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. Burnett, Dr. Atkins, and the UGA Voice Faculty and I are once again delighted to invite you and your best students to The Hugh Hodgson School of Music for the annual Christmas Choral Day on Tuesday, September 24th at the UGA Performing Arts Center. This is a wonderful and unique opportunity for your best and most dedicated singers to rehearse and perform in our world-class facilities, to work with and make personal connections with our conducting and voice faculties, and to enjoy the fellowship and artistic camaraderie of the collegiate singers of the UGA Glee Clubs, African American Choral Ensemble, and the UGA Hodgson Singers. Additionally, you and your students will enjoy a brief recital presented by UGA voice students.

BACK THIS YEAR! We’d like to invite participating teachers to join The UGA Hodgson Singers in rehearsal and in performance on Choral Day! Those teachers that are interested will rehearse with the Hodgson Singers between 10:15am and 10:45am in the Choral Suite in preparation for a command performance on the afternoon showcase. While this is not required of teachers, we hope that you will enjoy the opportunity to make music again alongside future music educators and performers. Teachers need not RSVP with your intention to participate. We do, however, invite you to purchase the music and bring it with you to the event.

Information and registration paperwork for the High School Choral Day, including an information form and a schedule of events is attached in this email. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, September 11, 2019.

As always, the repertoire for the day-long festival is designed to give your students a variety of musical experiences. The men will perform the Andrea Ramsey’s rousing I See Heaven’s Glories Shine (TTBB) and the women will perform Two Strings but One Voice by Z. Randall Stroope (SSAA). Teachers are invited to join the Hodson Singers for a performance, too. That piece is TBA, but will be made available to interested teachers at Choral Day. The afternoon Choral Showcase will culminate with all singers performing Elaine Hagenberg’s timely and poignant setting of I Will Be a Child of Peace.

The High School Choral Day will be coordinated this year by Robert Strebendt (Robert.strebendt@uga.edu) a DMA conducting student, and, once again, registration and payment can be handled online using the UGA marketplace website. To access online registration information about Choral Day, go to: https://estore.uga.edu/C27063_ustores/web/classic/store_cat.jsp?STOREID=307&CATID=1127&INGLESTORE=true
PLEASE NOTE: T-shirts cannot be pre-ordered or purchased online and must be paid for on the day of the event.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Dr. Burnett, or Robert.

I hope that the High School Choral Day will be a mutually meaningful opportunity for you and your students to gather at UGA and make music. Additionally, Dr. Burnett, Dr. Atkins and I hope to continue to visit those high school choral programs that would benefit from a guest clinician or an extra pair of ears from time to time. Please let us know if either of us can be of any assistance to you in your classrooms, and we will make every effort to pay a visit. Until then, we offer our best wishes to you in your music-making, and hope that our choral and voice departments at UGA can be a meaningful extension of your choral classroom and curriculum. And, we look forward to hearing from you soon about High School Choral Day 2018!

Sincerely,

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UGA’s annual High School Choral Day will take place on Tuesday, September 24, 2019. The day-long event features choral rehearsals and performances in UGA’s world-class instructional and performance facilities, a snap-shot solo performances by current UGA singers, a teacher choral rehearsal with the Hodgson Singers and a collage performance featuring several UGA choral ensembles.

The Choral Showcase at the end of the day will include the high school women performing with members of the UGA Women’s Glee Club, the high school men performing with members of the UGA Men’s Glee Club, selections performed by various UGA choral ensembles, and a culminating choral performance featuring all Choral Day participants, including the UGA Hodgson Singers.

Information and Registration documents below are attached in pdf format.

- invitation letter
- information sheet
- registration form
- schedule of events

**2019 Repertoire:**

- Sopranos/Altos: Z. RANDALL STROOPE: Two Strings, But One Voice - (SSAA) – Walton
- Tenors/Basses: ANDREA RAMSEY: I See Heaven's Glories Shine - (TTBB) – Santa Barara
- All: ELAINE HAGENBERG: I Will Be a Child of Peace - (SATB) – Beckenhorst

Teachers and students can order immediately via phone, fax, mail, email or online at:

[https://www.jwpepper.com/sheet-music/services-state-festival.jsp](https://www.jwpepper.com/sheet-music/services-state-festival.jsp)

The Pepper #’s for the packets are:

- Tenor/Bass Packet 10543610
- Soprano/Alto Packet 10543599

Pepper’s toll-free number: 800-345-6296.

If you need any other information, please contact our High School Choral Day Coordinator: Robert Strebendt Robert.Strebendt@uga.edu.
University of Georgia
High School Choral Day 2019

INFORMATION SHEET

- The UGA High Choral Day 2019 will take place on Tuesday, September 24th from 9:30am until 5:15pm 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 noon for schools to eat at accommodations of their choosing.

- The cost per student is $20.00. Optional Choral Day T-shirts are also available through pre-order for $15. Registration can be completed using the enclosed registration form and mailed check(s), or online using the UGA marketplace. If registering using the online portal, please wait until after September 1st. https://estore.uga.edu/C27063_ustores/web/classic/store_cat.jsp?STOREID=307&CATID=1127&SINGLESTOREREF=true PLEASE NOTE: T-shirts cannot be pre-ordered or purchased online and must be paid for on the day of the event.

- Schools are encouraged to bring only their most motivated, prepared, and engaged singers. Out of fairness to the increasing number of schools wishing to bring students and space constraints in our facilities, we now must limit schools to no more than 28 singers. Rare exceptions may be made for a school proposing to bring a balanced ensemble of men and women. Because registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis until we reach our capacity, please be mindful of the registration deadline of September 11th.

- UGA Choral Day T-Shirts will be available for purchase by pre-ordering using the attached form. The cost per shirt will be $15.00. T-shirt payments can be made by mailed check, or at registration on the day of the festival. Checks should be made out to UGA Choirs Booster Club. Please note T-shirt sizes in the blank provided on the registration form of online. T-shirt purchases are optional, and the proceeds go to support the educational and outreach activities of our student chapter of the American Choral Directors Association.

- All registration forms are due with payment to the Choral Activities Office by Wednesday, September 11, 2019. Mailed Choral Day registration checks should be made out to "Hugh Hodgson School of Music." Due to high registration numbers in recent years, choirs will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis. Late registrations risk being denied due to lack of room.

- Choral Day Check-In will be open on the day of the event from 8:45am until 9:30am on the day of the event 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.

- Schools wishing to pre-order a pizza lunch provided by our student ACDA Chapter ($5 for 2 slices, chips, water), can do so using the attached form. This is entirely OPTIONAL and can be paid for at the event using cash or credit card. Schools are also welcome to pack lunches or use adjacent campus eateries.

- 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 SATB, SSAA, and TTBB pieces will be available for purchase from J. W. Pepper in Atlanta at 1-800-345-6296 or at www.jwpepper.com.
University of Georgia High School Choral Day 2019
Registration Form – Please mail, or send by pdf, if not registering online.

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CHORAL DAY REGISTRATION:

Total number of students _____ x $20.00 = _____ Paid in advance online, or by mailed check. Checks payable to Hugh Hodgson School of Music

OPTIONAL: T-SHIRT PURCHASE

Total number of T-shirts _____ x $15.00 = _____ Cash, check, or credit/debit card paid on the day of the festival. Checks payable to UGA Choirs Booster Club

OPTIONAL: PIZZA LUNCH

Total number of plates _____ x $5 = _____ Cash, check, or credit/debit card paid on the day of the festival. Checks payable to UGA Choirs Booster Club