

August 19, 2011

Dear Choral Director:

On Tuesday, October 25, and Wednesday October 26, 2011, the Peru State College Department of Music and the student M.E.N.C. chapter will host the **40th Annual Show Choir Festival** for junior high, senior high, and college show choirs. Peru State College's own show choir, the Misty Blues, will perform as part of the festival program. This campus event will be held in the College Theatre from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday and from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

We are planning a full schedule of choirs from schools representing all class sizes. For competition purposes, show choirs will be divided into the following categories:

- Class AA - 601 or more enrollment
- Class A - 301 - 600 enrollment
- Class B - 151 - 300 enrollment
- Class C - 75 - 150 enrollment
- Class D - 74 or less enrollment

We will try to keep classes grouped together. Schools from classes AA, C, and D should try to participate on Tuesday, October 25, 2011. Schools from classes A and B should try to participate on Wednesday, October 26, 2011. Junior High and Middle School groups may perform either day. As always, we will try to honor special scheduling requests. Please understand that not everyone can be scheduled between 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

The junior high/middle school groups and college groups are welcome to perform for critical comments only. Any groups may choose to perform for critical comments only.

This year our guest clinician/adjudicator is Robert Jones from LaCrosse, Wisconsin. He serves as Co-founder and Choreographer of Grand River Singers, La Crosse's Ambassadors Of Music and the Midwest's only all adult community show choir. He has worked as a singer and dancer for Walt Disney World, Opryland USA, Department of Defense (USO), Carnival Cruise Lines and Norwegian Cruise Lines. Robert has performed major roles in professional theater in the South and Midwest. He has worked with such personalities as Bob Hope, John Davidson, Tanya Tucker and Carol Channing. Favorite roles include "Gaston" in Walt Disney World's *Beauty and the Beast*, "Billy Crocker" in *Anything Goes*, "Billy Lawler" in *42<sup>nd</sup> Street*, "Rooster" in *Annie*, "Jim Handy" and "Johnny Ringo" in Walt Disney World's *Hoop-Dee-Doo Review*. He is proud to have been the first "Prince Eric" in Walt Disney World's *Voyage of the Little Mermaid*. We are pleased to welcome Robert Jones as the guest clinician/adjudicator for the 40th Annual Peru State College Show Choir Festival.

## General Information:

1. The entry fee is \$ 100.00 for each show choir, which must be submitted with the entry form or as soon as possible. The postmark deadline is September 23, 2011. No group will be scheduled for performance without payment of the entry fee.
2. Indicate the day you wish to participate and whether or not you are competing. We will try to honor all special requests in the order they are received.
3. Each show choir is scheduled for about 30 minutes. Plan on about 3-5 minutes to set up, 10 minutes for performance, and about 12 minutes for the on-the-spot comments and work with the clinician. Our clinician will select one winning show choir from each classification to receive a plaque. There are no awards for second or third place. There are no written comments.
4. The "clinic concept" remains a vital part of this event. The PSC Show Choir Festival provides an opportunity to try out new ideas, to get performance experience early in the year and to receive constructive criticism.
5. Each director will receive a CD recording of his/her group's performance along with verbal comments from the clinician. There are no written comments.
6. All groups should try to adhere to the maximum time of ten minutes per show. You may perform with or without choreography. As always you are encouraged to participate in the festival whether or not your outfits are completed.
7. Please bring your own equipment such as staging sections, bass guitar and amp, extra percussion equipment and extra extension cords. We will provide an acoustical piano, sound equipment (mixer/amp, speakers, microphones) and a few extension cords. We have two cordless microphones available for soloists. We will have a drum set available for your use.
8. Please complete and return the entry form postmarked by September 23, 2011. Include the entry fee of \$100.00 or send it as soon as possible. The entry fee is not refundable. No groups will be scheduled without payment of the fee.
9. We will confirm via phone, e-mail, or letter your performance times soon after the entry deadline. Final instructions will be mailed to all participants.

We are looking forward to your participation in the 2011 Peru State College Show Choir Festival. It promises to be another exciting event. If you have any questions concerning the festival, please contact me at 402-872-2253 (college) or e-mail: [tediger@peru.edu](mailto:tediger@peru.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Ediger". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Thomas L. Ediger, D.A.  
Director of Choral Activities