November 14, 2014

Dear Choral Directors,

We are delighted to invite you to participate in the University of North Carolina at Pembroke Department of Music’s Eighth Annual High School Honor Choir. This event will take place in the beautiful Givens Performing Arts Center (GPAC) on the campus of UNCP and will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2015.

High school music directors should plan to bring no more than two quartets from their choirs (SATB). The participating students should exemplify excellence in musicianship and behavior. Past clinicians include Dr. Larry Wyatt, from the University of South Carolina, Dr. Paul Head, from the University of Delaware, Stephen Hatfield, a world famous composer, Dr. Joe Miller, from the Westminster Choir College, Dr. Deborah Chandler, from the University of Louisiana at Monroe, Dr. Carol Krueger from Emporia State University, and Dr. Jeffery Redding, Director of Choral Activities at West Virginia University.

For the 2015 Honor Choir, Dr. Jeffery Ames will be the director. Dr. Ames, Assistant Professor of Music, serves as Director of Choral Activities at Belmont University. His prior appointments include Assistant Director of Choral Activities at Baylor University and Director of Choral Activities at Edgewater High School and Lincoln High School in Florida. With a growing reputation as a distinguished and well-respected composer and arranger, Dr. Ames’ music has been premiered by the Florida Music Educators Association (1996), the Florida American Choral Directors Association (1998), the Southern Division of ACDA (2002), the National ACDA Conference in Los Angeles (2005), and most recently at the 2007 National ACDA Conference in Miami. Professor Ames holds the Ph.D. in Choral Conducting/Choral Music Education and a Master of Choral Music Education degree from Florida State University, and a Bachelor of Music degree, with at double major in Vocal Performance and Piano Accompanying, from James Madison University. He is the first recipient of the 2005 ACDA James Mulholland Choral Music Fellowship.

On Saturday, March 14th, the students will rehearse with Dr. Ames from 9:00 AM to Noon. After an hour lunch break (on your own) the students will have sectional rehearsals, led by UNCP Music Education Majors. During this time, their music directors will have a “reading session” with Dr. Redding and will get a chance to learn a variety of good repertoire. A final rehearsal will be held on the stage of GPAC followed by the evening concert at 5:30 PM, featuring the UNCP choirs and the Honor Choir.

We are fully committed to exemplifying artistic and educational excellence for students from diverse backgrounds and we offer a quality contribution to the region’s cultural life. We hope you and your students can attend.

Enclosed you will find a flyer and an application for the Honor Choir. Please submit your application, along with the application fee, by January 30, 2015, so we can order music and t-shirts in a timely manner. Once this is received, you will be invited, via email, to join Dropbox. All music for the Honor Choir will be placed into a Dropbox folder for Directors to download and print for the purposes of learning the music in advance. On the day of the event, the students will be using the purchased music.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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APPLICATION
UNC Pembroke High School Honor Choir VIII

*Please submit no more than two quartets for the high school choir.*

School________________________________Director____________________________________

Street Address __________________________City __________Zip Code _________

School phone ___________________________Home or Cell Phone____________________

School Fax ______________________________EMAIL______________________________

Director Voice Part______________________Director T-Shirt Size __________________

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Name of Participants:

Soprano ___________________________Grade_________T-Shirt Size ______________

Alto _____________________________Grade_________T-Shirt Size ______________

Tenor _____________________________Grade_________T-Shirt Size ______________

Bass ______________________________Grade_________T-Shirt Size ______________

Soprano ___________________________Grade_________T-Shirt Size ______________

Alto _____________________________Grade_________T-Shirt Size ______________

Tenor _____________________________Grade_________T-Shirt Size ______________

Bass ______________________________Grade_________T-Shirt Size ______________

Registration Cost: $10.00 per student
Please register by January 30, 2015
Mail this form and a check payable to the UNC Pembroke Department of Music:

UNC Pembroke
Department of Music-Honor Choir
PO Box 1510
Pembroke, NC 28372
Jefery L. Ames is a distinguished conductor, composer, and educator, currently serving as Director of Choral Activities at Belmont University. Prior appointments include Assistant Director of Choral Activities at Baylor University, Professor Ames holds a Ph.D. in Choral Conducting, Choral Music Education and a Master of Choral Music Education degree from Florida State University, as well as degrees from James Madison University.

A highly-sought and experienced choral clinician, Dr. Ames is frequently asked to lead selective ensembles, including the National Youth Choir at Carnegie Hall and high school mixed and male choirs at the state conventions of both the American Choral Directors Association and the Music Educators National Conference. He has performed and guest conducted internationally in many countries, including Italy, Germany, and Costa Rica. He is currently the R & S Chairman of Ethnic and Multicultural Perspectives for the Tennessee ACDA, and holds the honor of being the first recipient of the National ACDA James Mulholland Choral Music Fellowship. With a reputation as a distinguished and well-respected composer and arranger, Dr. Ames' music has been premiered by the National ACDA Conferences in Los Angeles and Miami, amongst others.

For more information call the UNC Pembroke Music Department Office at (910) 521-6300 or visit http://www.uncp.edu/mu/mc.