

CHORUS CONTEST BRIEFING LETTER

To: All competing Choruses

Land O'Lakes District Contest

Rochester, MN - Saturday - Oct 24, 2009 - 10:30 am

Gentlemen;

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

1. The Contest Administrator is Don Crowl, Tulsa, OK
Associate Contest Administrator is Woody Woods, Colorado Springs, CO
2. The Category Judges are:
MUSIC

Phil Ordaz	Jay Krumbholz
Whittier, CA	Spokane, WA

PRESENTATION

David Leeder	Roger Mills
Spring, TX	Blaine, WA

SINGING

Tom Matchinsky	Russ Young
Edina, MN	Mesa, AZ
3. **Contest start time:**
10:30 AM Sat - District Chorus Contest
4. **Order of appearance** will be posted on the **LOLnet** and on the LOL District Web site.
5. **Convention Registration Desk** will be in Mayo 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. Note these are "public rooms" and are **NOT** dressing rooms. They will be used by other Choruses so **NO** personal items can be left in these rooms.
8. **NOTE:** There are NO Dressing rooms at the Auditorium so members must dress in their Hotel room.

9. 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.
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 six (6) feet from the riser end tips to the edge of the stage
11. **Curtain** - There is a horizontal closing curtain two (2) feet from the stage lip.
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. You may see your Chorus pictures after the contest at a table near the front.
13. **Evaluation sessions** will be held in the Auditorium starting approx 30 minutes after the end of the contest. 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. **Competitor Shuttle Bus** will be provided for Choruses to the Contest. **We will pick up your Chorus at your Hotel according to the enclosed schedule.**
 - Choruses in the Holiday Inn will be picked up in front, Street level on Broadway.
 - Choruses in the Hilton Hotel will be picked up in front from the lobby.
 - Choruses in the DoubleTree Hotel will be picked up in front from the lobby.
 - Choruses in the Kahler Hotel will be picked up from the NORTH side of the Bldg.
8. Per District ByLaws, everyone competing on stage must have an All Events Registration. All seating is reserved seating for all 3 contest Events.
9. **NOTE: Per new Society rules... Choruses are now required to remove/clean the stage of any materials left as part of their performance package.**
10. We are using 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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