A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Drew Lewis

A couple weeks ago I experienced a heartwarming “first” in my sixth year of teaching at my school. The bell rang for lunch and my intermediate Treble Choir insisted that we had to finish singing the song we were working on before they left. This was in the middle of the omicron surge, and something in my students’ attitude reminded me of the line in Frank Tichelli’s Earth Song which says “But music and singing have been my refuge.” This has not been an easy year (or almost three years!) to be a teacher or a student, but I have certainly seen a change in my students’ reaction to their music classes. After so much time online, my students are so grateful to be making music together in person. And I am grateful to work with them in person as well. Our performances so far this year may not have been the most polished, but I must say they have been some of the most special performances in all of my career after all we’ve been through.

As we continue to deal with the challenges of COVID-19 and look to a future with no more “surges” or mitigation strategies needed in our schools, I continue to hold on to hope. While I know that so many of us are understandably still in survival mode, I do believe we have brighter days ahead as the Spring arrives. I also believe that SCVA can be a resource to help our programs at whatever stage we are experiencing. We are headed into an exciting festival season this March through May. It is exciting because our Festival Team has worked hard to put together IN PERSON Concert Festivals throughout Southern California for the first time since 2019! Our Vocal Jazz/Gospel/A Cappella Festival on March 24th will also be the first in person festival of its kind since 2018! In May we also have our Show Choir Spectacular and Close Harmony Festivals returning in person as well, and we are co-sponsoring the first ever Elementary Choir Workshop and Concert. There are many wonderful opportunities to help you and your students grow this Spring and I encourage you to get involved however you can!

Sometimes we need something other than student events to keep us going. We need inspiration and a chance to decompress (and also commiserate!) I had a wonderful time connecting with colleagues at the recent CASMEC Conference in Fresno, and I am looking forward to seeing many more of you at the ACDA Western Division Conference in Long Beach. Come by our SCVA booth in the exhibit hall to say hello and pick up some swag. Please tell your colleagues who are not SCVA members to stop by the booth as well – first time members will receive a free membership if they register at the conference. We will also be hosting a reception for SCVA members that weekend so be on the lookout for information!

Finally, in order to get our programs to where they can thrive at the best level they can, it is important that we have the funding arts and music education needs in the state. Check out the website https://voteartsandminds.org for information on how you can help get the California Arts Initiative on the ballot so we see an increase in funding for arts and music education programs in California public schools to help our programs in the future.

Keep up the amazing work you are all doing, and let us know how we can help support you.
MIDDLE SCHOOL/9TH GRADE HONOR CHOIR

Marcelo Martínez Marroquín

Thank you so much to everyone who trained, encouraged, and/or transported students to audition, hosted, adjudicated, or was in any way involved with the auditions over three different weekends. Our Middle School/9th Grade Honor Choir is 79 student this year. Sign-ups to help with the rehearsal and the concert will be going out soon.

It will doubtlessly be a stellar event with our Conductor, Dr. Josh Palkki, who has put together a great program. The concert will also feature a CSULB choir as the opening act. Hope to see many of you there.
Vocal Solo
COMPETITION
&
SMALL ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL

Important Dates:
February 25, 2022 - Audition Application & Round 1 Submission Deadline
March 4, 2022 - Results for Finalists Announced
May 7, 2022 - Final Submission Deadline
May 21, 2022 - Spring Live Finals Round @MVHS PAC

Judges: Clarissa Shan & Charlie Kim
For more info: Visit www.scvachoral.org
Questions: ejackson@mvusd.net

We Look Forward To Hearing your Submissions Soon!!
SCVA

VOCAL JAZZ, GOSPEL & CONTEMPORARY A CAPPELLA FESTIVAL

ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT!
REGISTER ON WWW.SCVACHORAL.ORG/JAZZ_FESTIVAL.PHP
DEadLINE MARCH 11TH

THURSDAY • MARCH 24 • SAUGUS HS
CLINICIANS MARTY AUSTIN LAMAR & RAHCEL ST. MARSEILLE
CONCERT WITH HONEY WHISKEY TRIO
SCVA SHOW CHOIR SPECTACULAR 2022
Sarah Anders, VP-Show Choir

SCVA SHOW CHOIR SPECTACULAR!

Come one, Come All!
There is still time to register for the Show Choir competition!

WHEN: Saturday May 7, 2022
WHERE: Hart High School Auditorium, Santa Clarita CA
WHAT: SCVA Show Choir Spectacular
WHO: Anyone and Everyone who has a choir that sings and dances

Divisions will include:
- Middle School Treble & Mixed
- High School Novice Treble & Mixed
- High School Intermediate Treble & Mixed
- High School Advanced Treble, Bass Voices, and Mixed

You can access the registration form by going to www.scvachoral.org.
Click on the link for Show Choir Competition and pay either by pay-pal or mail a school check to:

SCVA Show Choir Competition
Attn: Sarah Anders
18034 Ventura Blvd. #480
Encino, CA 91316

We encourage groups to attend regardless of the ability or experience of the group.

Our judges have years of experience and always give positive suggestions for improvement.

Trophies will be awarded to the top scoring groups in each division along with plaques for outstanding achievements in both Showmanship and Musicianship.

Questions? Email Sarah Anders: scvashowchoir@gmail.com
San Diego Kids All Sing Workshop and Concert is a unique opportunity for children to come together and sing with guest clinician Melva Morrison. Children will spend the day learning, practicing and preparing songs and enjoying the company of other singers from the San Diego region, culminating in a concert showcase. This event is open to all children in grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 (ages 8 through 12). No audition needed.

Melva Morrison is an accomplished pianist and choral director. She graduated from Point Loma College with a double major in Piano Performance and Music Education. Melva holds a Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting from Cal-State Fullerton where she was student director of University Singers.

She recently retired from a career of thirty-six years as a public school choral teacher, associate director and accompanist for the Inland Master Chorale and choir director at Ontario First Church of the Nazarene. Melva is in demand as a clinician, conductor (children's choir through adult), and accompanist.

She is grateful for the Lord's blessings in life and happy to be serving as a collaborative artist at PLNU.
CLOSE HARMONY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY MAY 14, 2022

• PERFORMANCE AND COACHING FROM SIGNATURE QUARTET
• A FULL DAY OF HARMONY YOU WON’T WANT TO MISS!

TO REGISTER, VISIT SCVACHORAL.ORG OR SCAN THIS QR CODE

Deadline to Register is April 1, 2022

Email antonerodich87@gmail.com for more information
## 2022 Important Dates & Deadlines

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