



Garnet Valley High School
Presents the PMEA 2025
Region VI Choral Festival
March 13-15, 2025
552 Smithbridge Rd,
Glen Mills PA, 19342

Dr. Dustin Cates, Guest Conductor
Krista Thomas and Nicholas Harmantzis, Host Directors

Director Information Packet

<https://sites.google.com/garnetvalley.org/pmearegion6choirfestival2025/home>

Dear Director,

Congratulations on the selection of your student(s) to participate in the 2025 PMEA Region VI Chorus Festival at Garnet Valley High School on Thursday, March 13th through Saturday, March 15th, 2025. Thank you in advance for preparing your forms and materials on time.

I am pleased to inform you that the guest conductor will be Dr. Dustin Cates. He is Assistant Professor of Choral Music Education at Boyer College of Music and Dance. At Temple, he conducts the University Chorale, supervises graduate students, and teaches courses in music education, choral/vocal pedagogy, and choral methods. His research focuses on issues of equity, inclusion, belonging, and social justice in choral music.

ENCLOSED IN EVERY FOLDER YOU WILL FIND:

- Welcome Letter from Dr. Cates
- Festival Schedule
- Program Repertoire
- Invoice
- Principal Acknowledgement Form
- Link to Online Registration/Forms

HARD COPY FORMS FOR DIRECTORS (copies in folder):

- Principal Acknowledgement Form
- Invoice

FIRST:

Scan these documents, along with any Housing Waivers received from students, and send as a PDF to Krista Thomas (thomask@garnetvalley.org)

THEN:

Mail the Principal Acknowledgement Form and any student Housing Waivers to:

Garnet Valley High School
Attn: Krista Thomas
552 Smithbridge Road
Glen Mills, PA 19342

Contact Information:

All information regarding the festival can be found at the following website *including:*

- **Forms for Directors and Students-** click the **FORMS** tab and make sure you've completed all necessary forms.
- Practice Tracks for some of the repertoire

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Re-Auditions & Meeting: Director Attendance is Mandatory

The Festival Director Meeting and Re-auditions will be held on Thursday, March 13th at 12:00pm. Lunch will be available starting at 11:30am. Please make sure that you are in attendance for this process as the participation of all directors is needed to facilitate appropriate and fair auditions.

ONLINE FORMS FOR STUDENTS TO COMPLETE

Online student forms do not carry over from District Chorus and must be completed again. *Please make sure your students submit these forms no later than Friday, February 21st.*

<https://students.arbitersports.com/pennsylvania-music-educators-association/pmea-region-vi-chorus>



Students will need to log in to complete the form (same credentials they used for District Chorus)

HARD COPY FORMS FOR STUDENTS (copies are in folders):

The following forms are not required but MAY apply. Please read carefully.

HOUSING WAIVER FORM- RETURN TO DIRECTOR ASAP (by Fri, Feb 21st)

THIS FORM IS ONLY NECESSARY IF YOU WISH TO NOT STAY IN THE HOTEL.

MEDICATIONS FORM- STUDENTS BRING THESE TO THE FESTIVAL

Students who require medications during the PMEA Festival must fill out the Medication Administration Form (this form is not on Arbiter; students should print, fill out and bring to the festival). A SEPARATE FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT FOR EACH MEDICATION. Upon arrival and check in at the District festival, students will be required to check in your medications with the form. STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO SELF-ADMINISTER medications as per PMEA policy. All medications must be in original packaging and should only contain the amount of medications required for the festival duration.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Students will be housed at the hotel below during this festival. PMEA chaperones will be on hand at the hotel. Students will be grouped 2 to a room.

Students have the option to opt out of the hotel stay. Parents will be responsible for transport to and from the festival each day. Students are NOT permitted to drive themselves to PMEA events. If the student is opting out of the hotel stay, please fill out the **Housing Waiver and Release Form** located in your folder and return to your director no later than

Hotel: Comfort Inn & Suites Glen Mills
1110 Baltimore Pike, Glen Mills, PA 19342

Concert Information:

The PMEA Region VI Chorus Festival Concert will take place at Garnet Valley High School on Saturday, March 15th, 2025 at 11:00AM. Tickets for the concert will be \$10 and can be purchased in advance at:

<https://pmead12.ludus.com/index.php?sections=events>.

Concert Attire:

Option #1 - Black button down shirt (long sleeve), Black pants or long black skirt, Black shoes, Black tie

Option #2 - Long Black Dress (short or long sleeve), Black shoes

Festival Repertoire:

1. "Morning Tide" - Traditional Australian Island Song arr. Stephen Leek
2. "Morning"- Hans Bridger Heruth (b. 1997)
3. "Cantate Domino" - Jan Pieterszoon Sweeklinck (b.1562) - some copies of this piece are on backorder. If you have a copy in your folder, it will be collected at the festival and replaced with an original.
4. "Take Me To Church"- Hozier arr. Cates
5. "I thank you God for most this amazing day"- Dan Forrest
6. "Temporal"- Traditional Puerto Rican Plena arr. Saez and Ortiz
7. "Luminescence"- Andrea Ramsey
8. "An Old Fashioned Song" - Bernstein and Markell, arr. Peterson
9. "John the Revelator"- Traditional Gospel Blues/arr. Caldwell and Ivory

Practice Tracks for some pieces are available on the festival website, as well as Dr. Cates' marked scores. **If your students are missing any selections, please contact Krista Thomas (thomask@garnetvalley.org) immediately.**

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE- ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ENTIRE FESTIVAL!

Please see the separate schedule, which is subject to change. For a live document google form, please scan this QR Code:



Festival Guidelines:

It is the responsibility of each member to have learned his/her music before the festival begins.

1. At no time during the festival will any student drivers be allowed.
2. No one will be excused from any part of the festival for any reason. All members must attend all festival activities.
3. Food is allowed only in those areas designated for dining. Absolutely no food will be allowed on stage during rehearsals. Everyone is expected to clean up after themselves.
4. Absolutely no cell phones will be allowed on stage during rehearsals.
5. At no time will smoking or the use of alcohol or drugs be tolerated. Anyone found breaking this rule will be immediately dismissed from the festival and dealt with by their home school authorities.
6. Courtesy is the rule, not the exception.
7. All rules and regulations of Garnet Valley High School are in effect for the duration of the festival.
8. Students must perform all musical compositions selected for the concert.
9. Students are required to re-audition during the festival.
10. You are responsible for all items and valuables that you bring to the festival including but not limited to: jewelry, equipment, instruments, clothing and other personal effects.

Violation of any rules will result in disciplinary action and possible removal from the PMEA Region VI Chorus Festival and exclusion from State and All-Eastern Festivals.

Please remind your students to bring:

- Black binder or folder with all festival repertoire
- Make sure you have everything you need for a two-night stay in a hotel (if you are staying in the hotel) including toiletries, pajamas, hygiene products, etc.

Your prompt and accurate attention to the forms is greatly appreciated. Please contact us as soon as possible with any questions.

Remember: **forms are due no later than Friday, February 21st, 2025.**

Sincerely,

Krista Thomas, Garnet Valley High School Choral Director
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Nicholas Harmantzis, PALCS Choral Director
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