**Student and Parent Information**

To the Parents:

Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers will be selecting young singers, grades 6 through 11, to receive scholarship awards. The winners will be selected from applicants based on submitted written materials and an audition before the selection committee.  Results will be mailed to applicants not later than the first week of May, 2019.

To the Student:

**All applications MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 16, 2020**

Auditions will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at St. Hilary’s Episcopal Church, Fort Myers, FL.  You will be informed of your audition time by April 1, 2019. Please prepare the following for your audition:

     Two (2) vocal selections of contrasting styles, not to exceed 10 minutes

We recommend that you choose pieces which will illustrate your vocal ability regarding technique, range, and expression.  At least one of your selections must be in English, and both must be memorized. In addition, at least one selection must be with accompaniment. We request that one selection be an art song, folk song, or aria.

We require only live accompaniment.  If possible, please provide your own accompanist.  If you require an accompanist, we will need the music TWO WEEKS before the audition.  Please contact us if you need an accompanist.

Please note that any teachers, friends, or parents who may come with you will be required to wait outside the performance area.

**AGAIN, ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 16, 2020.**

*FORT MYERS SYMPHONIC MASTERSINGERS*

*RUTH DEMASTER YOUNG SINGERS SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS*

February 2020

Dear Music Educator,

The Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers has been dedicated to bringing quality choral music to audiences in Southwest Florida since 2001.  As singers, we consider these performances to be acts of pure joy and fulfillment. We are a compilation of people from all backgrounds with one thing in common – the joy of singing.

To continue this tradition, we feel it is important to encourage the development of young voices.  We know that the expense of individual lessons is beyond what many can afford. Therefore, we are offering scholarships to middle and high school students to assist promising young singers with private voice instruction.

Complete details of the scholarship program are outlined in the enclosed materials.  Read through the information and pass it along to any students you feel would be interested. The date of the Scholarship Auditions is **Saturday, April 25, 2020**.  All information is also available at our website: www.mastersingersfm.com

If you have any questions, please call me at 239-288-2535.

Yours truly,

Jill Janda-Kanner, Scholarship Chair

Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers