

TLU CMA CHOIR AUDITION INFORMATION

Students wishing to be a member of the CMA Intermediate or Advanced Choirs are required to audition. The Intermediate Choir is typically for grades 4-early Middle School, and Advanced Choir is typically for upper Middle School / High School.

The audition will consist of:

- vocalizing to identify vocal range - both high and low, as well as hear vocal maturity
- Singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee", demonstrating vocal tone, breath control, diction, and intonation (pitch accuracy)
- Director will observe music reading knowledge through exercises and questions - there is nothing for the student to prepare for this part
- Director will observe aural skills through a brief exercise having singers sing back what they hear - again, no preparation for this needed
- Music score below

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

The musical score is presented in three systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of li - ber - ty,
2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the no - ble free,
3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, Au - thor of li - ber - ty,

of thee I sing: land where my fa - thers died, land of the
thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and
sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal tongues a - wake, let all that
to thee we sing: long may our land be bright with free - dom's

pil - grims' pride, from ev - ery moun - tain - side let free - dom ring!
tem - pled hills; my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.
breathe par - take; let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.
ho - ly light; pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King!