

NORTH CAROLINA ELEMENTARY HONORS CHORUS 2021 INFORMATION

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AUDITION PIECE 2021



Tecum principium from “Dixit Dominus”

By Antonio Vivaldi
Arr. by Henry Leck
Soprano, m. 21–32
(accomp will start at m. 17)

<https://www.jwpepper.com/Tecum-Principium/10842546.item#/submit>

AUDITION GUIDELINES

- 4 students per school
- If you teach at more than one school, make a separate Festival Scores entry for each school.
- K-5 schools may audition 4th and 5th graders.
- K-6 & K-8 schools may audition 4th, 5th, and 6th graders.
- There is \$12.00 fee per student to cover the cost of adjudicators and use of the “Festival Scores” audition program.



RECORDING INFO

- Rehearsal tracks are available on the NCMEA website.
- The unaltered accompaniment track is to be used for the audition.
- Teachers may NOT play the students pitches when making the recording for the audition.
- Make sure each student voice is heard over the recording track.
- Do not alter the recording in any way.
- Do not use effects on the track such as extra reverb.
- Students should NOT say their name, school name or teacher's name.
- Double check to make sure there is no teacher voice or hiss in the background.



CAUTION!

When guidelines are not followed it becomes difficult for the judges to equitably make decisions on the students' ability to perform.



The Honors Chorus Committee often has to make the difficult decision to disqualify an audition when tracks appear to be sound edited, have key or tempo changes, contain additional voices in the background, or have special effects such as reverb.

Please help out the judges, the committee, and YOUR students by adhering to the recording information provided on the previous slide and REVIEWING your audio clip for any inadvertent problems before you submit.

DEADLINE

Auditions uploaded to
[Festival Scores](#)

AND

Elementary Honors Chorus
Application Google Form completed
online

AND

One printed email confirmation
form mailed per school with your
audition fee of \$12.00 per student

by

Wednesday, September 15, 2021.
(No exceptions)



Send school check or
money order and
paper form to:

Tonya Allison
NCEHC Treasurer
3616 Price Rd
Hamptonville NC 27020

CAUTION!

Certified mail will NOT be accepted!

Late envelopes will be returned to sender so please adhere to the given deadline.

We have a new treasurer. Please make sure that checks are sent to the new address, not the old one!



HOW TO SUBMIT AUDITIONS

Go to Festival Scores

- <http://system.festivalscores.com/directors/>
- Event Tag is TBA
- Audition Event is 2021 NCEHC Auditions

If you have not used Festival Scores before:

- You will set up a new account. It will send you a link to create a new password.
- Then update your profile and include your NAFME #.
- Add your school info.



HOW TO SUBMIT AUDITIONS

- Add each student's info: Name, T-shirt Size and indicate 2nd or 3rd Year Participant.
 - Please enter a t-shirt for size for every student even though they have not yet been selected. This allows the committee to get to work immediately once auditions are completed.
- Under the Tab Audition Event, click Activate New Event
- Enter the Event Tag: TBA
- To upload each mp3 file: click on the Entries Tab: click manage entries
- Select School
- Select Student
- Click Assign Student: Soprano
- You will see the mp3 upload files button



SCORING



Students are scored by a blind audition process. Each student entered into “Festival Scores” is assigned a number. Their names, schools or teachers are not visible to adjudicators. Judges only have the assigned numbers when judging each recording.

Judges use a rubric based on a 5 point scale, with 5 being the highest score. Auditions are judged based on the following 5 categories for a total of 25 possible points.

Tone Quality

Rhythmic Accuracy

Musicality/interpretation

Pitch Accuracy/Intonation

Diction (Vowel Purity, Consonant Clarity)

Scores are not returned to you until after the event.

WHAT NEXT?

- Each teacher will be notified by email announcing the selection of students for the 2021 NC Elementary Honors Chorus.
- The Elementary Honors Chorus Website page will be your friend: Deadlines, Procedures, Repertoire, Practice Recordings, Fees and Conference information will be on the NCMEA Honors Chorus webpage after students have been selected.



WHAT NEXT?



- The 2021 Honors Chorus music and invoice will be sent to your school. There are four selections.
- One selection is a commissioned piece that you will receive via pdf and will not be billed.
- You will receive an email that will tell you what part your student(s) will be singing.
- The audition piece will NOT be one of the four pieces we are performing.
- The cost of the music is separate from the fee to participate. You are responsible for paying the bill directly.

WHAT NEXT?



- Practice recordings will be uploaded on the Honors Chorus web page after students have been selected.
- Please give your students access to these recordings but only use it as a tool to help learn the selections.
- You will need to practice with your students as well.
- After Honors Chorus participants are selected, teachers will need to send one check per school (\$35.00 for each student) to Tonya Allison. This fee includes the Honors Chorus T-shirt.

WHAT NEXT?

- Book a hotel room **AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE!**
- Hotels such as Embassy Suites and Marriott on Cherry Street offer reduced rates for Honors Chorus participants. Rooms go fast. First come, first served. Each school is responsible for booking their own hotel accommodations.



WHAT NEXT?

- Begin thinking about meeting points for your parents and students. Parents will not be allowed into the rehearsal rooms at any time to facilitate social distancing, so you will need to pick a meet-up spot to pick up your students from their parents and take them back after rehearsals. If you are a new teacher and don't know the area well feel free to reach out to us for suggestions!



NEED HELP?

Check the website first:

[NC Elementary Honors Chorus](#)

Check the links on the right for more pages.

Then contact:

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