

NORTH CAROLINA ELEMENTARY HONORS CHORUS 2022 INFORMATION

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AUDITION PIECE 2022



Ombra Mai Fu

By George Frideric Handel
Arr. by Henry Leck

<https://www.jwpepper.com/Ombra-Mai-Fu/10038313.item#.Ymx4evPMLPY>


Audition section: Measures 13-30

AUDITION GUIDELINES

- 6 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 a \$15.00 fee per student to cover the cost of adjudicators and use of the Festival Scores audition program.



RECORDING INFO

- Rehearsal tracks will be 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.
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- 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.

Be sure to REVIEW your audio clip and check for any inadvertent problems before you submit the audition to Festival Scores.

DEADLINE:

Thursday, September 15, 2022

(No exceptions)



- ✓ Upload Auditions to [Festival Scores](#)

AND

- ✓ Complete the online Elementary Honors Chorus Application Google Form

AND

- ✓ Mail printed email confirmation form (one per school) with your audition fee of \$15.00 per student to:

Tonya Allison
NCEHC Treasurer
3616 Price Rd
Hamptonville NC 27020

CAUTION!

- Certified mail will NOT be accepted!
- Envelopes must be postmarked by the September 15, 2022 due date.
- Late envelopes will be returned to sender.
- We have a new treasurer. Please make sure that checks are sent to the new address, not the old one!

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HOW TO SUBMIT AUDITIONS

Go to Festival Scores

- <http://system.festivalscores.com/directors/>
- Event Tag: (TBA)
- Audition Event is 2022 NCEHC Auditions

If you have not used Festival Scores before:

- Set up a new account, following link to create a new password
- Create your profile and include your NAFME #
- Add your school information



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 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. Judges see only the assigned number when assessing each recording. Student, school, or teachers' names are not visible to adjudicators.

Auditions are judged using a 5 category rubric, with a 10 point scale for each category (with 10 being the highest score for a total of 50 possible points.)

- Tone Quality
- Pitch Accuracy/Intonation
- Rhythmic Accuracy
- Diction (Vowel Purity, Consonant Clarity)
- Musicality/interpretation

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 2022 NC Elementary Honors Chorus.
- After participant notification, teachers will need to send one check per school (\$40.00 per accepted student) to Tonya Allison. This fee includes the Honors Chorus T-shirt.
- 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 2022 Honors Chorus sheet music will include seven song selections. The audition piece will NOT be one of the seven pieces we are performing.
- The cost of the sheet music is separate from the fee to participate. You are responsible for paying the bill directly.
- Six of the pieces will be sent to you from J.W. Pepper.
- The seventh selection is the commissioned piece from the 2021 Elementary Honors Chorus. A link to purchase and download the music will be sent to you.

WHAT NEXT?



- You will receive a separate email telling you what part your student(s) will be singing.
- Practice recordings for each voice part will be available to assist you and your students to learn the selections.
- Please give your students access to these recordings but only use them as a tool to help learn the selections.
- You will need to practice with your students as well to ensure that your singers fully know the music.
- All songs must be memorized.

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 on a first come, first served basis. Rooms go fast!
- Each school is responsible for booking their own hotel accommodations.

NEED HELP?



- Check the website first: [NC Elementary Honors Chorus](#)
- Check the links on the right for more pages.
- Then contact MaryAnn Foltz, Chair at ncelemhonorschorus@gmail.com

