



WCDA All-State **children's choir** directed by **Sandra Mathias**

Sandra Mathias holds degrees from SUNY-Fredonia, Ball State University, The Ohio State University, and The Kodály Center of America. She is retired from Capital University, where she served as professor of vocal music education for 29 years. Dr. Mathias maintains active contact with young people as the artistic director of the Columbus Children's Choir and the conductor for the New World Singers and the high school Girls' A Cappella ensemble. Under her direction, the New World Singers performed at the ACDA and OAKE 2007 national conferences. Dr. Mathias, the recipient of many awards, has presented papers at conferences in the United States, Hungary, Australia, England, and China. She is a past president of the Organization of American Kodály Educators, and serves as the Repertoire & Standards Chair for Children's Choirs for OCDA. In the Spring of 2009, Dr. Mathias was the guest conductor for the Georgia All-State Middle School Treble Chorus and the OAKE National Children's Choir.

The All-State Children's Choir will perform in the Eau Claire Memorial High School Auditorium, on Saturday, January 16 at 3:00 P.M.

The All-State Children's Choir will consist of 150 singers from grades 5 and 6. Each director may nominate up to 6 singers, keeping the voicing in SA Duets.

As we are anticipating a great response, you are encouraged to send in your application early, but postmarked no later than October 15. The All-State Choir Committee will send letters of acceptance on October 31. Do not send money until accepted.

Upon acceptance, you will receive a packet containing a Registration Form, rehearsal notes, schedule, and other details. The Registration Form and the non-refundable Registration Fee of \$50.00/student must be postmarked by November 10. The fee includes concert music, All-State Choir T-Shirt, lunch on Saturday, and participation fees. If you would like a Director's Packet, you may order it on the Registration Form, and it will be sent to you with the students' music.

The All-State Children's Choir will register on Saturday, January 16, at Eau Claire Memorial High School from 8:00–8:30 A.M. Students will attend scheduled activities until their portion of the All-State Choirs concert is concluded. Parents are encouraged to begin arriving at Eau Claire Memorial High School at 2:30 P.M. for the 3:00 P.M. concert.

REMINDER: REGISTRATION FEES FOR ACCEPTED STUDENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.