

Chorus Contest Briefing Letter

To: All competing Choruses
Land O'Lakes District Contest
Fargo, ND , Oct 23, 2010

Gentlemen;

This letter will provide you with information regarding the District Chorus Contest:

1. The Contest Administrator is Chuck Hunter, Discovery Bay, CA
Associate Contest Administrator is Randy Rensi, Houston, TX

2. The Category Judges are:

MUSIC

Rob Cambell	Scott Kitzmiller
San Diego, CA	Bristol, IN

PRESENTATION

Steve Janes	Gary Plang
Colchester, VT	Mountclair, VA

SINGING

Ig Jakovac	Dale Comer
Ambler, PA	Lincoln, NE

3. **Contest start times** are:

6:30 PM Fri- Quartet Contest
10:30 AM Sat- District Chorus Contest
7:30 PM Sat- Quartet Finals Contest

4. **Order of appearance** will be drawn 30 days prior and posted on the LOLnet and on the LOL District Web site.
5. **Convention Registration Desk** will be in Fargo Civic Auditorium. All Registration badges can be picked up there.
6. There will **NOT** be a scheduled stage try-out. The stage will be ready and open for inspection by the Music Team and Chorus Director on Saturday 8:30- 10:00 AM.
7. **Chorus practice rooms** are shown on the enclosed sheet, we have a limited space at the convention site. If you can arrange a rehearsal area at your hotel it would be better for all of your choruses. Note these are "public rooms" and are NOT dressing rooms. They will be used by the other Choruses so **NO** personal items can be left in these rooms.
8. A '**Competitors Information Desk**' will be at the auditorium. Chorus Managers are requested to check in on Friday to get the latest information or changes.

9. **WE DO NOT HAVE ANY BUSING AVAILABLE TO DELEVER CHORUSES TO THE CONTEST SITE, BE SURE THAT YOUR CHORUS IS AT THE REGISTRATION AREA 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO YOUR TIME SLOT IN THE READY ROOM.**
10. **Riser configuration** for the contest will be 5, 7, or 9 sections. Risers will be changed according to the number indicated on your CJ- 20. NOTE: It is approx seven (7) feet from the riser end tips to the edge of the stage.
11. **Curtain-** There is NO closing curtain.
12. **Chorus pictures** will be taken on stage AFTER your contest set. After your 2nd song instead of closing the curtain, we will dim the stage lights to signal the Judges to stop judging. Then the lights will come back up for the picture. Pictures are to be ordered and paid for at the time with a single check from the Chorus.
13. **Evaluation sessions** will be held in the Auditorium starting 30 minutes after the last Chorus. Assignments will be announced by the Contest Administrator.
14. **Contestant DVD and an audio CD** will be available immediately following the contest at the Video stand for \$25.00 for the two.
15. Per District By Laws, everyone competing on stage must have an All Events Registration. All seating is reserved seating for all 3 contest Events.
16. NOTE: Per new Society rules: Choruses are now required to remove/clean the stage of any materials left as part of their performance.
17. We are using regular Auditorium Ushers so Chorus members will need their badge to get into the auditorium afterwards.

If you have any questions, feel free to SING OUT.

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cc: Chuck Hunter, Contest Administrator
Jack Ryback, District Director of C & J