



November 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Irvine Unified School District is proud to announce the 36th Annual Donald Bren Honors Concert and the formation of the 2018 Elementary Honor Chorus. Students in grades 5th-6th are invited to audition to be a part of this prestigious group and will have the opportunity to showcase their talents at the Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall for one night only on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. The Honors Concert provides an excellent opportunity for students to work with challenging musical pieces that stretch the skills of even the most accomplished students. Past performers have learned to use music to help with their focus, to fuel creativity, and as an outlet for their emotions. Our conductors provide valuable teaching and mentoring as well as a real-life example of music as a viable career for their future. Students must add additional practice and rehearsal time to their day which develops skills of time management, perseverance, and discipline. By participating in the concert, students become “ambassadors” in their schools, sharing with other students the excitement, fun and value of this unique and world-class opportunity.

Proceeds from this annual concert provide financial support to the Visual and Performing Arts Department of the Irvine Unified School District and directly impacts the sustainability of Irvine’s music programs for years to come. Your support is requested through ticket purchases, special well-wisher messages and other congratulatory options to recognize your child. More information regarding these opportunities will be sent to you if your student is selected to participate.

Please consider with your student the opportunity to be a part of this unique performance event! If there are any questions regarding auditions, please contact: Kaii Lee at KaiiLee@iusd.org

Audition Requirements and Expectations:

1. Must be enrolled in Vocal Music class
2. Time commitment – If selected, students will have weekly mandatory rehearsals outside of school hours for 10 weeks leading up to the concert
3. Must obtain permission from their music teacher to audition
4. Must complete the online application form, <http://tinyurl.com/IUSDESHC18>, before or on Friday, 1/19/18. No late submissions will be accepted.

Audition Schedule for Honor Chorus:

Date	Time	Location
Saturday, 1/27/18	Any 15 minutes between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm	Brywood Elementary School

Rehearsal Schedule:

Date	Time	Location
Wednesdays, 2/7, 2/14, 2/28, 3/7, 3/21, 3/28, 4/11 Tuesdays, 2/20, 3/13, 4/17	6:30-8:15 pm	Brywood Elementary School

Concert Information:

- Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2018
- Location: Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall, 600 Town Center Dr., Costa Mesa, CA 92626
- Time: 7:00 pm (students will be required to attend dress rehearsal on the day of the concert at 3:30 pm)

Sincerely,

Kaii Lee
Vocal Music Instructor

Brad Van Patten
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