

**HIGH SCHOOL
~ CSWS ALL REGION CHOIR ~
INFORMATION**

PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021

**IMEA
HIGH SCHOOL
ALL-REGION
HONOR CHOIR**

**FORMERLY HIGH SCHOOL
CIRCLE THE STATE WITH SONG**

WHAT?

- DAY-LONG MASS CHOIR FESTIVAL EXPERIENCE
- CLINICIAN-LED REHEARSALS AND INFORMAL PERFORMANCE

• TOP STUDENTS FROM REGIONAL CHORAL PROGRAMS

• MOTIVATED SINGERS WANTING TO BUILD GOOD MUSICIANSHIP

WHO?

2021 IMEA CSWS ALL REGION CHOIR FESTIVALS

WHAT: Formerly *High School Circle the State With Song*, IMEA High School All Region Choir consists of IMEA sponsored High School Choral Festivals at 4 Sites around the state. Each site will invite a highly qualified high school clinician to work with students in grades 9-12.

HOW: Music Teachers will register students online at <https://circlethestate.imeamusic.org/hs-all-region-choir>.
****Registration deadline is Friday, October 6, 2021.**
Private studio teachers & teachers of community choirs may sponsor students only if the students' school does not participate in Circle the State With Song/HS IMEA All Region Choir. Under these circumstances, the conductor or private teacher would be responsible for preparing and supervising the student(s) 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. LEARN and MEMORIZE MUSIC BEFORE THE FESTIVAL.

WHERE: Four sites listed on the website (<https://circlethestate.imeamusic.org/hs-all-region-choir>), Two North sites, one Central and one South Site. Please refer to the website above for more up-to-date information.

WHY: HIGH SCHOOL ALL-REGION HONOR CHOIR (formerly HIGH SCHOOL CIRCLE THE STATE WITH SONG) is designed to provide high school singers with a clinician-led mass choir experience. Over the course of one day, highly-motivated students will work on preparing quality choral literature with leading clinicians to hone tone quality, technique, and musical mastery culminating in an informal performance. Choral teachers also have the opportunity to observe the clinic process to learn new approaches and techniques. Each Honor Choir is a great tool for building confidence, tone, and vocal technique that students can use to help bolster their school's choral program and prepare them for even more rigorous choral music.

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. By the Fall of 2022, *High School Circle the State With Song* will be officially rebranded as *IMEA High School All Region Choir*.

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 High School All Region Choir 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 Festivals 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 Elementary and Middle School 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

Participation in the festivals has grown each year, with more than 4,000 students annually taking part in CSWS. IMEA is committed to further the cause of quality choral music. IMEA has commissioned choral music repertoire 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
Fall 2021 IMEA High School CSWS All Region Choir 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
[-https://circlethestate.imeamusic.org/hs-rehearsal-recordings](https://circlethestate.imeamusic.org/hs-rehearsal-recordings).
2. Registration Fee – See chart below (subject to change but will not exceed the former price of \$28.00 per student).

# of students	Cost per Student
1-8	\$28
9-15	\$25
17-24	\$22
25+	\$20

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.

HS CSWS ALL REGION CHOIR SITE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT
<https://circlethestate.imeamusic.org/site-information2>

REGISTRATION CAN BE FOUND AT
<https://circlethestate.imeamusic.org/hs-all-region-choir>

HS CSWS ALL REGION CHOIR COORDINATORS:

North –TBA (Formerly IU South Bend)
Jordan Dollins: jordan.dollins@portage.k12.in.us

North – TBA (Formerly IU Kokomo)
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Central – TBA (Formerly Basile Opera Center)
Leigh Anderson: leigh.anderson@mvcsc.k12.in.us

South - TBA Evansville (Formerly Jasper)
Patrick Ritsch: patrick.ritsch@evsck12.com

REPERTOIRE

Repertoire for the FALL 2021 IMEA High School HS CSWS All Region Choir Festivals

All festival music may be purchased from your favorite music supplier.

MIXED:

Bonse Aba (SAB) - Victor C. Johnson
Festival Sanctus (SATB) - John Leavitt
Sing With the Lark (SATB) - Laura Farnell

TREBLE CHORUS:

Fairest Lady (SSA) - Nickolas Page

TENOR/BASS CHORUS:

Fire Down Below (TBB) - Jay Althouse