

January 4, 2012

Dear Colleagues:

We hope you have had a wonderful holiday break and are looking forward to a successful spring semester! The Arkansas Intercollegiate Choir (AIC) is quickly taking shape. We are pleased to announce that our clinician is Dr. Matthew Ferrell, Director of Choral Activities at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota. Dr. Ferrell's experience includes collegiate, professional, church, and secondary choral conducting. He is excited about this event and will provide an outstanding experience for the collegiate students of Arkansas. Not only is Matthew an outstanding musician, he is also a pleasant person who is fun and easy to work with and an excellent rehearsal technician.

In selecting literature, we asked Dr. Ferrell to keep in mind our limited preparation time and music cost. Based on this, Matthew selected the following literature.

Vigilate (Byrd)	Way over in Beulah Land (Stacey Gibbs)
Dies irea from <i>Requiem</i> (Mozart)	In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting (Jonah Kliever)
Afternoon on a Hill (Eric Barnum)	

We have had a great response so far, and there is still room for more participants. We hope that every collegiate choral program in Arkansas will be represented at the first AIC. This will be a rewarding and educational experience for our students. If you have not yet responded, please email either Ryan Fox or Keith Hearnberger (our email addresses are below) with the number of students you are sending. Here is a summary of the AIC details:

- Thursday, February 16 12:00p.m. Registration  
1:00p.m. – 5:00p.m. Rehearsal
- Friday, February 17 9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. Rehearsal  
12:00p.m. – 1:00p.m. Lunch  
1:45p.m. – 2:15p.m. Concert (Call time TBA)
- Each college may send a balanced quartet (SATB) or octet (SSAATTBB), chosen by you.
- Participation fee—\$15.00/student; covers registration and music costs
- Each college is responsible for their own transportation, meals, lodging etc.
- Registration deadline is February 1, 2012.

Each participant should learn his or her music prior to February 16, as the clinician is expecting to begin polishing at the first rehearsal. Arkansas ACDA is providing the music. Once you have committed to a definite number of students, we will mail you a music packet. If you have not already done so, we hope you will give serious consideration to participating in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Choir. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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