

# Virginia Elementary Music Educators Association 13th Annual All Virginia Elementary Chorus – 2018

**Saturday, April 7, 2018**

**Radford University [Bondurant Auditorium] ~ Radford, Virginia**

**Dr. Meredith Y. Bowen, guest conductor**

Approximately 200 outstanding Virginia singers will experience the joy of making music together. Participants will be selected by their general music teacher. Students will work with a master conductor, learn a varied repertoire of quality choral literature, and increase their knowledge of vocal skills. Each elementary music teacher must be a current member of NAfME/VMEA by December 1, 2017 in order to participate.

Teachers may select students according to the number of students enrolled in the highest grade at their school (limited to grades 4, 5, and 6 students with unchanged voices).

- ♪ Schools with 1-100 students in their highest grade may select up to 4 participants.
- ♪ Schools with 100-150 students in their highest grade may select up to 6 participants.
- ♪ Schools with 150 or more students in their highest grade may select up to 8 participants.

**Participation will be limited to the first 200 students whose music teachers submit a completed Intent Form and pay the registration fee. VEMEA requires a registration fee of \$30.00 for each participating student AND a \$40.00 fee for each participating school. Please submit only ONE check or money order per school, made payable to VEMEA. Purchase orders cannot be accepted.** In the event that more than 200 students register, any Intent Forms and payments that are received in excess will be returned to the school.

The registration fee includes the cost of instruction during the rehearsal, participation in the concert, sheet music, lunch, certificate, name tag, and t-shirt. The registration fee also includes event overhead such as auditorium rental, guest conductor/accompanist fees, printing and mailing costs, etc. Lunch for participating students and teachers will be provided on the day of the concert. All participating students and teachers will receive a t-shirt the day of the concert, which will be worn during the concert. Music packets will be mailed directly to each school from The Musical Source in January.

Each individual student/family will be responsible for lodging near the concert venue if necessary. The list of nearby hotels will be e-mailed and will be available on the VEMEA website closer to the concert date.

**Intent forms and payments should be postmarked by Friday, December 15, 2017. Checks should be made payable to **VEMEA**. Mail your payment and the enclosed Intent Form to: Jason Kriner; 145 Milstead Road, Newport News VA 23606.**

When your intent form AND payment have been received you will get a confirmation e-mail from Jason Kriner (jason.kriner@wjccschools.org). If you do not receive a confirmation e-mail in a timely manner, please e-mail Jason Kriner to follow up. In January/February 2018, you will be required to complete an on-line registration form, to provide the names of your students and more details about your students (full name, height, t-shirt size, lunch choice, etc.). Directions for on-line registration will be e-mailed to you at the address you provide on the intent form.

## VEMEA All Virginia Elementary Chorus Goals

1. To provide elementary school students with:
  - ♪ An exciting, quality choral experience with other students from Virginia
  - ♪ An opportunity to share vocal artistry and grow as musicians
  - ♪ An opportunity to work with a guest clinician
  - ♪ An opportunity to sing quality children's choral repertoire
2. To provide an opportunity for elementary music educators to set a higher standard of vocal excellence in Virginia's schools.

## Proposed Rehearsal and Performance Schedule

Schedule is subject to change at discretion of AVEC staff and guest conductor.

8:30 AM	Students & Teachers arrive and check-in
9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon	Rehearsal
12:00 Noon – 1:15 PM	Lunch in shifts (divided by voice parts)
1:15 PM -3:45 PM	Rehearsal
3:45 PM – 4:30 PM	Concert Hall open to public; Students backstage to prepare for concert
4:30 PM	Concert

The concert uniform will be black pants/skirts and the All Virginia Elementary Chorus t-shirt, which will be distributed on the day of the concert. The uniform policy will be e-mailed to registered teachers in January 2018.

The concert will be professionally reordered and DVD's will be available for order.

The music teacher or school-approved chaperone must be present at all times during the rehearsal and concert. Teachers are required to follow their school division policy for field trips in regards to permission slips, emergency contact data and medication.

Students who participate in the VEMEA All Virginia Elementary Chorus will achieve a unique honor for themselves and their schools. VEMEA is committed to setting new standards of excellence for general music and elementary vocal music education in the public and private schools of Virginia. This exciting, high quality choral experience will be fulfilling for you and your students. We look forward to working with you and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

## All Virginia Elementary Chorus Staff

AVEC Coordinator	Jason Kriner Williamsburg/James City County Public Schools	Email: <a href="mailto:jason.kriner@wjccschools.org">jason.kriner@wjccschools.org</a> cell: 757-303-7000
AVEC Site Liaison/Assistant	Benjamin Garlic, Wythe County Public Schools	
VEMEA President	Marie Weber, Portsmouth City Public Schools	

**AVEC Guest Conductor: Dr. Meredith Y. Bowen** is Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Radford University where she conducts three choral ensembles and teaches courses in conducting, vocal pedagogy, choral literature, and choral methods. Bowen was recently selected as one of three conducting fellows from a national competition by Chorus America and was a finalist for the 2014 choral conducting award from The American Prize. Her doctoral research focused on restoring music of seventeenth-century Italian nuns for contemporary women's choruses. Eight restored editions are currently under review for publication. Prior to her appointment at Radford, Bowen taught K-12 general music, choir, and band in Lansing, MI, and was the Artistic Director of multiple ensembles in Michigan including: Sistrum - Lansing Women's Chorus, Holland Chorale, Battle Creek Girls Chorus, and Battle Creek Community Chorus. Bowen holds a B.S. in Music Education from West Chester University, an M.M. and a D.M.A. in Choral Conducting from Michigan State.

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## INTENT FORM

(Please print legibly)

### Section 1 – School Information

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Music Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NAfME ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

List your school district name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ School Fax Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Music Teacher's school e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

VMEA District (Visit [www.vmea.com](http://www.vmea.com) if unsure): \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 2 – School Endorsement

Highest grade level at school (circle one)      4<sup>th</sup>      5<sup>th</sup>      6<sup>th</sup>      Enrollment of highest grade level: \_\_\_\_\_

*The following signature indicates approval for the above named teacher to select students to participate in the All Virginia Elementary Chorus.*

Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 3 - To be signed by the school music teacher

*By signing below, I am intending to bring a group of students to participate in the 2018 All Virginia Elementary Chorus held on Saturday, April 7, 2018 in Radford, VA. I understand that I or a school-approved chaperone will remain in the rehearsal area with my students at all times. I understand that if registration exceeds 200 students, my school may not be able to participate and my registration fee will be returned to my school.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 4 – Add-on**

Additional adults that will be coming to AVEC may choose “add-on” items that they would like to have instead of paying the full registration fee. Additional adults would include, but not limited to: student teachers, itinerant music teachers, class room teachers, administrators, parent chaperons, spouses/children of music teachers, music teachers who wish to observe/volunteer but do not have students participating. These items are included in the fee for all teachers and students who pay a registration fee. **This section ONLY needs to be completed if you need to order additional items.**

**“Add-on” Items and Prices**

Music packet: \$15.00      \_\_\_\_\_ number of packets X \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
T-shirt: \$14.00      \_\_\_\_\_ number of t-shirts X \$14.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Lunch: \$10.00      \_\_\_\_\_ number of lunches X \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount due for “Add-on” items: \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of students participating: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

School Registration Fee: = \$40.00

Additional fee for “Add-on” items: = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(non-students)

Total amount due to VEMEA: = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

School Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks made payable to VEMEA**

**Examples:**

1 student registration	=	\$30	+	\$40 school registration fee	=	\$70
2 student registrations	=	\$60	+	\$40 school registration fee	=	\$100
3 student registrations	=	\$90	+	\$40 school registration fee	=	\$130
4 student registrations	=	\$120	+	\$40 school registration fee	=	\$160
5 student registrations	=	\$150	+	\$40 school registration fee	=	\$190
6 student registrations	=	\$180	+	\$40 school registration fee	=	\$220
7 student registrations	=	\$210	+	\$40 school registration fee	=	\$250
8 student registrations	=	\$240	+	\$40 school registration fee	=	\$280

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**Jason Kriner, All-Virginia Elementary Chorus**

**145 Milstead Road**

**Newport News, VA 23606**



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