



2016 CMEA California State Choral Festival

**Friday, April 1, 2016 ~ Meng Hall, CSUF
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The California Music Educators Association is proud to present its inaugural California State Choral Festival, to be held in Meng Hall, California State University at Fullerton, on Friday, April 1, 2016. This adjudicated event is open to the finest middle school, junior high and high school choirs from throughout the state.

DATE AND LOCATION

The California State Choral Festival will be held on Friday, **April 1, 2016** in Meng Hall, located on the campus of CSU Fullerton in Fullerton, California. Junior High/Middle School ensembles will perform during the morning and high school ensembles in the afternoon.

CLASSIFICATION OF CHORAL GROUPS

Depending on the number of entries, high school ensembles will be divided into two classifications based upon school enrollment for this academic school year. CMEA will strive to balance each class and reserves the right to consolidate classes as the need arises. The classifications are as follows:

California State Choral Festival Classification

(based on your school enrollment for 2015 - 2016)

- Junior High / Middle - Open (no minimum or maximum)
- Class A 1-1000 students
- Class AA 1001- above students

Please note: High school enrollment (size) must be certified by your school principal through his/her signature on the application form.

PREREQUISITES

Participating groups must have received a Superior or Unanimous Superior rating (if more than one adjudicator) at a CMEA sanctioned festival during Spring Semester 2015. CMEA sanctioned festivals include festivals hosted by CMEA Sections and also the Southern California Vocal Association (SCVA). Only participating choirs who received "Unanimous Superiors" (a Superior rating from all adjudicators at the qualifying festival) are eligible to apply. Participating directors must be members in good standing of CMEA at both the time of application and festival performance. A CD recording of your ensemble performing two contrasting selections (no more than **10 minutes of music**) must be submitted along with your paper application by January 15, 2016. Copies of the written Festival Adjudications indicating the Superior ratings must also be included with application.

PARTICIPANT FEE

The participant fee for 2016 is (\$300) and is due immediately upon notification of acceptance but no later than February 15, 2016. No refunds will be given after March 1, 2016. Please make all checks payable to "CMEA".



FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE ADJUDICATION

Each ensemble participating in the California State Choral Festival will receive written and recorded comments from a panel of three (3) prominent adjudicators. You must provide three original scores for each piece your ensemble will perform. If you fail to provide original scores, your ensemble will receive comments only, no rating. This is a noncompetitive festival with only ratings given to each ensemble. Only Superior (Gold), Excellent (Silver), and Good (Bronze) ratings will be utilized at the sole discretion of the adjudication panel. Final ratings of gold, silver, and bronze level will be posted at the festival.

PERFORMANCE TIME LIMITS

All performances on stage are limited to fifteen (15) minutes of total clock time. Time begins with the first note of your program and includes breaks between musical selections. At the end of 15 minutes you will be asked to leave the stage, regardless of where you are in your performance.

AWARDS/HONORS

Receiving a "Superior" Rating at the California State Choral Festival is the crowning achievement for ensembles in the state of California. Only the finest ensembles will receive this coveted rating and only at the discretion of the adjudication panel. Each group will receive a special California State Festival plaque to commemorate their success and the experience of performing. Individual students may purchase their own medals (Gold, Silver, or Bronze) on the day of the festival.