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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Drew Lewis

One thing you should know about me is that I love trilogies. Give me the original *Star Wars* Trilogy, *Lord of the Rings*, or a good book trilogy and I'll be happy. In my vinyl collection I even have a record by Frank Sinatra, called *Trilogy*. The themes of the 3 - record set are the *Past*, *Present*, and *Future*. As I write to you all this month, I would like to use those themes as a springboard.

PAST – Let's Face the Music and Dance

First, this has been a weird year to start my tenure as your SCVA president, but it is one that has been inspiring and fulfilling in so many ways. We have spent many months on this board trying to face the music and dance through the online/hybrid world of choral education in 2020-2021 while providing meaningful events and opportunities for you and your students. As we approach the one-year mark of the school shutdowns, this has probably been more of an emotional roller coaster ride than any prior year of teaching. However, I remain hopeful that lessons I've learned will improve my teaching in the future, just as I hope the same for you.

PRESENT – Just the Way You Are

Currently, SCVA is continuing to offer our monthly SCVA Happy Hours on the second Thursday of each month from 5-6 PM for you to connect with other members just the way you are. I would like to personally invite directors who are NOT doing virtual choirs on March 11th so we can encourage and share each other ways we are trying to engage students in hybrid/online learning beyond remote performances. Also, please look through the information in this newsletter and our website to learn more about the upcoming vocal jazz, show choir, and other choral festivals coming in the final few months of this semester.

FUTURE – The Future

The hope of a vaccine and an eventual return to in-person school for all of us, (hopefully by the fall at the latest!) has turned my gaze to the future. I am excited for the new SCVA president's advisory council, comprised of community members, that has begun to meet and discuss how SCVA can create a more diverse, equitable and inclusive future. And I am also thrilled we have created a new scholarship opportunity for aspiring choral educators. Our Future Choral Educator scholarship is a needs-based scholarship of \$1000 for any student who shows exceptional promise and achievement in the field of music and will be majoring in music education or vocal performance in college in the fall of 2021. Please encourage any high school seniors who wish to go into the field of choral music education to apply by the May 1st deadline. More information and links to sign up are on our website! Finally, for any choral music educators who will be retiring this year, we want to honor you! On June 10th at 5:00 PM, we will spend our final SCVA Happy Hour of the 2020-2021 year celebrating our retiring members. Please reach out to me at drewlewis1977@gmail.com to let me know if you are planning to retire this spring or know of someone who is retiring.

I am thankful for all of you in the SCVA community. Stay strong and continue to take care of yourself, your family, and your students!

SCVA Vocal Solo Competition/ Small Ensemble Festival

Erika Jackson VP

Hello everyone, Round 1 is behind us and results for our finalists will be posted this month. We are excited for all of them and are so thankful to all who participated. As we move forward, I wanted to remind everyone about Round 2. It will be a virtual round as well due to state and local restrictions. It will be held in a live zoom concert event. We will view each pre-recorded final submission together, with awards being given at the end. Links to the Finals Concert will be emailed out to finalists and will be available to members via the Website and email soon.

Dates:

1. Results for finalists announced March 6th, 2021
2. Submission Deadline for Finals Round May 1, 2021
3. Spring Live Zoom Concert Event on May 8th, 2021

Form for Finals submissions will be available on SCVA Vocal Solo page. All information can be found on the Website but if you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

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Registration Now Open for Virtual Festival Clinic Session #2		
*Virtual choral festival exchange with a clinician *Comments only, no ratings or scoring *Each group receives a participation plaque *Ensembles grouped by Classification *Non-performing choirs may register to observe the clinic as virtual audience members!		
Registration Details		Ensemble Guidelines
Session 2 Saturday, April 24, 2021 Registration Deadline: April 14 <i>register at: scvachoral.org</i>		*Only one choir from one school can participate in each flight. *Ensembles will submit virtual videos/recordings ahead of time (limit 5-7 minutes). *Song selections should reflect festival repertoire standards however SCVA recognizes the limitations of virtual performance and preparation. *Consider quality of product and repertoire over level of difficulty.
Flight Times 9:00-10:30 am 10:45 am-12:15 pm 1:00-2:30 pm 2:45-4:15 pm		
Registration Session Levels (each Flight Time will have a session at each level) MS Level III and II MS Level I/HS Level III HS Level II and I		
Observing Choirs Limited availability at all sessions and flights.		
Cost Per Ensemble	Objectives	Questions?
*Participating Choirs: \$55 *Observing Choirs: \$20	*Choral Community Outreach *Encouragement/Support *Student Connections *Motivation *Clinician Focus: Recorded product, process, and repertoire	nancy.ludwig6@gmail.com kwalton@riversideunified.org scva.vpfestadj@gmail.com



SCVA SHOW CHOIR SPECTACULAR 2021

Sarah Anders, VP-Show Choir



The **SCVA Show Choir Spectacular 2021** is coming soon! Because of the virtual format of this event, directors will submit pre-recorded and edited audio/visual projects rather than live performances. In the spirit of showing off talent, dedication, and hard work in this challenging time of distance learning, we have eliminated rankings and placements and, instead, will offer adjudicator feedback and caption awards galore! (Think “best” awards... choreography, costumes, facial expressions, editing!)

The dates for this event will be May 28-29, 2021! (Times TBA)

REGISTRATION:

Because of the very different nature of this competition season and the combined efforts of Burroughs HS, Oceanside HS, and Hart HS coordinating along with SCVA, registration for this event can be done online at www.showchoir.org. Here you will have the opportunity to register for the entire show choir series or the SCVA Show Choir Spectacular individually. Registration for the series as a whole is \$500 (for four events) or \$200 per choir for the SCVA event alone. I encourage you to participate in as many as possible, if not all! Registration will close on March 15, 2021 and all payments must be postmarked by March 19, 2021 to secure your place on the schedule.

We hope to see you this year on May 28-29, 2021 for what promises to be a truly SPECTACULAR event! :)

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IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

2021

Virtual Vocal Jazz Application Deadline	March 1
Vocal Solo Competition Finalist and Results Posted	March 6
Virtual Vocal Jazz & Contemporary A Cappella Festival	March 12 & 13
Show Choir Spectacular Registration Closes	March 15
Virtual Choir Festival Clinic	April 24
<i>Online Registration Opens</i>	<i>March 1</i>
Show Choir Spectacular Registration Closes	March 15
Virtual Jr. High/Middle School Honor Choir Performance	May 1
Vocal Solo Competition Finalists Round	May 8
Show Choir Spectacular	May 28 – 29
SCVA Virtual Happy Hour – Honoring our Retirees	June 10

Please follow our social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) for updates on upcoming events that will be finalized prior to our next newsletter publication.