

Dear Friends of Choral Music.

As we welcome this academic year, I am thankful and enthusiastic to have the opportunity to invite you to our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Georgina Dieter Dennis Honor Choral Festival. To celebrate the legacy that Ms. Dieter Dennis so generously shared with our students at FAU, I am pleased to invite you and your students to participate in this year's festival.

To celebrate Dr. Rossow's 25<sup>th</sup> year conducting our newly renamed Vocalis (former FAU Women's Chorus) we have commissioned Irish composer, Michael McGlynn, to pen a new work and receive its world premiere at our Festival. Although Mr. McGlynn was not able to attend the event, he will join us virtually. Additionally, the mixed chorus will perform Paul Bassler's *Cantos Alegres* in its entirety with the composer performing the French Horn part. How exceptional for students participating in this festival to be exposed to living composers! Those of you who have participated in our Festival know that having it in one day presents the challenges of a compact schedule yet, without promising, we will try to offer the students a Q&A session with the composers.

In its 16<sup>th</sup> year, we promise you that your students' musical experience will be worth the effort. The event is scheduled on Friday, November 3, 2023. After a day of rehearsals, fun exchange amongst the students, and private voice coaching to select students, the event will close with a side-by-side concert featuring the Mixed Honor Festival Chorus and the Treble Honor Festival Chorus which has been expanded to include 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Students can take advantage of a 30-minute private voice lesson/coaching with available FAU voice faculty. The deadline to register students for this opportunity is the same as the festival registration deadline. Following is the criterion for student eligibility.

- Junior or senior status
- Selected by respective director
- Two pieces (all original scores unless on public domain). Scores should be made available for voice faculty and collaborative pianist
- One to three eligible students will be selected by the FAU voice faculty to perform a solo piece at the Festival's choral concert, offering the student(s) the opportunity to partially fulfill the audition requirement for FAU as well as eligibility to be considered for a four-year FAU scholarship as a music major.

The registration information is at <https://www.fau.edu/artsandletters/music/chorusfestival/>  
Please, submit the registration by October 20, 2023.

Attached is all pertinent information. Participation will unveil the uniqueness of our event; affordable, informative, and so much fun! Our students and faculty in our area of Choral and Vocal Studies thank

you for considering the invitation and are enthusiastically awaiting your response and visit. Communicate with us the number of students and voicing that you anticipate will be attending.

Our best wishes to you and your students for the best year ever. If you have participated in the past, we look forward to a reunion and if you have not been able to join us to date, we hope to have the opportunity to work with your students and offer you an OWL musical experience that will make a difference.

In the Spirit of Music always,

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