2021 Fall Music Festival

DATE and TIME:
   Friday, October 29, 2021
   Choral/Band Rehearsals from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm
   Concert at 7:00 pm

LOCATION:
   Indiana Christian Academy
   432 W 300 N
   Anderson, IN  46012
   765-643-7884

EVENT HOST:
   Mr. Stephen Perdue, ICA Music Teacher

COST:
   Concert Participants: $8 per student (lunch is extra)
   Concert Guests: $3/student, $6 Adult, $20 Family

Purpose Statement: The purpose of the IACS Fall Music Festival is to: 1) develop students' musicianship; 2) build positive relationships among student musicians from IACS member schools; and 3) promote excellence for the glory of God.

What kind of music will be performed?
Repertoire will be carefully chosen by the guest conductors (4-6 for choirs, 3-4 for bands), each of which are designed to challenge students to new levels of performance. Selections will include a blend of sacred and secular, for general use and Christmas, all of which will represent the best in choral and instrumental music. Students will rehearse together throughout the day and present a concert to friends and family members that evening. After the festival, school Music Directors may program selected pieces from the event on their Christmas and Spring concerts.

Who buys the music?
Each school will secure their own choral octavos which they keep after the event; each school purchases one (or two) band numbers which they share as pdfs among the other participating schools; the school that pays for the band number and director's score retains it at the end of the concert. All schools retain the choral music they have purchased for their school.

When should our students start rehearsing?
School music directors should plan to purchase music before school begins so that participating students can begin working on them right away. If the students arrive at the festival with music already learned, they will benefit more from their work with the guest clinicians during the festival. With individual parts secure, the clinicians can focus more on polishing and interpretation as they prepare the students for the final concert.

What grade levels can participate?
Students must be in high school to sing in the festival choir and band. Schools may also opt to bring seventh and eighth grade students who are capable of playing high school level band music (level 2-3). Directors/chaperones would be encouraged to play in the festival band as well.

What happens on the day of the festival?
An initial choral rehearsal is held on Thursday evening from 7-9 pm. Alternating band and choir rehearsals (with an occasional overlap) with the clinicians begin at 8:30 the next morning and end at 4:30 pm. Directors serve as chaperones during rehearsals to ensure students are where they are supposed to be and are giving their best effort. The rehearsal schedule will be carefully planned to accommodate students who are in both choir and band.

What about meals?
Breakfast is up to each school to provide during travel. Lunch, paid for with registration, will be provided onsite to maximize rehearsal time. Dinner will be offsite and cared for by each school individually.

What will student musicians wear?
Concert attire consists of "best-Sunday-conservative-modest" dress for both men and ladies. Sharp-looking class dress is permitted for rehearsals during the day.

What if our school is a long way from Anderson?
Schools that have a long drive may elect to find lodging in the area either at a sister school or an area hotel.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, please contact Mr. Stephen Perdue at 765-643-7884 or by email at stephen.perdue@indianachristianacademy.org.