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Dear Choral Colleagues,

I hope this letter finds you well as you embark upon a rewarding and remarkable academic year of great music-making and discovery in your choral classrooms.

Dr. Rebecca Atkins, Dr. Colin Mann, the UGA Voice Faculty, and I are happy to invite you and your best, most motivated singers (up to 32 per school) to The Hugh Hodgson School of Music for this year's **UGA Choral Day on Friday, September 25th** at the UGA Performing Arts Center.

UGA Choral Day is a wonderful and unique opportunity for your passionate singers in grades 9-12 to rehearse and perform in our world-class facilities, to work with and make personal connections with our conducting, music education, and voice faculties, and to enjoy the fellowship and artistic camaraderie of the collegiate singers of many of UGA's fine choirs. Additionally, you and your students will enjoy a recital presented by UGA voice students.

Registration information and further details about the day's activities and expectations are included below. **The deadline for registration is Friday, September 11, 2026.**

As always, the repertoire for the day-long festival is designed to give your students a snapshot of university life and music-making at UGA. The repertoire for the day is listed below and can be purchased at JW Pepper.

SSA Choir: Mixed Feelings – Philip Silvey – Hal Leonard
<https://www.jwpepper.com/mixed-feelings-11641990-2638448/p>

TTBB Choir: There's a Meeting Here Tonight – Cantus (Graphite Publishing – download only)
<https://graphitepublishing.com/product/theres-a-meeting-here-tonight/>

Tutti Choir (SATB): If Music Be the Food of Love – David Dickau – Colla Voce Music
<https://www.jwpepper.com/if-music-be-the-food-of-love-5570528/p>

The High School Choral Day will be coordinated this year by Christopher Hickey (Christopher.Hickey@uga.edu) a DMA conducting student, and, once again, registration and payment for Choral Day registration can be handled online using the UGA marketplace website.

To register and pay online for UGA Choral Day, go to the [Choral Day Payment Portal](#).

To RSVP with the Choral Activity Area with student numbers, voice types, lunch plans, and anticipated mode of travel, go to the [Choral Day Pre-Registration Form](#).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Christopher Hickey or Dr. Mann.

I hope that the UGA Choral Day will be a mutually meaningful opportunity for you and your students to gather at UGA and make music. We hope that you always consider the UGA Choral and Music Education Departments to be

a natural extension of your classroom and a place you and your students are always welcome.

Sincerely,

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**University of Georgia
Choral Day 2026**

INFORMATION SHEET

- ❖ The UGA High Choral Day 2026 will take place on Friday, September 25 from 9:45am until 5pm at the Performing Arts Center on East Campus. Participating schools/singers are expected to be present for the entire day of activities. **Choral Day Registration is \$25.00 per student.** Registration can be completed online using the UGA Marketplace.
- ❖ Schools are asked to bring *only* their most motivated, prepared, and engaged high school singers. Schools are limited to no more than 32 singers. Exceptions may be made for those bringing a balanced SATB ensemble.
- ❖ A lunch break will be observed at 12pm for guest singers to eat a lunch. Teachers/Singers have three lunch options. Each school should indicate its lunch preference using the [Choral Day Pre-Registration Form](#).
 - A Pizza Lunch on the Arts Quad offered by our UGA Student ACDA Chapter
 - Dine at The Village Summit dining hall near the school of music (online prepayment required)
 - Packed lunches on your own
- ❖ Online payment is preferred using the [Choral Day Payment Portal](#) and the [Choral Day Pre-Registration Form](#). Registration must be complete by Friday, September 11, 2026. For those paying by check, Choral Day registration checks should be made payable to “Hugh Hodgson School of Music” and can be mailed or submitted at the event only if Choral Day Pre-Registration has been completed by Friday, September 11, 2026.
- ❖ Choral Day Check-In will be open on the day of the event from 8:45am until 9:30am at the drop-off area in front of the UGA Performing Arts Center – immediately adjacent to the Hugh Hodgson School of Music (260 River Road, Athens, GA)
- ❖ It is understood that teachers will serve as *in loco parentis* for all their students throughout the festival and will be in possession of all relevant permission and emergency medical forms for their students.
- ❖ Sponsoring high school choral conductors should provide preliminary preparation of the repertoire to ensure that all pitches and rhythms are learned prior to arrival. All students must have their own music and pencil. **No music will be available for borrowing and no copying services will be provided on the day of the event. Schools observed handing out the repertoire to students on the day of the event will risk dismissal and ineligibility for future UGA Choral Day involvement.**
- ❖ The UGA Choral Day repertoire will be available for purchase from J. W. Pepper in Atlanta at 1-800-345-6296 or at www.jwpepper.com and downloaded from Graphite Publishing (TTBB piece).

UGA Choral Day Registration Process

- #1 Complete this online [Choral Day Pre-Registration Form](#) so that the Choral Activities Staff will know how many students are coming from your school, how many of each voice part, and what your lunch plans are. DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 @ 5PM.
- #2 Go to the [Choral Day Payment Portal](#) to pay the Choral Day Registration Fee for your students (\$25 per singer), as well as to pre-pay for lunches at The Village Summit (\$13.00/person).
- #3 Purchase the choral repertoire needed for the event from J.W. Pepper and Graphite Publishing. Each student will need two pieces of music: either an SSAA piece or TTBB piece, plus the SATB piece. Photocopies will not be permitted.

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- #4 Help students prepare the music prior to arriving on September 25th.