

Congratulations 4th and 5th Grade Music Students! You have been nominated by your music teacher to *audition* for the Iowa Opus Honor Choir which will be held in Ames, Iowa this November. To be chosen by your music teacher shows that you have a very high aptitude in music, and an excellent singing voice! Being selected to sing in the Opus Honor Choir is the highest honor a young singer can achieve in the state of Iowa.

The audition process includes a recording of each child singing “My Country ‘Tis of Thee”, a major scale and a preselected excerpt that everyone auditioning must sing. The recordings are submitted to a state-wide panel to be judged. If your child is selected, we will be notified at the end of October.

Mr. Reineke from Lincoln Intermediate, Miss Day from Harding Elementary and Mrs. Reineke from Lincoln/JAMS will be working with your children to make the best recording possible in order to pass the audition. We ask that you please mark the dates on your calendar, and if it fits into your schedule, please return the bottom portion of this parent permission or e-mail the information to Mr. Reineke at Lincoln. **The most successful students are those that have parents listen to their children sing and practice their audition excerpts, your involvement is incredibly important!**

June – July: Part of the audition process is that each student must be able to sing “My Country ‘Tis of Thee” without piano accompaniment. There are many versions on YouTube that you could practice with. Please explore different versions (high & low) to see which one fits your voice the best.

July 30, 2018, 9:00AM to 1:00 PM: camp at Lincoln Intermediate with Mr. Reineke, Miss Day and Mrs. Reineke. Please bring a sack lunch that does not need to be refrigerated.

August 6 & 7, 2018: taping of students at Lincoln Intermediate School

August, 2018: music teachers will submit the recordings to be judged

September, 2018: auditions are due

October, 2018: students are notified if they are selected

November, 2018: selected students will sing in CY Stephens Auditorium on the campus of Iowa State University!

If you are interested in the Opus process, students are required to attend rehearsals and taping. The school will be responsible for all costs (audition fee, meals, transportation to ISU, etc. if selected to the Opus Choir).

You may return the attached parent permission slip to your current music teacher and they will forward the parent permission slip to Mr. Reineke, or send an e-mail to Mr. Reineke and include all information to: ereineke@masoncityschools.org If there are scheduling issues, please contact Mr. Reineke.

_____ (print child’s name) from
_____ school has my permission to audition for the Opus Choir.

I plan to have my child attend music rehearsals and taping at Lincoln Intermediate School.

_____ Print Parent Name and _____ Signature
_____ Parent emergency phone number