

LENOIR~RHYNE UNIVERSITY

2022 VOCAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Friday, March 11, 2022

Dear Choral Directors and Singers:

We invite you to participate in the 2022 *Lenoir-Rhyne University Vocal Music Festival* to be held on **Thursday, April 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Participants will sing alongside members of the LR A Cappella Choir throughout the day, culminating in an evening performance that will feature high school soloists and the mass festival choir. Ryan Luhrs and Renee Shatley will direct the mass choir. This year's final concert will be in LR's beautiful Grace Chapel. LR A Cappella Choir and College Singers will offer a mini concert after lunch. We will follow LR campus Covid-related protocols. Masks are currently required when indoors but policies will be reviewed before the festival and I will keep you updated as to their status.

We view this event as an opportunity to celebrate singing through a unique choral experience that also strengthens relationships between LR and regional high schools. All high school students are invited to participate regardless of ability and experience. To that end, we want to remove as many barriers as possible to encourage participation:

1. There is **no** registration fee.
2. If the cost of music prohibits students from participating, a limited number of scores will be provided the day of the festival. (Directors are asked to purchase at least one set of scores from which students can practice at school. Please contact me to make arrangements. This is available first come/first served).
3. Rehearsal tracks for all selections will be available online soon.

Students are invited to eat lunch in the LR dining hall (\$8/person). Please collect money in advance and write a single check to "Aramark Food Services" Students can also bring their own food. The festival will culminate with a concert in Grace Chapel.

Interested high school soloists are invited to have a 15 minute lesson/clinic with a member of the LR voice faculty. Selected soloists will also perform on the final concert. Students are encouraged to memorize their solo. You can nominate up to three students to participate in this opportunity.

2022 Festival Schedule:

Registration:	9:00-9:30 a.m., Mauney Music Building Main Lobby
Rehearsals:	9:30-11:00 a.m., Grace Chapel (mass choir) (9:45a.m. - LR voice faculty begin hearing soloists) 11:15-11:45 a.m, Grace Chapel, Mauney Music Building (sectionals)
Lunch Break:	11:45-12:45 p.m., Cromer Center Dining Hall
Mini-concert	12:55-1:20 p.m., Grace Chapel (LR students performing)
Rehearsals:	1:30-4:15 p.m., Grace Chapel and Mauney Music Building (sectionals and mass choir)
Concert:	5:00-6:00 p.m., Grace Chapel

Attire for the evening program will be your school's concert dress. We hope you can join us!

Please note: The 5:00 concert in Grace Chapel is free and open to the public. Friends and family are welcome to attend. However seating will be limited to approx. 125 seats, which will be available on a first come/first served basis.

Sincerely yours,

Ryan Luhrs, Judy Burbank, Jeana Borman, Renee Shatley, and Cory Westby
LR Vocal Music faculty

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REPERTOIRE

1. Guide My Feet – arr. Avis Graves, SATB (students will learn day of festival, no music to purchase)
2. More Love – Mark Miller, SAB, <https://www.jwpepper.com/More-Love/10755607.item#/submit>
3. Sanctus (Requiem) – Faure, with organ, download free from CPDL
<http://www1.cpd.org/wiki/images/a/a2/Faure-Sanctus3.pdf>
4. Sikhulule – South African (taught by ear, students will learn day of festival, no music to purchase)
5. Additional songs learned day of the festival as time allows.

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NAMES OF SINGERS (place on back or attach a sheet; include voice parts):
HIGH SCHOOL:

CHORUS DIRECTOR:

CELL PHONE:

EMAIL:

VOICE PART (PLEASE IDENTIFY THE SECTION FOR ALL PARTICIPATING SINGERS):

SI _____ SII _____ AI _____ AII _____ TI _____ TII _____ BI _____ BII _____

NAMES OF UP TO THREE SOLOISTS TO PERFORM FOR VOICE FACULTY AND POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN EVENING CONCERT:

Please complete and return this form by email, text, or postal mail by **Friday, April 1**, to:

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