

2008 Texas Music Ambassadors Application and Audition Instructions

A completed application should include:

1. Signed and completed *2008 Texas Music Ambassadors Participant Application*
2. Signed *2008 Texas Music Ambassadors Participant Contract*
3. Audition Materials

Format: CD or Cassette (CD Preferred)

Length: 2-3 Minutes

Material: Vocal Solo (difficulty equal to a UIL Class 1 solo)

Students that have performed in the TMEA All-State Choir, or earned a Superior rating on a Class 1 solo at the UIL Solo-Ensemble Contest (region level) are exempt from audition and automatically invited to participate.

Mail to:

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Texas Music Ambassadors
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2008 Texas Music Ambassadors Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to participate in the 2008 Texas Music Ambassadors?

Any choir student that is at least 14 years old, graduates high school in 2008 or after, and has not attended a college or university as a full-time student, is invited to audition for the Texas Music Ambassadors.

When will I know if I am accepted to participate in the 2008 Texas Music Ambassadors?

Students that have been selected to the TMEA All-State Choir or received a Superior rating on a class 1 solo at the UIL Solo-Ensemble Contest (region level) and fulfill the application requirements will automatically be invited to participate in the Texas Music Ambassadors. All other applications and auditions will be reviewed upon receipt and notified immediately.

Why is the itinerary subject to changes until departure?

As a professional travel planner, we would prefer to have an exact itinerary 18 months prior to departure, but experience shows us that many European communities will not be ready to schedule public performances until 3-6 months prior to the tour. By maintaining the ability to make itinerary modifications we are able to secure performance opportunities that will have the greatest amount of local participation and support. Air travel dates and ports will not change, and it is rare that changes to overnight destinations occur within 6 months of departure.

Who are the Chaperones/Sponsors for the trip?

The Conductor will be Mrs. Dianne Brumley, Director of Choral Studies at The University of Texas at Brownsville. The Tour Director will be Patrick Connor, President of Director's Choice Tour & Travel. Additional chaperones may be chosen from music educators that can serve a dual role as both chaperone and applied faculty. Each chaperone undergoes a thorough background check. There will be at least one adult chaperone for every 15 student participants.

What is the Dress for the European Tour?

The dress for indoor concerts will be a black dress shirt and black slacks. The dress for outdoor concerts will be a Commemorative Sport Shirt (that we will provide for you) and black slacks. Layered clothing and wind breakers with hoods are recommended for sightseeing and travel days due to the possibility of rapidly changing weather conditions.

Can parents/additional family members accompany the tour?

Yes. Parents are welcome to accompany the tour, but should understand that this performance tour is not designed to serve as a family vacation. All student participants will be expected to participate in all scheduled activities and adhere by tour guidelines regardless of the presence/absence of parents or guardians.