## 2011-2012 ASD Honor Choir

August 12, 2011

#### Dear Family:

All fifth and sixth grade students are eligible to audition for the 2011-2012 Anchorage School District Honor Choir. The attached form is the audition sheet. It should be filled out prior to the audition, signed by the classroom music teacher <u>and</u> the parent/guardian. Bring the form to the audition to give to the adjudicator at the audition. In order to be considered, your student must attend one of the following auditions:

#### **Auditions**

November 2, 2011	Bowman Elementary	4:30-6:00 P.M.
November 2, 2011	Homestead Elementary	4:30-6:00 P.M.
November 3, 2011	Begich Middle School	4:30-6:00 P.M.

Please note: Students are not required to be at the audition site for the entire two hours allotted. Upon arrival, students check in and are directed to an audition room. Once inside that room, the audition itself takes approximately 5 minutes.

Your classroom music teacher will disclose results of the audition in late November. If your child is accepted as one of the approximately 100 students in the Anchorage School District Honor Choir, you must ensure that they will attend and be on time to the following rehearsals, dress rehearsal and concert with no unexcused absences:

#### Rehearsals

Jan. 5 – Feb. 23, 2012 (All Thursdays)	Begich Band Room	4:15-5:45 p.m.
Dress Rehearsal		
February 29, 2012 (Wednesday)	West High School Auditorium	4:15-6:00 p.m.
Concert		
March 1, 2012 (Thursday)	West High School Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
**students will need to arrive earlier – time	will be set at a later date**	

Any questions should be directed to your student's classroom music teacher. Thank you for supporting music education and this fantastic performance opportunity. Music makes a big difference in children's lives.

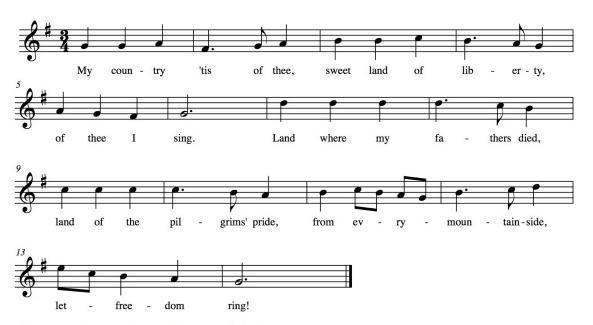
Sincerely, Frank Hauser ASD Music Supervisor

## **Honor Choir Audition Practice Sheets**

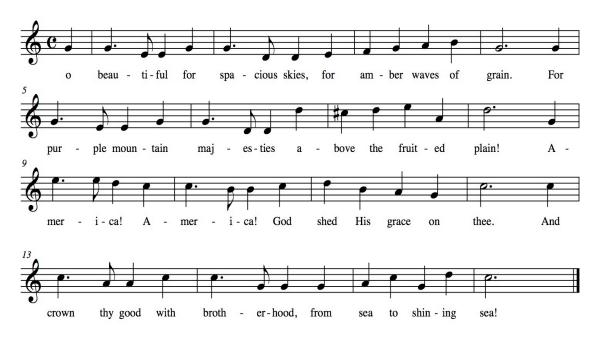
#### Be confident, relax and have fun!

Choose either America, or America the Beautiful, or Take Me Out to the Ballgame to sing for your audition:

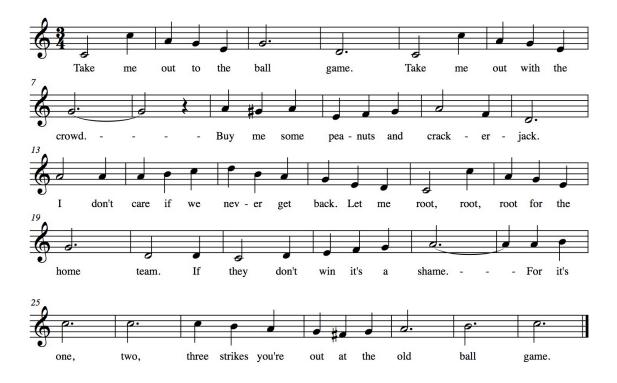
#### **America**



## America, the Beautiful



### Take Me Out to the Ball Game

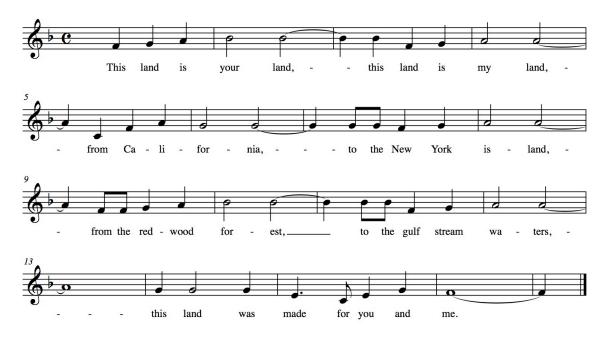


∞ Sing a C Major scale up and down using either solfege, numbers or neutral syllables:

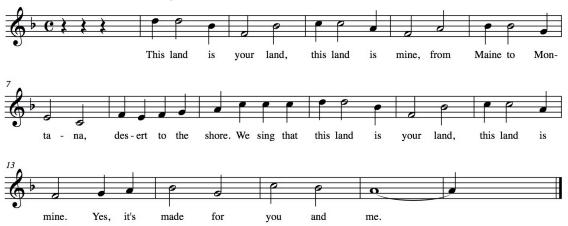


∞ Sing 'This Land is Your Land' while an adjudicator sings harmony. Both the melody and counter melody are shown below.

#### This Land is Your Land



## **Counter Melody**



You will be asked to match pitches given by a set of tone bells and sung by the adjudicator. The pitches you will hear will be intervals and you should sing them back exactly as they were played and sung for you. Here are some examples: G-E (descending); C-F (ascending); C-C' (ascending); C-G (ascending); and C-A (ascending).

# Honor Choir Application (Please Print Clearly)

Name	Age Boy/Gir	1
School	Grade 5 or 6 (circle one)	
Mailing Address		
Parent/Guardian	Phone	
Have you ever sung in a choir or sing group? and when.		
Have you taken lessons on a musical instrument?	If yes, what in	nstrument?
How long have you pla	ayed?	
Approval to audition:		
Approval to audition:  Parent/Guardian Sign	nature	-
Classroom Music Te	acher Signature	
Both the parent and classroom music teacher	C	
In order for there to be consistency with the audition into the audition room but they may wait outside the	e room during the audition	
Rate each area using the point value indica	ated below:	
Pitch Accuracy (25 Points Total)  America, America the Beautiful, of C Scale – Ascending and Descend Tone-Matching (5 Points)	or Take Me Out to the Ballgar ding (10 Points)	ne (10 Points)
Voice Quality (5 Points)		Range
Part-Singing Independence (5 Points)		
Total Score  Voice Part: S1 S2 A (Circle Comments:	One)	
Comments.		
Adjudicator		