HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY

ALL-STATE CHOIR CAMP

FOR HIGH SCHOOL MUSICIANS
GRADES 9-12 | JUNE 22-26, 2014

Dear Camper,

Congratulations on your acceptance to the Hardin-Simmons Choir Camp. We are excited you will be joining us and are equally excited about the many people and events that will converge on our campus in June. We have brought together a great line-up of instructors designed to increase your level of music-making and to provide you with the skills to compete with the best voices from around the state of Texas.

The information in this packet contains many important details and forms needed for your camp experience. Please take the time to read, fill out, and return the forms. The same information appears online on our camp website as well. If you have further questions, we are here to help.

Camp will be here before you know it!

Sincerely,

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SCHOOL OF MUSIC

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WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

Necessary forms for registration (You will not be allowed to participate without them)

1. Student Conduct Agreement Form
2. Dorm Key Agreement Form
3. Medical Treatment Consent Form
4. Release and Indemnification Agreement
5. Photo Release Form

Approximately $25 cash to purchase All-State Music Packet at registration in the Music Building. You may purchase this music ahead of time if you wish. We cannot accept checks or credit cards for this purchase.

Modest clothing and shoes suitable for hot outdoor weather, lots of walking, and air-conditioned classrooms. T-shirts and shorts must reflect good taste.

Additional attire for talent show and social activities.

Extra cash for incidental expenses. Many campers enjoy exercising the option to choose supplemental snacks at free times during camp.

Bed linens. Sheets need to fit a twin-sized bed. Don't forget a pillow, comforter, and any other bed-making items needed for a comfortable stay in the dorm.

Towels, washcloths, soap and shampoo, toiletries, sunscreen, shower slippers, hangers, and alarm clock.

Swimwear and towels. Use conservative taste when selecting swimwear. Campers wearing inappropriate suits will be asked to change into clothing and not permitted to swim.

Umbrella.

Talent Show items – optional. Costumes, accompaniment CDs, sheet music, etc.

Things to do in "down time" at dorm: board games, cards, guitar, book, etc.

All-weather jacket or sweatshirt. Classrooms can get quite cool in the summer.

Backpack to carry music, pencils, sweatshirt, water, etc.

Attire for final concert: Men: black pants, white shirt, black shoes and socks, black bow tie. Ladies: black skirt – length must be below knee or black dress pants, white blouse, black or natural pantyhose, black shoes (no flip-flops).

WHILE ON CAMPUS

Supervision

Our experienced counselors are comprised of HSU undergraduate music majors, alumnus, and members of HSU music ensembles. We maintain a counselor-to-camper ratio of at least 1:10 and endeavor to have an equal distribution of voice types (soprano, alto, tenor, and bass) between counselors and campers. Campers are supervised at all times by counselors, staff, or faculty, checking in at all strategic moves throughout the day as well as at breakfast, before dinner, and evening meetings with counselors. Throughout the day, attendance is taken at the beginning of each class.

Housing

Campers are housed in one of our residence halls located on the HSU campus, with rooms accommodating two people per room. Counselor's rooms are on the same floor with their assigned campers.

Although requests cannot be guaranteed, residential campers may indicate a preferred roommate on the registration form. Campers who both specifically request one another will automatically be assigned as roommates. In the event several campers request the same person, we will do our best to accommodate the camper's wishes. All further roommate requests or changes must be in writing. If no roommate preference is indicated, an effort will be made to match students of the same age and voice part. Campers may not switch roommates upon arrival at or during camp. Visitation between campers of the same gender housed in different floors is allowed at discretion of the camper's assigned counselors.

Meals

Three meals are served daily Monday through Wednesday, with dinner on Sunday and breakfast and lunch on Thursday. Main entrees will vary from day to day. Campers and counselors eat together and are asked to properly clean their area once everyone in their group has eaten. Vegetarian selections are available.

It is common for residential campers to pool their resources and order pizza following evening activities. Vending machines for soft drinks, candy and other snacks are available in the dorm. Campers may bring additional snacks. Concessions will be for sale during camp by the various music organizations.

Campers are advised to keep their rooms locked and to leave non-essential and valuable personal items at home. Never leave items of value unattended. The camp cannot be responsible for loss of camper's personal money or other assets.

RULES
FOR CAMPUS AND DORMS

Campers are expected to acquaint themselves with the rules, procedures, and standards of conduct established by the HSU Choir Camp. A camper who does not fulfill the responsibilities set out by such rules, procedures, and standards of conduct may be subject to disciplinary action, including dismissal from camp.

- Campers are required to wear their nametag in clear view at all times.
- Clothing must be appropriate. Same rules as public schools.
- Every activity for camp has a designated parameter (e.g. the music building, the residence hall, and the cafeteria). For security reasons, campers are to remain within the designated parameter, and when traveling across campus, will need to do so with a HSU Choir Camp staff person. Campers should not have any need for internet use; therefore campers are discouraged from internet use during camp events. HSU will not be held responsible for actions of a camper who is in violation of these rules.
- For safety reasons, any outside visitors will need to check in with the camp director.
- Campers are expected to eat all contracted meals within the camp parameters. No resident camper may leave campus or have meals delivered to them by friends or family. Special concerns should be written.
- No violation of any local, state, or federal law is permitted (includes alcoholic beverages for a minor and smoking).
- Possession of illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, fireworks, chemicals, gasoline, or other explosives, firearms, illegal knives, clubs, or prohibited weapons is reason for immediate removal from the camp without refund. Prescription and over-the-counter medication is only allowed if listed on the medical form that is enclosed in this packet.
- Absolutely no form of sexual misconduct, harassment, violence, threats of violence, or other acts of communications intended to intimidate, harass, or annoy will be tolerated.
- Campers may not be in rooms of campers or staff of the opposite sex.
- Be respectful of others in the dorm. There are other camps and HSU students staying in the dorm during the summer. No running or loud noise of any kind is permitted in the hallways. Rooms must remain quiet at the time of curfew, which can be found on your schedule. No pets allowed.
- Do not remove or harm the furniture or property in the dorms. Payment of any damage to the dorm facility is the camper's responsibility.
- Dorm room keys are issued for personal use and are not transferable. Campers should always lock the unit doors, as they are responsible for any lost or stolen items. Lost keys must be reported immediately to a counselor. There is a $10 charge for lost keys.
- Do not tamper with any fire equipment, including extinguishers, exit signs, smoke detectors, sprinklers, fire alarms, and fire doors. There is to be no use of fire in the dorm, including burning candles and incense.
- Should there be any maintenance-related problem evident in your dorm room, particularly safety-related issues or flowing water, you should report it immediately to a camp counselor.
- Removing window screens is prohibited. Therefore, the window is not to be used as a point of entry or exit, and items may not be thrown from window.

OTHER
CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Splish Splash!!

Join us for some revved up fun at the HSU Pool Party! Come swim (don't forget your MODEST swimsuit!), play volleyball, and enjoy some old-fashioned fun and treats!

Talent Show!

Come and compete against your fellow campers to be in our annual Talent Show! Auditions will be held Monday and Tuesday during lunch. Please bring any materials (such as karaoke cd's) needed for your audition with your Monday and Tuesday morning. We will be choosing eight campers to perform on Wednesday night. You may sing, dance, perform a skit, and more! The possibilities are endless! So come show us what you got!!

The Serious Singer Recital

For the Pavarotti in you who is yearning to have a stage!! Bring a solo that you've done before, get approved by the voice faculty, and you might just be the next discovered talent!!!

HSU Spotlight

Come and see HSU counselors and faculty perform as they give you a glimpse of what life is like on the HSU campus.

Ice Cream Social

Join us Sunday afternoon for ice cream and other cool treats and time to get to know your fellow campers and your awesome counselors!

Do, Re, Mi, Fa, SOL . . .

. . . you want to sing some more?

Private Lessons

As an option, you may sign up for a 30-minute private voice lesson to work one-on-one with a member of the HSU voice faculty. Lessons will be scheduled during section rehearsals and focus session times. Lessons will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis at registration. You may request a certain teacher if space allows. Assigned lesson times and further instructions will be given during registration. Limit one lesson per camper.

HSU Voice Faculty
Dr. Lynnette Chambers
Dr. Christopher Hollingsworth
Dr. Jaynne Middleton
Dr. Melody Rich

WHAT IS GOING ON?

How to Get to HSU Choir Camp

From east or west on I-20, take the Pine Street exit (exit 286A). Go south. Pine Street will split but stay to your right until you see the HSU campus. Turn right into the Pine Street HSU entrance on Linebery Blvd. (just past the building with the gold dome). Take a right at the clock tower. Hemphill Music building will be on your left.

At registration, dorm room assignments will be given. Our dorms are housed on the HSU campus and campers may choose to drive to the dorm to unload their belongings. Thereafter, we ask that campers who are driving their own cars leave their cars at the dorm location (yes, that means walking back to the music building!) and walk with their assigned counselors for each day's activities.

What to do on the First Day

Report to the music building between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. At this time you will complete registration, purchase music for the week, and receive dorm assignments. If you are staying in a dorm, you will want to arrive closer to the 2:00 p.m. check-in time in order to take care of purchasing music and unloading your belongings at the form prior to the 3:00 p.m. opening ceremonies. If you are a commuting camper, you may arrive anytime in the afternoon check-in time.

Opening ceremonies are at 3:00. Parents are invited (but not required) to attend this short ceremony that kicks off camp. To see what else the week holds in store, a tentative schedule for the remaining week is included in this packet.

What to do on the Last Day

The week of camp concludes with a concert at 3:00 p.m. in the Woodward-Dellis Recital Hall located in the School of Music Complex (the building where you registered for camp). Parents, family, and friends are invited and encouraged to attend this concert. At the conclusion of the concert, campers will be released from the Hardin-Simmons Camp supervision. At that time, campers who are housed in the residence halls will need to return to the room to collect their belongings. Counselors will advise the campers about this process on Thursday night. Failure to return a dorm key will result in a $10 replacement fee charged to the camper. Any belongings left behind will be donated to charity.

FORM
FOR RELEASE

Release and Indentification Agreement for Minors

Participant (name and address)

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Institution
Hardin-Simmons University
Box 16230
Abilene, TX 79698

Description of activity or trip (including transportation to and from) Choir Camp

Circle one Commuting to camp from residence OR staying on campus in dorm

Location School of Music and Fine Arts on the HSU Campus.

Date(s) June 22 through 26, 2014

I am the parent/guardian of the above-named participant who is under 18 years of age and am fully competent to sign this agreement. I give permission for participant to participate in the above-referenced activity or trip. I acknowledge that the nature of the activity or trip may expose participant to hazards or risks that may result in participant's illness, personal injury or death, and I understand and appreciate the nature of such hazards and risks. In consideration of participant being permitted to participate in the activity or trip, I hereby accept all risk to participant's health and of his/her injury or death that may result from such participation, and I hereby release the above-named institution, its governing board, officers, employees, and representatives from any and all liability to participant, participant's personal representatives, estate, heirs, next of kin, and assigns for any and all claims and causes of action for loss of or damage to participant's property and for any and all illness or injury to participant's person, including his/her death, that may result from or occur during participant's participation in the activity or trip, whether caused by negligence of the institution, its governing board, officers, employees, or representatives, or otherwise. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Institution and its governing board, officers, employees, and representatives from liability for the injury or death of any person(s) and damage to property that may result from participant's negligent or intentional act or omission while participating in the described activity or trip.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTAND IT TO BE A RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND CAUSES OF ACTION FOR PARTICIPANT'S INJURY OR DEATH OR DAMAGE TO PARTICIPANT'S PROPERTY THAT OCCURS WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE DESCRIBED ACTIVITY OR TRIP AND IT OBLIGATES ME TO INDEMNIFY THE PARTIES NAMED FOR ANY LIABILITY FOR INJURY OR DEATH OF ANY PERSON AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY CAUSED BY PARTICIPANT'S NEGLIGENT OR INTENTIONAL ACT OR OMISSION.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ **Date Signed** _____

Signature of Witness _____ **Date Signed** _____

Address (if different than Participant's) _____

FORM
FOR AGREEMENT

Student/Parent Conduct Agreement
I have read the HSU Choir Camp and residence hall rules. I understand that failure to adhere to these rules may result in disciplinary action that could lead to dismissal from Choir Camp without refund. If there is a violation of campus, local, state, or federal law, the proper authorities will be notified and any consequent legal action will be separate from the HSU Choir Camp jurisdiction.

Name of Camper (printed) _____

Signature of Camper _____

Name of Parent (printed) _____

Signature of Parent _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number for Parent _____

Dorm Key Agreement
I understand that if I should lose my room key, I will be charged the replacement cost of $10. Payment for a lost room key must be paid with cash or check before the end of camp. I understand that my belongings will not be released to me at the close of camp until payment for the key has been made. Any shipping charges to have my belongings mailed to me beyond the last day of camp will be my responsibility. Should there be any damage to the residence hall room or other campus property caused by the camper, the parent is responsible for any restitution.

Name of Camper (printed) _____

Signature of Camper _____

Name of Parent (printed) _____

Signature of Parent _____

Date _____

FORM
FOR MEDICAL CONSENT

Medical Treatment Consent Form 2014

My son/daughter _____will be attending the HSU Choir Camp on June 22-26, 2014.

Prescriptions and/or over-the-counter medications that are permitted include:

Allergies:

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This camper is under the care of a physician for the following:

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In the event of a medical emergency, an employee of the HSU Choir Camp staff has my permission to seek medical treatment for my child. In an emergency, please call me immediately at: (_____) _____

Other information about my child's health that would be useful in an emergency situation includes:

Physician's name _____ **Phone** (_____) _____

Parent's Name (Printed) _____

Parent's Name (Signed) _____

Our health insurance information is as follows

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Insurance and Health Care

Campers should keep health insurance documentation with them during their time at camp. If any camper is seriously ill or injured, he/she will be accompanied to the closest off-campus medical facility by licensed emergency medical technicians. Medical costs incurred for treatment will be the responsibility of the parents or guardian of the individual treated. Individuals with life-threatening conditions will be taken directly to a hospital emergency room. In a true emergency, medical staff will render aid with or without parental consent. If not a true emergency, there should be sufficient time for parents to be contacted. Parental notification of minor injuries and illnesses is left to the discretion of the camper. Please discuss with your child your expectations regarding communication of such information. HSU Choir Camp cannot be responsible for or held liable for the administration of medication to campers. The camper must be able to self-administer his/her own medication.

Questions about medical related issues should be addressed to the camp director, Dr. Clell Wright (325) 670-1415.

FORM
FOR PHOTO RELEASE

I hereby grant HSU Choir Camp permission to use the likeness of my child,
_____, in any and all of its publications, including websites. (We will not publish your child's first or last name, address, phone numbers, or other information protected by federal regulations.)

I understand that any and all of these likenesses will become the property of the HSU Choir Camp. I hereby authorize HSU Choir Camp to exhibit or publish any likenesses for the purpose of publicizing any and all camp activities or any other lawful purpose.

I hereby release the university, its governing body, employees, and representatives from any responsibility from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, or any other person or persons acting on my behalf or behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization.

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian _____

Signature _____

Date _____