



Franklin College of Arts & Sciences

*Hugh Hodgson School of Music*

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Dear Choral Colleagues,

I hope this letter finds you well as you embark upon a rewarding and remarkable academic year of great music-making and discovery in your choral classrooms.

Dr. Rebecca Atkins, Professor Shafer, the UGA Voice Faculty, and I are happy to invite you and your best, most motivated singers (up to 32 per school) to The Hugh Hodgson School of Music for this year's **UGA Choral Day on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** at the UGA Performing Arts Center.

**UGA Choral Day** is a wonderful and unique opportunity for your passionate singers in grades 9-12 to rehearse and perform in our world-class facilities, to work with and make personal connections with our conducting, music education, and voice faculties, and to enjoy the fellowship and artistic camaraderie of the collegiate singers of many of UGA's fine choirs. Additionally, you and your students will enjoy a recital presented by UGA voice students.

Registration information and further details about the day's activities and expectations are included below. **The deadline for registration is Friday, September 20, 2024.**

As always, the repertoire for the day-long festival is designed to give your students a snapshot of university life and music-making at UGA. The repertoire for the day is listed below and can be purchased at JW Pepper.

**SSAA Choir: Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal – Craig Carnahan**

<https://www.jwpepper.com/Hark%21-I-Hear-the-Harps-Eternal/10293579.item>

**TTBB Choir: Brightest and Best – Shawn Kirchner**

<https://www.jwpepper.com/Brightest-and-Best/10379204.item>

**Tutti Choir (SATB): Measure Me, Sky! - By Elaine Hagenberg**

<https://www.jwpepper.com/Measure-Me%2C-Sky%21/11416229.item>

The High School Choral Day will be coordinated this year by Thom Dixon (Thomas.Dixon@uga.edu) a DMA conducting student, and, once again, registration and payment for Choral Day registration can be handled online using the UGA marketplace website.

To access online registration information about UGA Choral Day, go to: <https://www.music.uga.edu/choral-day>.

*(This link will be updated in the coming week with access to our UGA Online Marketplace for online registration and payment, which is our preferred registration method, and a separate link to our **Choral Day 2024 Pre-Registration Form**. Please register using BOTH forms.)*

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Thom Dixon or Professor Shafer.

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I hope that the UGA Choral Day will be a mutually meaningful opportunity for you and your students to gather at UGA and make music. We hope that you always consider the UGA Choral and Music Education Departments to be a natural extension of your classroom and a place you and your students are always welcome.

Sincerely,

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**INFORMATION SHEET**

- ❖ The UGA High Choral Day 2024 will take place on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am until 5pm at the Performing Arts Center on East Campus. Participating schools/singers are expected to be present for the entire day of activities. A lunch break will be observed at 12pm for guest singers to eat a lunch that they bring, or to purchase a Pizza Lunch on the Arts Quad offered by our UGA Student ACDA Chapter. Students may also choose to dine at the Village Summit dining hall near the school of music. Teachers should RSVP with an exact count if planning to dine at the Village Summit or have a Pizza Lunch using the **Registration and Lunch RSVP Link**.
- ❖ Students/teachers electing to dine at the Village Summit should plan to bring payment of \$12.65 per person and prepay at the registration table on the morning of the event.
- ❖ Choral Day Registration is \$22.00 per student. Registration can be completed online using the UGA online marketplace found on this page: <https://www.music.uga.edu/choral-day>
- ❖ Schools are asked to bring *only* their most motivated, prepared, and engaged high school singers. Schools are limited to no more than 32 singers. Exceptions may be made for those bringing a balanced SATB ensemble.
- ❖ Online registration using the link above is the preferred method of registration. If you need to, or prefer to register by mail and pay with a check, please know that registration forms are due with payment to the Choral Activities Office by Friday, September 20, 2024. Mailed Choral Day registration checks should be made out to “Hugh Hodgson School of Music.” Please complete the online **Choral Day 2024 Pre-Registration Form** so that we can accommodate your registration.
- ❖ Choral Day Check-In will be open on the day of the event from 8:45am until 9:30am at the drop-off area in front of the UGA Performing Arts Center – immediately adjacent to the Hugh Hodgson School of Music (260 River Road, Athens, GA)
- ❖ It is understood that teachers will serve as *in loco parentis* throughout the festival and will be in possession of all relevant permission and emergency medical forms for their students.
- ❖ LUNCH OPTIONS:
  - Schools wishing to pre-order a pizza lunch provided by our student ACDA Chapter (\$7.50 for 2 slices, chips, water). This is OPTIONAL and can be paid for at the event using cash or credit card. Indicate your preference and quantity of Pizza Orders on the **Choral Day 2024 Pre-Registration Form** so that we can be prepared.
  - Schools can choose to dine in the Village Summit Dining Commons (\$12.65 each) and pay at registration on-site. Indicate this preference on the **Choral Day 2024 Pre-Registration Form**.
  - Schools are also welcome to pack lunches or snacks and eat on the Arts Quad.
- ❖ Sponsoring high school choral conductors should provide preliminary preparation of the repertoire to ensure that all pitches and rhythms are learned prior to arrival. All students must have their own music and pencil. **No music will be available for borrowing and no copying services will be provided on the day of the event. Schools observed handing out the repertoire to students on the day of the event will risk dismissal and ineligibility for future UGA Choral Day involvement.**
- ❖ The UGA Choral Day repertoire will be available for purchase from J. W. Pepper in Atlanta at 1-800-345-6296 or at [www.jwpepper.com](http://www.jwpepper.com).