



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

PUEBLO

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

September 19, 2023

Dear fellow Choral Directors,

On behalf of CSU Pueblo, I am delighted to welcome you back this November for the **Southern Colorado High School Honor Choir & Orchestra Festival**, YES! Honor Orchestra is back! The event will be on our campus, **Friday and Saturday, November 17-18, 2023**, with the closing concert on Saturday evening at 7:00pm.

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Meredith Johnson as our clinician for the Honor Choir this year. I have had the pleasure of working with Dr. Johnson as a colleague and friend for more years than either of us will admit. She is supremely talented in working with voices in a myriad of contexts. She is Assistant Professor at the University of Southern Mississippi, teaching voice, pedagogy, and coaching for both opera and musical theatre. Dr. Johnson has served previously as a choir director and often conducts masterclasses and clinics for choirs and worship teams.

We will continue to offer placement in the Honor Choir by recommendation. Please nominate and help prepare your best quartet or double quartet of singers to participate. **The students will be expected to have their choir parts learned and adequately prepared before arriving for the event.** Due to space constraints, we will accept the first 150 students responding, with priority given to quartets from each school. It is our goal to have the choir as balanced as possible. Applications, accompanied by the fee of **\$40 per student**, will be considered in the order in which they are received. Registration fees are non-refundable. The fee includes the cost of a festival t-shirt for each participant and the Friday evening banquet meal. Late registrations will be accepted if space allows. If a student has to withdraw, you may offer that spot to another student, but please let us know. Individual schools will be responsible for transportation to and from the university, meals (other than the Friday banquet), and housing if needed. Registration link: [2023 SoCo Honor Choir Registration](#)

Attached you will find the schedule information for the Honor Choir and the Honor Orchestra welcome letter. Please feel free to share this information with any schools that might wish to participate in either choir or orchestra. We will be posting a list of the repertoire and practice tracks on our website soon and will send a link via email. You can also check here: [Honor Festival Website](#) All music will be provided for the choral members but original copies must be returned after the concert. Students should provide their own black folder and should wear concert attire for the Saturday performance. If your school does not require a uniform, please have your participants wear all black.

Despite my laryngitis last year, I had such a great time with your students and I can't wait to see this year's participants. Please encourage your most talented and deserving students to participate in this event! If you have any questions, please contact me or our administrative assistant, Chad Beery at 719-549-2552.

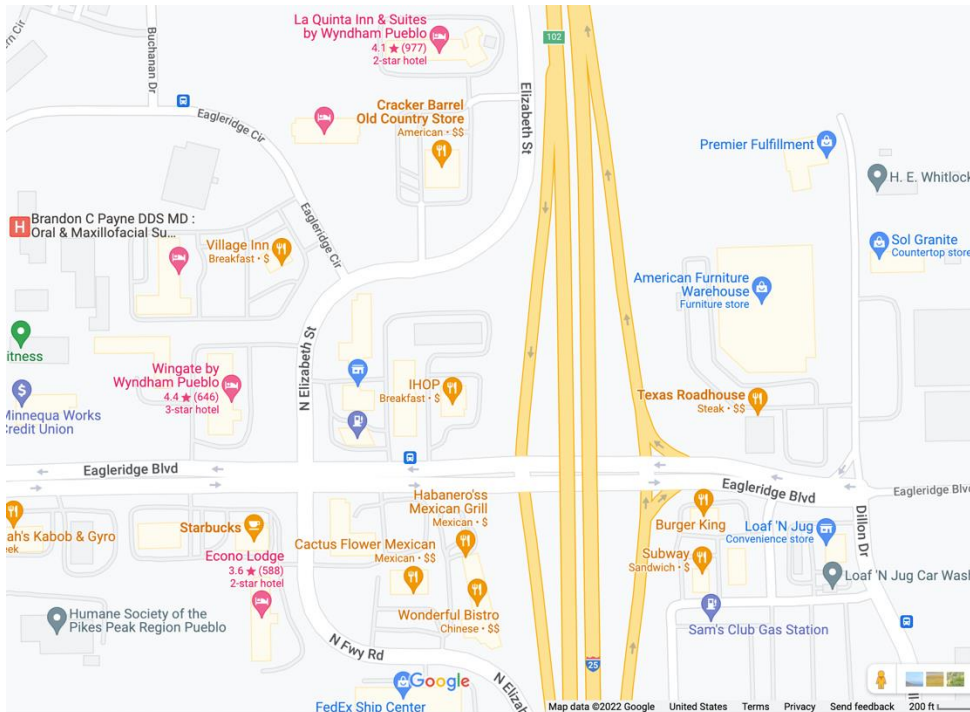
Sincerely,

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Housing information:

There are several hotels close by the university. Feel free to call us for recommendations. Here is a map showing the location of several nearby options:



For lunch on Friday and Saturday, you may wish to order and pick up (or have delivered) box lunches from Chik-Fil-A, McAlister's, or another nearby restaurant. The cafeteria on campus will be open for lunch on Friday but not on Saturday. Some directors last year ordered pizza for dinner on Saturday and had it delivered so that they would not have to venture out. We're happy to help with suggestions if needed.