

Youth Solo/Ensemble Festivals 2008

The Southeast Iowa Choral Directors Association will again host a Youth Solo/Ensemble Festival. Again this year we will be utilizing two sites.

The first festival will be held on Saturday, March 8 at Fairfield Middle School in Fairfield, from 8:30-12:30. Connie Keller (connie.keller@fairfieldsfuture.org) will be the host.

The second festival will be held on Saturday, April 19 at Pleasant Valley Middle School in LeClaire, from 8:30-12:30. Marcia Renaud (renaudmarcia@pleasval.k12.ia.us) will be the host. By having two sites we hope to involve more students by making the travel distance shorter for many schools.

Solo/Ensemble Festival

This event is open to any choral student in grades 6-9. Each event is scheduled for 6 minutes and the instructors may determine whether the entrant(s) will perform one or two selections. Ensembles may include whatever number of contestants the instructor desires as long as a balanced group is the result.

I have enclosed a ballot that you will need to copy and fill out for every entry. The ratings will be I, Superior; II, Excellent; and III, Good. This is meant to be a learning experience for students. Judges will be encouraged to write positive and helpful comments in order to encourage students to continue their vocal music experience.

Rating sheets will be available at a designated place before the students leave for the day. No ratings will be posted.

Students must have a numbered copy of the music for the judge.

The fee for each entry of 8 or fewer students is \$5.00 for ICDA members and \$8.00 for non-ICDA members. Ensembles with 8 or more students will be charged \$10.00 for ICDA members and \$15.00 for non-ICDA members. Also, if you have more than fifteen (15) entries, we would ask that you please have a second accompanist available so that students can be accommodated into the schedule. Non-member directors are encouraged to attend, but this letter is being sent only to ICDA members. Please mention this to any directors you know who may be interested in bringing students, as well as High School directors who may want to include some of their 9th grade students.

If you have any questions, please contact the contest hosts or myself.

Sincerely,
Mary Beth Riewerts
ICDA SE District Representative
riewertsm@davenportschools.org

ENTRY BLANK FOR S.E. DISTRICT YOUTH
SOLO/ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL 2008

Director's Name _____

Director's e-mail _____

Name of School _____

School Address _____

School phone _____ **Fax _____

*Please include fax number as your schedule for the day will be sent by fax.

Solos and Ensembles of 8 or less

X \$5.00 ICDA member _____

X \$8.00 Non-member _____

Ensembles of 8 or more

X \$10.00 ICDA member _____

X \$15.00 Non-member _____

Enclosed is a check for \$_____ made out to **SE Iowa Choral
Directors Association.**

Registration forms for the Fairfield site are due no later than **February 13.**

Send to **Connie Keller**
Fairfield Community School District
605 E. Broadway
Fairfield, IA 52556

**The address of the location of this contest is Fairfield Middle School--404 W.
Fillmore, Fairfield, IA 52556**

Registration forms for the Pleasant Valley site are due no later than **April 1.**

Send to **Marcia Renaud**
Pleasant Valley Junior High School
3501 Wisconsin St.
**LeClaire, IA 52753 - Directions will be sent upon receipt of
registrations.**

Adjudicator's Ballot

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Name _____ Grade _____

School _____

Judges will mark a plus or minus (+ or -) after the subdivisions which are noticeably good or noticeably poor. The absence of any mark indicates an average performance.

PERFORMANCE

General comments on performance _____

FUNDAMENTALS:

Tone Quality _____
Intonation _____
Support _____
Stage Presence _____

TECHNICAL

PREPARATION:

Notes _____
Dynamics Observed _____
Rhythmic Accuracy _____
Phrasing _____
Diction _____
Articulation _____
Balance _____

MUSICAL

EFFECT:

Phrasing _____
Expression _____
Style _____
Tempo _____

Recommended Rating (Circle)

I
Superior

II
Excellent

III
Good

Judge's Signature