



TO: Choral Directors and Principals of Wake County Elementary Schools

FROM: Jean Jamison, Chair of 2020 RFAS Choral Celebration

The Raleigh Fine Arts Society is pleased to announce the 22nd Annual Choral Celebration for elementary students on **March 17, 18, 2020** at Meymandi Hall in Raleigh.

The purpose of the Choral Celebration is:

- To provide an opportunity for young voices, **grades 4-5**, to perform for each other and their parents in a non-competitive setting in a world class venue.
- To sing the highest quality choral music for young voices **without staging or movement**
- To allow directors an opportunity to **grow professionally and artistically through observation by clinicians, attendance at choral workshops, and by receiving comments about your school's performance by a qualified adjudicator**. (Only the individual directors will see the adjudicator's comments).

The Celebration features eight schools per evening. Each will sing two pieces, and will also participate in three massed chorus selections. **One piece must be in unison; the other may be in unison or parts**. All must be memorized. Choruses are limited to 100 students. There is no entry fee, and a limited number of family members may attend free of charge.

Applications are accepted in the order in which they are received, and must be submitted *no earlier* than **9 pm on Tuesday, September 17**. Applications will be time stamped. Once accepted, each school submits a registration. Both application and registration forms must be submitted on our website (www.ralfinearts.org/choral-celebration), and can be viewed on **August 19**. Please check your individual school calendar for any conflicts with rehearsal and performance dates before applying. Once the application period is open, the event has often been filled within minutes; so please plan accordingly and submit as close after the opening time (9 pm) as possible.

Questions? My email is jeanjamison@gmail.com. Important dates and details about staff development are attached. Photos from 2019 and video testimonials from teachers can be seen on our website at the address shown above. Have a wonderful year, and we'd be honored by your presence in 2020!

Sincerely,

Jean Jamison