rehearsal downloads, it is very important to start practicing on your own **DAILY!** This is challenging music that will require time and effort on your part. School rehearsals will be scheduled. However, the purpose of these rehearsals is to answer questions and put everything together. It is NOT the time to learn notes and rhythms. This must be done by you, the singer, on your own!

6. AUDITION

Audition excerpts chosen for the auditions will be posted to teachers on the morning of Fri. Oct. 10. Audition recordings will be made during school. Each singer is allowed ONE TAKE for their audition. Please come well-rested, prepared, and dressed up.

7. WAIT

Audition results usually take about 10 days to be posted on a teacher-only website. Results will be posted on the choir room door.

8. RESULTS

If selected, you can feel very proud of your hard work and accomplishment. It can be difficult if you are not selected. Please take a moment to consider how much you have learned and grown during the process. Whatever the outcome, we are always SO PROUD OF EVERY STUDENT WHO AUDITIONS!

9. CONFERENCE

The Conference is Nov. 19-21 at the UNL campus. You will need to miss school for these days. Lincoln students do not stay on campus but rather commute each day. All rehearsals are mandatory.

10. PERFORMANCE

The final concert will take place at the Lied Center. You will need to wear a Southeast black/gold choir robe. Sing with pride! You earned it!

