Greetings from the University of Montana!

Nominations are now open for the 2020 Pre-College All-Star Honor Choir at our beautiful UM School of Music in Missoula. The All-Star program brings together exceptional choral singers from schools throughout the Northwest region, and is open to teacher-nominated students in grades 8-12. Through advanced choral singing, we teach healthy vocalization, appreciation of repertoire from diverse cultures, and the power of music to overcome challenges and differences. All-Star 2020 will run from the afternoon of Friday, January 17th through the concert at 12:30 pm on Sunday, January 19th.

Here are some things you should know about All-Star:
- All singers, grades 8-12, must be nominated by their choir director in order to participate
- If you are a student, please reach out to your choir director to request nomination
- We encourage choir directors to accompany students and chaperones and attend the All-Star weekend, but this is not required. Students may attend with chaperones
- The $95 registration fee covers the cost of music, guest clinician, activities, and most meals
- Participants arrange their own transportation and hotel reservations. We offer room blocks at local hotels with special rates for All-Star
- There is no limit to the number of students each director may nominate, and no requirement that the nominations adhere to SATB quartets. Please consider balance when you nominate students
- The deadline to nominate students is November 15, 2019
- Directors will be notified of their students’ acceptance by November 22, 2019

Our guest clinician for 2020 All-Star is Dr. Jo-Michael Scheibe, Chair of the University of Southern California Thornton School of Music’s Department of Choral and Sacred Music. Dr. Scheibe has served as National President of ACDA, and his ensembles have been selected to perform seven times at National ACDA conferences in his career. He has collaborated with such artists as Pavarotti, Sir Elton John, and the Rolling Stones, and has prepared choruses for Helmuth Rilling, Michael Tilson Thomas, and Sir Colin Davis, among others. Moreover, his Jo-Michael Scheibe Choral Series, featuring landmark choral compositions, is published by Walton, Colla Voce, Pavane, Hal Leonard, and Santa Barbara.

This year, we will have two All-Star choirs, which will combine into one mass choir under Dr. Scheibe’s direction. The two breakout choirs will be a Treble ensemble, conducted by Dr. Scheibe, and a Tenor-Bass choir, which I look forward to conducting. The choirs will be assigned by voice part, not gender identification. All of our All-Star singers will have the chance to sing in the SATB choir and work with our guest clinician.

To nominate students, please fill out the “Choral Director’s Contact Information” form once, and the “Nominated Student Information” form for each student you’d like to nominate.

Choir Director’s Contact Information Form
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdW5JgviStqt3yYNhImVUFwWYq9Usls6f9E4QxZXycHETdW/viewform?usp=sf_link

Nominated Student Information Form
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We look forward to receiving your nominations by November 15th. See you in Missoula!

Sincerely,

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