



MTVA
Middle Tennessee Vocal Association

2024-2025 MTVA Freshman Honor Choir

When: Thursday, January 23, 2025

Snow Date: Thursday, January 30, 2025

Where: Belle Aire Baptist Church

1307 N Rutherford Blvd.
Murfreesboro, TN 37130

Event Chairperson: Rose Hellmers | rose.hellmers@wcs.edu | rose.hellmers@gmail.com

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Conductors/Accompanists:

SATB - [Dr. G. Preston Wilson](#), Fisk University

Mrs. Brenda Williams, Accompanist

SSA - [Dr. Lauren Ramey](#), ETSU

Mrs. Mary Braschler, Accompanist

Event Schedule:

8:15 – 9:00 a.m.

Registration

***All students report to Sanctuary upon arrival for 9:00 a.m. opening meeting

9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Rehearsal 1

Freshman SATB Choir – Sanctuary

Freshman SSA Choir – Choir Room (2nd Floor)

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch (On own)

1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Rehearsal 2

Freshman SSA Choir – Sanctuary

Freshman SATB Choir – Choir Room (2nd Floor)

Sound Checks during Rehearsal 2:

3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. – Freshman SSA on stage/SATB in Choir Room

4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Freshman SATB on stage/SSA in Choir Room

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Dinner (On own)

6:00 p.m.

Call Time in Concert Dress

6:30 p.m.

Freshman SSA Concert

7:00 p.m.

Freshman SATB Concert

7:30 p.m.

All Clear

To Bring Day-Of:

On the day of the event, **students** MUST bring the following:

1. Their original sheet music copies (handed out at Mid-State) No illegal photocopies are permitted.
2. The black Freshman Honor Choir folders (that the sheet music came in)
3. Pencil(s)
4. Required concert attire (see below)

Directors must bring day-of:

1. Their payment (see below)
2. Their invoice

Event Fees:

Each school owes \$20 per student that made Freshman Honors. The [link for the auto invoice generator is here](#) and also on the MTVA website in the Director's Only section. The formula is the number of students x \$20 each. [Here is a link to a document showing the amount that each school owes](#). Please **bring fees with you to the event with your invoice copy**. Send any questions regarding fees to our treasurer LeAnn Harris at mtvatreasurer@gmail.com

Preparedness:

Singers must be fully prepared on music prior to arrival at Freshman Honors, meaning they can sing all the notes and rhythms correctly at 100% accuracy. In order for the event to be a success, we must ensure that students are prepared and ready to achieve the highest level of musicianship in the very short rehearsal time frame. Thank you in advance! [Part tracks](#) and [divisi assignments](#) have been posted for months - please remind your singers to be practicing over break.

Concert Attire (from the MTVA handbook):

Students choose from the following:

- Long black dress or black robe (below the knees when seated) with black socks/hosiery and black dress shoes. Dress must cover the shoulders.
- Black, long-sleeve, button-down shirt/blouse and black skirt/dress pants with black socks/hosiery and black dress shoes; Black sport coat/tuxedo jacket optional.

Food:

No food is provided for this event; you may bring in food for lunch and dinner for your students. There will be a designated eating area for all students.

Pepwear/Recording:

Pepwear will be onsite on Tuesday evening to sell shirts and plaques - [see Pepwear info here](#). The concert is being recorded by Belle Aire.

Director Work Assignments:

Work assignments for each director will be sent with final reminders shortly after we return from winter break. Be advised that all directors of Freshman Honors students are required by MTVA to attend and work this event.

SSA Repertoire:

Be Like the Bird (Betinis)
I Am a Voice That Sings (Bussewitz-Quarm)
Sing Out My Soul (Garrett)
The Storm is Passing Over (Baker)

SATB Repertoire:

Ave Maria (Arcadelt)
Grace (Hayes)
Kyrie (McClure)
Lovely Day (Gibson)