

WCDA 2020 Student Conducting Competition

Dr. Sarah Sjolie Parks, Chair

The Wisconsin Choral Directors Association is pleased to sponsor its 2020 Student Conducting Competition for undergraduate students—

Thursday, January 9, 2020 • 6:30–8:30 P.M. • Appleton East High School

The competition is part of the annual WCDA All-State Choirs event, which will be held in Appleton, January 10-11.

Student choral directors at the collegiate level are encouraged to take advantage of this excellent opportunity! Winners from past WCDA Conducting Competitions have secured some of the finest choral directing and teaching positions available.

The deadline for applications is **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019**.

Participation is limited to EIGHT student conductors, so the application forms should be mailed as soon as possible. **Earliest postmark determines priority.** Directors of applicants MUST be members of WCDA.

about the competition— The WCDA Student Conducting Competition focuses on conducting gestures and communication skills within the rehearsal setting. Each student will conduct two selections in a 15-minute rehearsal with a choir from Appleton East High School Choir (Dan Van Sickle, Director). The repertoire will be mailed to the eight participants directly: *Vidi Aquam* (Kevin Padworski), Santa Barbara Music Publishing, Inc., SSA, and *The Lake Isle of Innisfree* (Eleanor Daley), Oxford University Press, SSA.

- The goal of the competition is to clearly communicate ideas, work efficiently, and *make great music!*
- Three judges will give a written critique to each student conductor, and a Certificate of Participation.
 - The winner of the competition will be recognized at the WCDA **All-State Concert on Saturday, Jan. 11th**, and will have the opportunity to conduct in a rehearsal with the WCDA All-State Treble Chorus (Giselle Wyers, conductor).

to apply— Students must send a WCDA Conducting Competition Application Form and the **\$25.00** Competition Fee to the address on the form. The fee includes repertoire music, which will be sent to each accepted applicant, along with directions and details of the competition. Forms must be postmarked by Wednesday, November 20.

questions? Please contact: Dr. Sarah Sjolie Parks St. Norbert College Music Department 100 Grant Street De Pere, WI 54115 715-821-0245 sarah.parks@snc.edu

WCDA 2020 student conducting competition form
TO BE FILLED OUT BY STUDENT APPLICANT

Postmark Deadline: **November 20, 2019**

Student Name: _____

College/University: _____

Choir Director Name: _____

Choir Director WCDA Membership # _____

Choir Director Email: _____

Student Campus Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Student Phone: (_____) _____

Student Email: _____

Class: _____ Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior

Registration questions can be directed to:

Melissa Ebert, WCDA wcd@wischoral.org 920-358-3730

Please make check payable to WCDA for the **\$25.00** Competition Fee and send with this form to:

WCDA - Student Conducting Competition
Attn: Melissa Ebert 435 Sandstone Ter.,
Kiel, WI 53042

This form may be reproduced. Deadline: **November 20, 2019**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Application Received _____ Date Music Sent to Applicant _____