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Dear Director,

Hello! I hope your school year is off to a great start! I am honored to be chairing the all state vocal jazz ensemble and hope that you and your students are interested in getting involved. The 2010 conductor is Greg Jasperse. More information on group size will follow; audition information is on the pages below.

In order for your student to be accepted into this ensemble, you must fill out the teacher recommendation form on page 3 and provide a recording of each student auditioning. This can be a cassette or CD. Each applicant must:

1. Sing a song of their/your choice in the vocal jazz style
2. Sing a scat solo (either within the piece or separate)
3. Sing a one octave half-step scale, ascending and descending. Sopranos and tenors begin on *E_b*; altos and basses begin on C. The student may use a neutral vowel sound, solfege syllables, numbers, or letter names.

Everything you will need is on the 2010 IMEA All-State Vocal Jazz Audition Information Sheet below. If you have questions, feel free to e-mail or give me a call (information at the top of this page).

Best Wishes and Good Luck!

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2010 IMEA ALL-STATE VOCAL JAZZ

Audition Information

- Who:** An ensemble of auditioned high school singers from Indiana
- What:** Rehearsals/Performance of vocal jazz music
- When:** Thursday/Friday – January 21 and 22, 2010 (performance on Friday)
- Where:** Marriott Hotel, Indianapolis, IN
- Cost:** \$175.00 per singer (includes all music, meals and accommodations)
\$10.00 Audition fee per singer (non-refundable)
Make checks payable to IMEA

ALL DIRECTORS WHO RECOMMEND STUDENTS MUST BE A MEMBER OF MENC/IMEA

Requirements:

Please complete the teacher recommendation form and create a tape or CD recording for each singer. Make copies of the form as needed. Recording should be no more than 3-4 minutes long. Singers should choose a song in the vocal jazz style including a scat solo, either within the piece or separate, and a one octave half step scale, ascending and descending.

Please label the recording with: Student Name, School, and Director Name

Send the form(s), audition fee (\$10.00) and recording(s) to:

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Applications must be postmarked by October 15, 2009

The recordings will be judged by a qualified vocal adjudicator and the high school choral directors will be notified of their students' acceptance by e-mail as soon as possible. A mailing will follow including the music, rehearsal/performance schedule, payment information, etc.

2010 IMEA All-State Vocal Jazz Ensemble - Teacher Recommendation Form

Please duplicate this form as needed per student

Student Name _____

Student Address _____

Student Phone _____ Email Address _____

Voice Part S1 S2 A1 A2 T1 T2 B1 B2 *(circle one)*

Audition Song Title _____

School _____

School Address _____

Director Name _____

Director Phone _____ Email Address _____

MENC Member ID# _____

Is this student a member of a high school vocal jazz ensemble? Yes No

How do you rate this student's sight reading skills? *(circle one)*

Excellent Good Fair Poor

How do you rate this student's ear training skills? (ability to hear/sing harmony)

Excellent Good Fair Poor

In a few words, tell us why you feel this student would be a good member of the 2010 IMEA All-State Vocal Jazz Ensemble (i.e., vocal talent, work ethic, attitude, etc.). If possible, please attach a student resume.