

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

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A. What music will be performed this year?

The concert, *Prism*, will feature a curated selection of diverse repertoire from multiple cultures and time periods, with opportunities for featured solos and small ensembles in addition to full choir performance. Additionally, the “prepared solo” portion of the audition will be used to select two Distinguished Soloists, who will be featured in a dedicated portion of the concert.

B. When and where will the Honor Choir event be held?

University of Arizona School of Music

Friday, October 23, 2026

7:30 AM - 8:15 AM Check in and Merchandise Distribution (Crowder Lobby)

8:20 AM - 5:15 PM UA High School Honor Choir - Day 1

Saturday, October 24, 2026

9:00 AM - 1:15 PM UA High School Honor Choir - Day 2

2:00-3:15 PM Honor Choir Concert (Crowder Hall): Free and Open to the Public

C. How do I submit students?

All student information, audition materials, and payment are submitted through a single online form by the Teacher/Director. You may submit multiple students within one form. If needed, you may also submit the form more than once.

Audition Registration Website:

<https://events.trellis.arizona.edu/f441Nu67/5a3UV41PuUf>

D. What information/materials will I need for each student?

For each student, you will need:

- Student's first and last name

- Student's grade level
- Your evaluation of the student's:
 1. Musical readiness
 2. Vocal technique
 3. Rehearsal habits
 4. Ensemble citizenship
- Three separate audio recordings:
 1. **Sight-reading response** recorded by the teacher while the student sings with the official University of Arizona Sight-reading Audio Prompt Track.
 2. **Aural recall response** recorded by the teacher while the student sings with the official University of Arizona Aural Recall Audio Prompt Track.
 3. **Prepared solo** recorded separately by the teacher.
- Payment of the non-refundable \$10 audition fee per student, submitted through the audition portal. The total fee for all submitted students will be collected at the end of the form.

Teachers are encouraged to complete all recordings before beginning the online registration form.

E. Where can I access the audition materials?

The audition materials (Sight-Reading Prompt Track, Aural Recall Prompt Track, Prepared Solo Guidelines, and Audition Instructions) are available in a Google Drive folder.

The access link will be emailed to teachers/directors on the University of Arizona High School Honor Choir mailing list when the audition window opens.

If you are not currently on the mailing list, please email [M. Nicole Davis](#) or use the CONTACT US button on the Audition Registration Website to request access. We are happy to share the audition materials with high school choir directors and music educators.

F. What are the repertoire requirements for the audition recordings?

Each student will submit **three separate audio recordings**.

Sight-reading Response

- Record the student responding to the official University of Arizona Sight-reading Audio Prompt Track.
- Follow the recording instructions included with the prompt track.

Aural Recall Response

- Record the student responding to the official University of Arizona Aural Recall Audio Prompt Track.
- Follow the recording instructions included with the prompt track.

Prepared Solo

- Record the student performing one prepared solo.
- The selection may be a folk song, art song, musical theatre/Broadway selection, or a spiritual arrangement.
- Students should choose a selection that best demonstrates their vocal ability, musicianship, and expressive performance.
- The prepared solo may be performed with or without accompaniment; prerecorded accompaniment is welcome if needed.

The prepared solo should demonstrate the student's vocal technique, musicality, and expressive singing. Students should choose a selection that is appropriate for their voice, suitable for a high school performer, and that they can perform confidently from memory.

All required sight-reading and aural recall materials, along with detailed recording instructions, are available on the **Audition Resources Folder** (see question E).

G. What if I uploaded the wrong recording or need to replace a file?

If you need to replace an uploaded recording, simply upload the correct file using the required file naming convention. Then use the **CONTACT US** button on the Audition Registration website to let us know which file to disregard. We will use the corrected recording during adjudication.

H. What audio file formats are accepted?

Audio recordings may be submitted in **.mp3, .mp4, or .wav** format.

I. What is the audition fee, and how is it paid?

A \$10 processing fee is required for each student and is collected within the form at the time of audition submission.

J. When are audition submissions due?

All materials must be submitted by:

Friday, September 4 at 11:45 PM

K. When will teachers receive results?

Acceptance notifications will be sent to teachers/directors by:

Friday, September 11 at 11:59 PM

L. What happens after a student is accepted?

Teachers will receive student acceptance notifications by September 11 at 11:59 PM. This email will include:

- A list of accepted students
- Descriptions of available mini-courses
- Sheet music and practice materials
- Event schedules for both teachers and students (attached)
- Two links:
 1. Acceptance Confirmation Portal
 2. Event Merchandise Store

The Acceptance Confirmation Portal is MANDATORY and must be completed by **Sunday, October 4 at 11:45 PM**. Within this portal, you will:

- Confirm accepted students
- Select mini-courses
- Submit payment (\$35 per student)
- Complete the photo/media release

- Confirm teacher or adult chaperone attendance

M. Will there be t-shirts or merchandise?

Yes. Event merchandise may be purchased through an online store after acceptance.

The link will be provided with participation information on Sept. 11. **THE STORE CLOSSES ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH AT 11:59 PM.**

Orders must be placed by this date; no additional merchandise will be available on-site. Items will be delivered during event check-in on October 23rd.

N. Are conference or event hotel rates available for out-of-town schools?

No. While some schools have explored conference rates in the past, most have ultimately arranged their own accommodations. This year, we will not be offering a conference or event rate.

O. Who receives communication about the event?

All communication is sent through the sponsoring teacher. Please share important information with your students and their families.

If you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. I appreciate your time and care in preparing your students for this opportunity.