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Dear Colleagues,

As I know that all of us do not start the academic year on the same date. BUT!!!! Happy Beginning of the new academic year! Here, at FAU we are off to a great start with wonderful new students. Of course, always happy to reunite with our returning students. We wish you a wonderful year of touching lives through choral music. And, speaking of that ... let us share that incredible opportunity with you and your students. We are not only willing, able, and ready to visit your school but we also invite you to our 13th Annual high school festival: the Georgina Dieter Dennis High School Honor Choral Festival at Florida Atlantic University.

In response to some requests by our high school colleagues, we have returned to the two-day rehearsal and performance format to allow us the opportunity to spend more time with the music and your wonderful students. Consider sharing with us your students and the wonderful choral opportunities they are experiencing in your rehearsal room and choral program at large. It would be such an honor to collaborate with you and your students. For the sake of clarity and brevity ...

- The Mixed Festival Chorus will perform *Mass No. 4 in C Major* by Franz Schubert with chamber orchestra, Patricia P. Fleitas, conductor.
- The Women's Festival Chorus will perform the *Missa pro defunctis* by Giovanni Francesco Brusa with strings, Stacie L. Rossow, conductor.

As is customary for our Festival, we do our best to offer a diverse program and one that will present a unique opportunity for your students. Please, consider extending this invitation to them as participants of this year's festival. They will rehearse and perform with the "Side-By-Side" festival ensembles. We will welcome the following formats but if you have more students, please include them as well!!!

- A quartet or octet comprised of mixed voices for the mixed festival ensemble.
- A quartet or octet comprised of treble voices for the women's festival ensemble.

In addition, we will continue to offer a 30-minute private voice lesson/coaching with one of our voice faculty members who will be available. The deadline to register students for the applied lessons is the same as the festival registration. The guidelines follow.

- Students must be a junior or senior.
- Students must be selected by their director and consider this to be an honor.
- Students must bring two copies of music (all original copies unless on public domain).
- The students should already know the selections as this is more of a coaching.

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On behalf of students and professors in the area of Choral and Vocal Studies, thank you for your consideration of this invitation and the continued support of our festival and program here at FAU. By referring to the attached brochure you will be able to access all pertinent information and discover that ***our festival is unique, affordable, informative and A LOT OF FUN.***

Please, complete the **online registration** (<http://fau.edu/music/chorusfestival.php>) by October 25, 2019. The student fees should be postmarked by November 1, 2019. **To ensure that your students are supervised during down times or in emergency situations, we ask that all schools follow their respective chaperone policy.** In addition, the university is requiring a signed release waiver for each student. It can be found as the last page of the Registration packet for you to distribute. We will collect them at check in. And, we have arranged this year for all music to be available for purchase through Beethoven & Co. to facilitate acquiring the scores. Rehearsal tracks will also be available in early October.

Once again, thank you for your consideration of our Festival invitation. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Stacie Rossow, Associate Director of Choral and Vocal Studies and coordinator of the High School Festival at srossow@fau.edu or (561) 297-4230. If you leave a voicemail, please indicate a good time for her to return your call. We look forward to hearing from you with great anticipation.

As always, our very best wishes to you and your students,

Patrícia P. Fleitas

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