

Dear Esteemed Choral Colleague,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 academic year! We hope that you had a restful summer and are excited for all of the musical opportunities ahead. The Delaware Chapter of ACDA is thrilled to begin this performance year with the eighth annual *Festival for Treble Voices* on **Thursday November 6, 2025**. This year, our festival will take place at the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Wilmington, Delaware. This event is designed for deserving treble singers from 7th-12th grade who have demonstrated commitment, engagement, a passion for music, and musical ability. It is a **non-auditioned** festival, however, singers should be able to sit through extended rehearsals, and have the vocal abilities required for a single day event such as this. We will cap admission to the festival at 75 singers, so act quickly and submit your applications and payment! **We will only accept 10 students from each school!**



Our clinician, Dr. Lynnel Joy Jenkins is the artistic director of Westrick Music Academy, music director of Princeton Girlchoir, and a choral teacher in the Hopewell Valley Regional School District, New Jersey. Dr. Jenkins has varied conducting and teaching experience from elementary to collegiate levels, including positions at the American Boychoir and Westminster Choir College. She has conducted choirs and lectured worldwide, and led several ACDA and OAKE honor choirs and all-state choruses. She earned degrees from Westminster Choir College (BA), Temple University (MM), and the University of Arizona (DMA) and received the Elaine Brown Conducting Award from the first two institutions.

Additionally the The Delaware Women's Choir and UD University Singers will perform alongside your singers at the closing festival concert. This promises to be a day filled with phenomenal and enriching musical experiences for your students. A snapshot of the schedule is as follows:

9:30am-9:55am	Registration
10am-12:30pm	Rehearsal with Dr. Jenkins
12:30pm-1:30pm	Lunch (students must pack and bring their own lunches, no delivery allowed)
1:30pm-5:00pm	Rehearsal with Dr. Jenkins
5:00pm-6:15pm	ACDA provided dinner (pizza & salad, juice/water)
6:15pm-6:30pm	Warm-up
6:30pm-8:00pm	Concert featuring the UD University Singers, DE Women's Chorus, and Festival Choir (students should a plain black top that covers shoulders and midriiffs with bottoms of their choice)

### Cost & What's Included:

\$70 per student: Dinner, Musical scores (students keep these), Souvenir, Event operational expenses

## Registration Process

### Step 1: Initial Registration

- Organization/School registration is first come, first serve. Each director can utilize up to 10 spots. If additional spots are available, we will reach out. To the best of your ability, please send balanced voicing for the ensemble. While the repertoire list is not yet confirmed, music will range from 2-4 parts.
- Teachers/Directors must complete the provided [Google Form](#). The form requires:
  - Director contact information
  - Number of students you **commit to sending and paying for**
  - Payment method details
- We have provided an additional form to organize your student information. You may hold on to these forms and bring them to the event or scan them and email them. However, this student data will still need to be filled out on a separate digital form for easy access throughout the day's events.

### Step 2: Payment Documentation

- If you require an invoice prior to payment, please let us know the full amount for your school/district/organization. If paying for an entire district, provide information for all schools within that district under a single PO.
- Please make sure you provide the method of payment we should be expecting. DE ACDA can be paid directly through the state system or via check.
- For Check payments: Send checks directly to: Mrs. Martin Lassman, Treasurer, DE ACDA, 44 Weilers Bend, Wilmington, DE 19810

### Step 3: Final Student Count

- Deadline: October 8th for final updated student count from each school/organization.
  - After this date, you are responsible for paying for the number of students indicated on your original form
  - We will email you confirmation of these numbers

### Step 4: Individual Student Information Submission

Once your information and numbers are confirmed, we will send out a Google Form to collect individual student information. This will include:

- Individual student names & voice parts
- Emergency contact information & allergies/medical conditions we should be aware of
- A follow-up email will be sent to confirm the provided information.

### Step 5: Music distribution & preparation

- Once you are confirmed, music will be distributed either electronically when possible or mailed/delivered. We will make every effort to also provide practice tracks.
- Students and directors should be familiar with their voice parts prior to the event so Dr. Jenkins can work her magic in the short time we all have to work together.

Thank you for your support and encouragement of continued musical programs in our state. See you in November!

Kelly Hanson & Jerry Polman  
Festival for Treble Voices Co-Chairs