Dear Friends and Colleagues, August 2019

It is with great pleasure that we announce the Second Annual UConn High School and Middle School Choral Festivals. These festivals will be held next spring with the Middle School Festival on **Friday, April 17, 2020** and the High School Festival on **Saturday, April 18, 2020** at the University of Connecticut in von der Mehden Recital Hall and in the Music Building. The festivals will feature hands-on clinics and recorded comments from UConn Choral faculty including **Dr. Jamie Spillane**, Director of Choral Studies, **Dr. Cara Bernard,** Assistant Clinical Professor of Music Education, & **Dr. Mary Ellen Junda**, Professor of Music.

**FESTIVAL INFORMATION**

The UConn Festivals, instead of being rating festivals with an atmosphere of competition and points, will be done in a supportive atmosphere that works for the benefit of all the choirs that participate, including you as the director. Our clinicians will provide comments for you and your choir as you perform and then they will work with you and your ensemble one-on-one. This will assure that all are included and benefit from the wonderful day of music making. Each choir will perform before the audience of students, teachers, and the clinicians for 10-15 minutes and receive a 20 minute clinic following your performance.

The time your choir participates in the day is up to you. We have specifically selected this type of festival to provide options as to when in the day you participate. Knowing that different schools can have a variety of conflicts, we will try our best to schedule your ensemble either in the morning or afternoon depending on your preference. We have created two sessions for the day, morning and afternoon where you will be able to come and observe multiple clinics given by faculty and students from the UConn music department AND be able to sing and receive feedback as well as hear performances by UConn Choirs, all within that one session.

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Application Deadline: December 6, 2020

Performance Time Limit: 15 minutes

Clinic: 20 minutes

Registration Fee: $150.00

Festival Program and Fee Deadline: March 27, 2020

A more detailed schedule of the full festival including: your sound check/warm-up, clinic sessions, and tours with a map of the UConn campus will be mailed to you upon receipt of your Festival Fee.

If you have any questions and to reserve your spot in the festival and selected your preference for morning or afternoon, please e-mail Dr. Jamie Spillane at [JamieSpillane@uconn.edu](mailto:JamieSpillane@uconn.edu). We look forward to seeing you and your choirs in April!

Warmest Regards, UConn Choral Faculty