

## **BEL CANTO 2010 HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS FESTIVAL APPLICATION**

The Bel Canto High School Chorus Festival brings together up to 70 of the finest young singers from the Piedmont Triad together with excellent musicians from Eastern Music Festival to present an exciting concert of spectacular chorus music. From June 26 to June 30, 2010, participants will rehearse under the direction of Dr. Welborn Young, Bel Canto's accomplished artistic director and conductor, and work with professional singers from Bel Canto Company.

Rehearsals will be held from 1:00-6:00 PM each day of the festival at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Greensboro. Students will be treated like professional choral musicians and receive over 25 hours of hands-on musical training while attending full ensemble rehearsals, sectionals and private voice lessons. The festival culminates in a public concert at First Presbyterian Church on June 30 at 7:30 PM, entitled *The Human Spirit Ascending*.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Students in grades 9-12 interested in attending the Bel Canto Company High School Chorus Festival must apply and audition, following the instructions below, before a decision on acceptance and requests for financial assistance can be made.

### **APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

All applicants must submit a completed Application for Admission at the time of their audition in February or with their recorded audition. The final deadline for receipt of completed applications and audition recordings is February 26, 2010.

### **LIVE AUDITIONS**

Live auditions will be scheduled at three sites in Guilford County in February, 2010. Applicants must contact the Bel Canto Company office at 336-333-2220 to schedule an audition at a specific site. You may also request an audition time via our website, [www.belcantocompany.com](http://www.belcantocompany.com). Specific audition locations and times will be posted on our website as soon as they are available.

### **RECORDED AUDITIONS**

In lieu of a live audition, you have the option to submit a recorded audition according to the "Instructions for Preparing a Recorded Audition" below. Recordings will receive equal consideration for admission. The deadline for receipt of recordings at the Bel Canto Company office is February 26, 2010.

### **REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants should be prepared to perform a short excerpt from two of the works to be performed during the Festival. These excerpts will be posted on our website in December, along with a rehearsal recording to aid in preparation for the audition. Applicants will be expected to sing their vocal line with a recorded accompaniment CD (to be provided by Bel Canto Company) for the audition.

### **NOTIFICATION**

Decisions regarding admission will be made in March, and each applicant will be notified of their acceptance status. Successful applicants will be mailed copies of the music to be performed during the festival and an application for need based financial assistance. Decisions regarding financial assistance will be made in April.

Tuition for the Bel Canto Company High School Chorus Festival is \$75 and must be paid in full by June 1, 2010. All payments may be made by cash, personal check, money order, MasterCard, VISA or Discover. No deductions or refunds will be made for late arrival, early departure, or disciplinary separation from the Festival.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING A RECORDED AUDITION

*Please read carefully prior to submitting your recording.*

- 1) Download the audition selections and accompaniment recording from our website ([www.belcantocompany.com](http://www.belcantocompany.com)).
- 2) Select your recording media. Acceptable media include compact disc and MP3 files. We cannot accept cassette tapes, minidisks, video tapes or DAT tapes.
- 3) Record your audition using the accompaniment recording from our website. Use high quality media. Recordings that have been edited or enhanced will be disqualified.
- 4) Label your recording:  
**2010 Bel Canto Audition**  
**Name of Student**  
**Voice Part**  
**Telephone or Email**
- 5) Mail your application and recording (or submit via the internet). Send your Recording and completed Application for Admission to:  
**Bel Canto Company**  
**200 N Davie Street, Box 8**  
**Greensboro, NC 27401**

We will receive over a hundred recordings, so it is essential that you label your recording clearly and submit it prior to **February 26** for proper consideration. All recordings become the property of Bel Canto Company and will not be returned.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING MP3 FILES TO BEL CANTO COMPANY VIA THE INTERNET

- 1) Go to <http://www.mediafire.com>.
- 2) Click on "Upload to MediaFire™" (you can use this service without creating an account)
- 3) Before you begin uploading your files, please see the instructions for Labeling Your Audition Files below.
- 4) Select the file on your computer that you want to upload and click the "Open" button.
- 5) Click the "Begin Uploading Files" button.
- 6) Once the upload has been verified, click "Go to My Files".
- 7) Click on the "Share" button to the right of your file and select "Share by Email".
- 8) Enter your email address (if not already listed), the email address for Bel Canto Company ([info@belcantocompany.com](mailto:info@belcantocompany.com)) and click "Send Link".

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR LABELING YOUR MP3 AUDITION FILES

Please use the following format when naming your audition files. Do not use spaces when naming your files; use underscores ("\_").

**Label Format:** lastname\_firstname\_voicepart\_composer.mp3

**Example:** smith\_jane\_sop\_hadyn.mp3

The following abbreviations should be used to identify your voice part:

Soprano = **sop**, Alto = **alt**, Tenor = **ten**, Bass = **bas**

**You may upload files up to 100 MB in size. Uploading larger files requires the purchase of a subscription. If you upload each piece/excerpt separately, you should not exceed the size limit.**

MediaFire™ is not owned, operated, or otherwise affiliated with Bel Canto Company.

Application Deadline is February 26, 2010

**AUDITION INFORMATION**

<input type="checkbox"/> I have scheduled my audition at (venue/date):	
<input type="checkbox"/> I will call to schedule a live audition at (venue/date):	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have enclosed a CD of my audition.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I will mail a CD of my audition by February 26.	<input type="checkbox"/> I will upload my files to MediaFire® (See instructions for uploading files on our website.)

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

First Name:		Last Name:		Nickname:	
Date of Birth:		Age on 6/26/10:		Gender:	
Address:					
City:		State:		ZIP:	
Telephone: ( ) -	Mobile: ( ) -	Email:			
School You Attend:				Grade Completed in June, 2010:	
Are you a member of a choir(s)? (Specify):			Years:		Choir Director:
Voice Part:	Soprano <input type="checkbox"/>	Alto <input type="checkbox"/>	Tenor <input type="checkbox"/>	Bass <input type="checkbox"/>	

**PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION (This is necessary in case of emergency)**

Mother/Guardian Name:				Telephone: ( ) -
Address:				
City:		State:		ZIP:
Employer:			Position/Title:	
Work Telephone: ( ) -	Mobile Telephone: ( ) -	Email:		
Father/Guardian Name:				Telephone: ( ) -
Address:				
City:		State:		ZIP:
Employer:			Position/Title:	
Work Telephone: ( ) -	Mobile Telephone: ( ) -	Email:		

