January 15, 2014

Dear Show Choir Directors,

All of the final details are being wrapped up and sorted and we are excited to host you next weekend at the **RAMAGEDDON** invite at Ralston High School! We hope it will be an exiting and educational day for your students. This mailing includes all of the "nuts and bolts" about Saturday, January 25th. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions you have.

SCHEDULE: The schedule was emailed to you last month, but is attached for your convenience.

DIRECTIONS: Ralston High School is located at 8969 Park Drive. **Please have your buses unload in the BACK (west side) of the school, off of 90th street.** The back parking lot is reserved for volunteers and for bus drop off. Enter through the rear doors to check in, get stamped, etc.

CHECK-IN and UNLOADING: Check in the rear of the school. If you have large equipment, there is a dock door if needed, but you will need to arrange to have that opened during the lunch break., or between groups. Otherwise, all equipment needs to come in the double doors in the rear of the school. The large equipment storage room is located near this entrance, and is directly behind the performance space.

*If you would like to drop equipment or costumes off on Friday night to make your day easier, please contact me to arrange those details.

IF YOU HAVE STUDENTS ARRIVING SEPARATELY: Please provide a roster at the check-in table and have the students check-in there. Otherwise, they will have to pay the admission price.

DEPARTURE: At the end of the day round, and at the end of the competition, we ask that all schools unload from the rear of the building where they entered.

PARKING: Ralston High School has ample parking in the front of the school. If parking becomes an issue, overflow parking may park at the central office parking lot just east of the high school.

CONCESSIONS: Please support our invite's concessions. A variety of food will be available all day and all proceeds directly support RHS Show Choirs.

HOME ROOMS: Each performing group will be given a home room to store their belongings and get ready, etc. There is NO FOOD OR DRINK PERMITTED IN THE HOMEROOMS.

SPECTATOR ADMISSION: All day admission is $10.00 for adults and $7.00 for students and seniors. The same prices apply for patrons arriving for finals. The adult price includes a program. The student/senior rate does not. They may purchase a program for $3.00.

BUS PARKING: Buses are asked to park at the ORIENTAL TRADING OFFICE PARKING LOT on 90th and Park Drive.

JUDGES AND SCORING: Our judges for the prelims are Shelby VanNordstrand, Cheri Helmer-Reinsche, Ben Schrank. Chad Alexander, and Melanie Walters. A standard ballot and point system will be used for the day round with the **top six scoring groups** competing in finals. **All groups** are eligible for finals. Ordinal scoring will be used in finals. Caption awards as well as soloist and performer awards will also be given in finals.

PHOTO CD's: We will not be taking group photos, but will have photographers taking pictures during each performance. These picture CD's will be ready quickly after each performing group and available for immediate sale in the commons. Each group disc costs $7.00.

VIDEO: Hamilton Video will be recording the performances and have DVD's available for purchase in the commons.

EQUIPMENT PROVIDED/STAGE: Ralston will provide a fixed set of risers for the competition. These will NOT be moved for groups during the day. We will also provide an upright piano, music stands, chairs, and two power sources. Five wireless microphones will be available.
IMPORTANT**The risers will be set 8 feet from the edge of the natural stage. There is an additional 4 feet in front (orchestra pit cover) that is secure and free to be used, but is NOT LIT WELL. Please keep this in mind when you are setting the stage for your performance. The rest of the stage is lit beautifully. There is ample wing space in our theatre for costume changes, etc.

TIME: Each group will have 25 minutes to set up, perform and tear down. Although we will not be keeping time, we ask that you adhere to these guidelines to keep our competition on schedule.

FOG MACHINES, ETC: Fog machines are permitted; however, open flame, confetti or any pyrotechnics are not permitted. Use of these items will result in ineligibility for finals.

OVERFLOW: Ralston's theatre seats 605. There will be televisions available in the commons and gym to watch the performances in the case of reaching the theatre's seating capacity. PLEASE HAVE YOUR STUDENTS UTILIZE THESE OVERFLOW AREAS to give their seats to the fans and patrons of other performing groups.

LOUNGE: There will be a hospitality lounge available for directors, accompanists and bus drivers. Sandwiches, soups, etc will be available as a thank you for choosing our competition and to make your day more comfortable. This is located in the staff lounge. (a map will be available in your check-in packet).

I am excited to host you and your group. Our parents, volunteers and students have worked hard to make this day run smoothly. Again, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. Please email me your anticipated arrival time for Saturday.

Sincerely,

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Group	Division	Warm-up	Perf.	Crit.
Lewis Central Company	Women's	8:10	8:30	8:50
Papillion La-Vista Heart and Soul	Women's	8:30	8:50	9:10
Omaha North	Women's	8:50	9:10	9:30
BREAK				
Mercy	Women's	9:20	9:40	10:00
Lincoln East	Women's	9:40	10:00	10:20
Westside Simply Irresistible	Women's	10:00	10:20	10:40
BREAK				
Papillion La-Vista In Motion	Prep	10:40	11:00	11:20
Grand Island	Prep	11:00	11:20	11:40
Westside Warrior Express	Prep	11:20	11:40	12:00
LUNCH BREAK				
Gretna Revolution	Open Class	12:15	12:40	1:05
Omaha North Explosion	Open Class	12:40	1:05	1:30
Lincoln East	Open Class	1:05	1:30	1:55
BREAK				
Grand Island Ultimate Image	Open Class	1:45	2:10	2:35
Sioux Falls Classic Connection	Open Class	2:10	2:35	3:00
Hastings Riverside	Open Class	2:35	3:00	3:25
BREAK				
Papillion LaVista Free Spirit	Open Class	3:10	3:35	4:00
Lewis Central Corporation	Open Class	3:35	4:00	4:25
Westside ATSC	Open Class	4:00	4:25	4:50
Ralston Runway	Exhibition	4:25	4:50	5:15
AWARDS & ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINALS			5:15	
DINNER BREAK			5:30	
FINALS SCHEDULE				
Finalist #1	Finals	6:15	6:45	
Finalist #2	Finals	6:45	7:15	
Finalist #3	Finals	7:15	7:45	
Finalist #4	Finals	7:45	8:15	
Finalist #5	Finals	8:15	8:45	
Finalist #6	Finals	8:45	9:15	
Ralston RUSH	Exhibition	9:15	9:45	
FINAL AWARDS			**10:15**	