

## Who is in the Festival Choir, and how are they nominated?

- In a typical year, approximately 1,000 singers from approximately 230 schools are accepted into the festival choir. This year, the festival choir might be slightly smaller based on nomination numbers and on-campus housing availability.
- Juniors and seniors are nominated by their school choir directors.
- Membership is based on the ranking and recommendations of the student's director and the needs of the Festival Choir.

## How many students can be nominated from one school?

- We do not set a limit on how many students you can nominate for the festival, but based on numbers that we have been able to accept in previous years, we suggest nominating between 4 and 8 students from one school. A nomination is not a guarantee of acceptance to the festival.

## What is the optional solo/mini-lesson and Scholarship audition?

- Scholarship applicants sing one piece for a Luther voice faculty member in a 15-minute private voice lesson.
- The prepared solo should be thoroughly prepared and memorized or near-memorized in order for the lesson to be useful.
- The prepared solo should be accompanied either by their choir teacher or by a Luther student accompanist.
- A Luther student accompanist can be hired for a \$20 fee if requested by December 12, 2023.
- **A solo/mini-lesson can also be used as an official Luther Music Scholarship audition for seniors.**

## What is the festival repertoire, and how do schools obtain it?

- *\*NEW THIS YEAR:* Directors are asked to order these festival selections from JW Pepper:

**Repertoire and link coming soon**

Where do directors and students stay during the festival?

- For those who want to arrive Saturday night, off-campus housing options in local hotels, Bed and Breakfasts, and Airbnbs are available to directors and students. In town, we have Comfort Inn and Suites, Country Inn and Suites, Fairfield Inn and Suites, Hotel Winneshiek, and Super 8. Teachers have also had good luck with local Bed and Breakfasts and Airbnb.

Can a student attend the festival without their school or their teacher?

- A teacher nomination is required for a student to be considered for the festival, but a student's choir teacher does not necessarily have to attend the festival with the student. Having said that, **every student attending the Dorian Vocal Festival must have a teacher, parent, or chaperone with them in town for the duration of the festival.** This policy is in place so that there is someone in town to take care of the student in the case of an emergency. Likewise, if there is a behavioral issue that would result in the student being removed from the festival, an adult must be present to take the student home.

When are the festival concerts and how are tickets obtained?

- **Monday January 9th, 5:00 p.m. Dorian Vocal Festival Grand Concert (Main Hall, CFL)**

**Admission by ticket only.**

- Directors and chaperones will receive tickets to the concert when they arrive.
- Tickets are \$10 on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit the Luther College Ticket Office Website to purchase your tickets. WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO ATTEND THE LIVE EVENT!
- The concert will be live streamed on the [Luther College Music Department YouTube channel](#) for those who are unable to acquire a ticket to the concert.

Is the Festival Grand Concert live streamed?

- The festival grand concert is live streamed on the [Luther College Music Department YouTube channel](#).

## What is concert attire?

- Concert attire is the following:
  - Option A: A collared shirt with nice dress pants. Ties are encouraged.
  - Option B: A nice blouse with dress pants/skirt or a dress. Black and white is not a requirement for concert attire.