

LENOIR~RHYNE UNIVERSITY

2023 VOCAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Thursday, March 9, 2023

Dear Choral Directors and Singers:

We invite you to participate in the 2023 *Lenoir-Rhyne University Vocal Music Festival* to be held on **Tuesday, April 4, 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 other members of the LR vocal music faculty 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 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. Only one selection will need to be purchased and rehearsed in advance of the festival and it is available as a digital download. Practice tracks for are freely available on YouTube.

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 in the final concert. Students are encouraged to memorize their solo. You can nominate up to three students to participate in this opportunity. If possible, prioritize your students who have been working on solo repertoire. However, all students are welcome to participate.

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. Seeking Light - Williams <https://www.jwpepper.com/Seeking-Light/11334133.item#.ZAoKeS-B0Xw>
(practice tracks for each voice part are available on YouTube by searching “Seeking Light (enter voice part)”)
2. Old Hundredth Psalm Tune - arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (music provided, taught day of festival)
2. Reamo Leboga - arr. Wambugu and Robinson (music provided, taught day of festival)
4. Alleluia - arr. John Bell (taught by ear, students will learn day of festival, no music to purchase)
5. Salaam Aleikum (taught be ear, students will learn day of festival, no music to purchase)

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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, March 31**, to:

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