

**HIGH SCHOOL
~ CIRCLE THE STATE WITH SONG ~
INFORMATION**

PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY

Deadline for CSWS Festival Registrations and CSWS Financial Scholarship Applications
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2020



2020 IMEA CIRCLE THE STATE WITH SONG FESTIVALS

WHAT: **Indiana Music Education Association-sponsored High School Choral Festivals at 4 Sites around the state.** Each site will invite a high school clinician to work with students in grades 9-12. **For 2020 only, this will move to a virtual performance of one piece.**

HOW: Music Teachers will register students online at <http://circlethestate.imeamusic.org/>.
****Registration deadline is Friday, October 30, 2020.**
Private studio teachers & teachers of community choirs may sponsor students only if the student's school does not participate in Circle the State With Song. Under these circumstances, the conductor or private teacher would be responsible for preparing the student and supervising the student at the festival. The name of the school where the student is currently enrolled **MUST** be identified during the registration process.

Balanced SATB voicing is a MUST! Registrations **MAY** be rejected if balanced voicings are not submitted. **BEFORE YOU REGISTER STUDENTS**, contact your site coordinator if you can only send SA voicings or are planning on sending unbalanced voicings.

STUDENTS MUST:

1. Sing on pitch consistently.
2. Maintain musical part independently.
3. Spend extra time to LEARN and MEMORIZE MUSIC BEFORE THE FESTIVAL.

WHERE: This year, the CSWS performance will be held virtually and there will be no 'festival' where students meet with a clinician to work on the repertoire.

Teachers will record each individual student singing along with the provided track. Recordings must be submitted by Wednesday, December 9, 2020. IMEA will then work with a digital recording company that will compile all recordings into one virtual choir. This performance will be released at the IMEA Professional Development Conference in January 2021.

WHY: IMEA designed CIRCLE THE STATE WITH SONG to provide the extraordinary singers of Indiana with an exciting choral experience. Students have the opportunity to work with leading clinicians while preparing quality choral literature. By joining other motivated singers from their area, they present an outstanding program. Music teachers also have the chance to observe clinicians and share vocal pedagogy with their colleagues. Each Circle the State with Song festival is certain to be a day of exceptional musical growth for both students and teachers.

Mission Statement

The Indiana Music Education Association's Mission is to support and advance music education in Indiana by representing the united interest of music educators and students and by providing professional leadership and service in music education to enhance the arts in the schools.

Objectives

In 1989 the Indiana Music Education Association initiated and sponsored a children's choral festival called "Circle the State with Song" for elementary and middle school students in grades four through eight. In 2018, IMEA expanded Circle the State With Song to include high school students.

These statewide festivals were organized for the following purposes:

- To provide students with an exciting and quality choral performance with other students from their area
- To provide an opportunity for music honor students who are ready for more challenging music to work with guest choral clinicians
- To provide music teachers an opportunity to observe and learn from the clinician working with the students, plus to share and discuss vocal pedagogy with other teachers
- To sing quality choral repertoire
- To provide a source of income for IMEA in its goal to support quality music education for all students in Indiana.

Opportunities for Growth

IMEA views Circle the State with Song (CSWS) as an integral part of our projects and is proactive in its support of CSWS. We encourage elementary, middle school, and high school music educators from all schools across the state to be involved. State Chairs and Area Coordinators will make every reasonable attempt to expand the number of schools participating in each area.

History

The Circle the State with Song choral festival began as a program for elementary students from grades 4, 5, and 6. The festivals were held at seven different sites throughout Indiana during the month of February, 1989. In 1991 the Indiana Music Educators Association expanded CSWS to include junior high/middle school students from grades 6-9. Circle the State With Song was expanded once again in 2018 to include high school students in grades 9-12 at three sites and then again in 2019 to include a fourth site. An additional outgrowth of the CSWS festival is the IMEA All-State Children's Honor Choir, which began in 1992; the IMEA All-State Middle School Honor Choir was added a few years later. Each of the Honor Choirs is a select group of approximately 150 singers chosen by audition and teacher's recommendation.

After two days of rehearsal, the Honor Choirs are featured guest performers at the Indiana Music Education Association State Conference in Ft. Wayne. In 1992, the IMEA All-State Children's Honor Choir was selected to perform at the MENC National In-Service Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

General Information

Each of the 13 sites that host Circle the State with Song festivals included both elementary and junior high/middle school choirs. High School CSWS Song takes place at 4 locations – North – IU South Bend, North – IU Kokomo, Central, and South. Participation in the festivals has grown each year, with more than 4,000 students annually taking part in CSWS.

An outgrowth of the CSWS festivals is the commitment of IMEA to further the cause of good choral music. IMEA has commissioned a piece of choral music for CSWS festival choirs bi-annually since 1995.

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY
AND NOTE DEADLINES

Included in this document are instructions about how to participate in the **2020 IMEA High School CSWS Festivals**

SEND YOUR PRINTED CSWS REGISTRATION FORM & PAYMENT
VIA USPS DIRECTLY TO THE IMEA OFFICE

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1. Music – to be bought, taught, and memorized by individual schools; a guide track will be provided on the CSWS website - <http://circlethestate.imeamusic.org/>.
2. Specific information about how and where to upload each student's recording for the virtual choir will be posted on the CSWS website in mid-October.
2. Registration Fee – \$20.00-**non-refundable**; financial aid scholarships are available (download form on CSWS site). Fee includes a professional recording of the virtual choir.
3. If a public school does not participate in CSWS, students may be sponsored by a civic or community choir or a private studio. (The private teacher or conductor would be responsible for preparing and chaperoning students.)
4. Entries should include the registration form and one school check for all entries to be made out to: Indiana Music Education Association for the full amount.

High School Site Coordinators are posted on the CSWS website at
<https://circlethestate.imeamusic.org/site-information2>

***CSWS Area festival registrations: Register online at**
<https://circlethestate.imeamusic.org/csws-registration2>

Online registration ends **Friday, October 30, 2020**

Mail payment & printout of CSWS registration form to:
IMEA Executive Office, PO Box 30558, Indianapolis, IN 46230.

Financial Aid/Scholarship forms: Teachers should submit forms to their CSWS High School site Coordinator no later than **Friday, October 30, 2020.*
CSWS scholarship forms are available on the website.

High School CSWS Areas



Designates county of festival location
(not applicable for 2020 festivals)

North – IU South Bend

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North – IU Kokomo

Autumn Smith: asmith@western.k12.in.us

Central – Indianapolis

Leigh Anderson: leigh.anderson@mvcsc.k12.in.us

South - Jasper

Ryan Knight: knightrt@mvcschool.org

Repertoire for the 2020 IMEA High School

Circle the State With Song Festivals.

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