



**Promoting Harmony
In Mason County and Beyond**

January 7, 2019

Dear Mason County Music Teacher:

February 23rd, 2019, Harstine Island Community Choir hosts “Music 2 Our Ears,” Mason County’s fifth annual youth music competition. We would like your help getting the word out to our young people, and we would like YOUR students to participate in this soloist competition for third through twelfth grade vocalists and instrumentalists.

To reserve a spot in the competition, students must complete and submit an application form by February 20th, 2019. Other requirements include three copies of the music they will perform that day – photocopies are encouraged. Students choosing to perform with live accompaniment for the competition, must provide their own accompanist.

Music 2 Our Ears is designed to encourage and promote music making by our young people, to deepen understanding and appreciation of music, and to provide experience in performance and competition to aspiring musicians. The competition is held at Harstine Island Community Hall, from 6pm until 8pm. Students will be divided into grade levels 3rd-5th, 6th-8th, and 9th-12th. Christmas Town Kiwanis, Harstine Island Garden and Theatre Clubs are financially supporting this event so there is no fee to participate, and these three organizations have made it possible that one student at each level will receive a cash award of \$200. All students will receive a certificate of achievement and constructive comments and feedback from the judges. Last year we transformed the venue into a ‘Coffee House’ with tables and chairs, and punch and popcorn prior to the competition. This seemed to help everyone relax and enjoy the event, both audience and performers, so we will use this format again.

Thank you for encouraging your students to participate! More details are available at www.harstinechoir.org, or contact Jean Iverson by phone 360.710.8569 or email Wiverson@comcast.net. A copy of all forms, rules and other necessary information is available at <http://www.harstinechoir.org/Harstine-youth.htm>. We anticipate a fun and productive day for everyone!

Sincerely,

Jean Iverson
Chairperson
Music 2 Our Ears

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