August 21, 2018

Chorus Students and Parents,

Interested JCCHS chorus students have been invited to participate in the annual UGA HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL DAY on **Thursday, September 20, 2018** at the University of Georgia Hugh Hodgson School of Music. This day-long event features choral rehearsals and performances by current UGA singers and a collage performance featuring several UGA choral ensembles.

The showcase at the end of the day will include the high school women performing with members of the UGA Women’s Glee Club, the high school men performing with members of the UGA Men’s Glee Club, selections performed by various UGA choral ensembles, and a culminating performance featuring all Choral Day participants, including the UGA Hodgson Singers.

The repertoire for the day-long festival is designed to give our students a variety of musical experiences. The high school men will perform the classic *Zion’s Walls* by Aaron Copland and the high school women will perform *Rise Up* by Jake Runestad. The afternoon Choral Showcase will culminate with all singers performing Shawn Kirchner’s *Bright Morning Stars*.

**If your student singer is interested, here is what you need to know and what they need to do:**

* The **registration fee** for this event is **$25** **(and includes their Choral Day music)** and the **deadline for payment** to Mr. Bunn is **Thursday, August 30.** Checks should be made out to JCCHS.
* Students will receive their music shortly after 8/30 and are expected to practice using the chorus Google Drive (more info later) prior to the day of the event.
* UGA High School Choral Day will be an approved field trip, and participating students will NOT be counted absent from school that day.
* We’ll travel by school bus around 8 am on Thursday, September 20 to UGA and will return that evening by 6 pm or so. Students will need to bring their music, a sack lunch, and may wear red/black UGA colors to the event that day (more info on this to come).
* UGA Choral Day T-shirts are available for purchase and are **OPTIONAL.** They may be pre-ordered through me if desired. The cost per shirt is $15. If you choose to write a check for a Choral Day T-shirt, then **the check MUST be a separate one from the REGISTRATION check** and made out to **UGA Choirs Booster Club.**  Choral Day T-shirts will be distributed at the event on 9/20/18. If you are interested, please send **separate payment AND student’s t-shirt size.**

I hope a number of interested and dedicated JCCHS singers will take this opportunity to experience music making in a college setting with other like-minded students. We may send up to 28 singers to this first come, first served event, so please send in your $25 registration ASAP if your student is interested. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to a great day of music making on September 20 at UGA! The schedule for the day is attached.

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