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# PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK

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# ABOUT MCO®

## MCO MISSION & PURPOSE

*Millennial Choirs & Orchestras* (MCO) is a performing force of over 4,000 participants and growing. With locations in California, Arizona, Texas, Utah, Idaho, and Kansas City, MCO has become the largest organization of its kind in the world, offering superb music training and professional performance opportunities to musicians of all ages and abilities.

MCO was founded in 2007 for the purpose of teaching and encouraging excellence in quality sacred and classical music. Its primary purpose is to fulfill the need for more refined music education and performance in our communities, with a focus on God and country. Following the music traditions of centuries past, MCO is bringing God into the concert hall with the sacred/classical music that is such a rich part of world history. This is vital in today's society, particularly for the youth of America.

MCO provides an invaluable learning environment whereby children, youth, and adults may associate with and develop talents with those who maintain upstanding Christian values, while instilling in its participants a deep love for sacred and classical music. The organization is made up of thousands of volunteers who represent a variety of faiths.

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

Millennial Choirs & Orchestras' motto is "ONE VISION. ONE VOICE."

MCO welcomes all youth and adults in the community who agree to abide by its Participant Handbook, including the MCO Code of Conduct and Terms of Participation. While the youth choirs are not required to audition, the Grand Chorus (adult choir) and Symphony Orchestra must audition.

## WHY MCO WAS FOUNDED

We believe in the importance of inspiring sacred and classical music of the highest caliber, and particularly choral and orchestral music. By educating children, youth, and adults in this type of music, it will not only benefit and add culture to the lives of those who participate, but it will also benefit music in communities and church congregations for generations to come. We also believe in the importance of providing an opportunity for members of all faiths to unite in praising God through worshipful music and the music of the master classical composers.

MCO gained its inspiration from the great Evan Stephens (1854-1931), a Latter-day Saint conductor and composer. One of his trademarks was the ability to teach quality music to the masses in his community. He began with singing schools for children, which were immensely popular. At one time he had nearly 1000 children in his classes. While the tradition of local religious choirs for adults has lasted through the present day, Stephens's youth choirs were the last large-scale, Christian-based musical training offered to youth in America, well over 100 years ago. Today, more than ever, we are in need of wholesome, quality music and a spiritual music education for our youth.

## ENSEMBLE OVERVIEW

All MCO ensembles provide participants the opportunity to enjoy the musical, social, and spiritual experience of participating in a quality performance ensemble with others who have similar interests and values. For an overview of what is accomplished in rehearsals, see “Rehearsals Overview” on p. 8. Ensembles in all MCO locations are as follows:

Ensemble	Ensemble Description	Audition Required	Weekly Rehearsals	Limited Rehearsals	Concerts	Participation Fee	Concert Attire Required
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA	Accomplished instrumentalists	✓		✓	✓		✓
GRAND CHORUS	Accomplished adult singers (age 18 and over)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
MILLENNIAL CHORUS	Comprising Concert Choir women & Youth Chorus		✓		✓	✓	✓
CONCERT CHOIR	9th–12th grades (homeschool: at least age 14 by Sept. 1 of the season)		✓		✓	✓	✓
YOUTH CHORUS	6th–8th grades (homeschool: at least age 11 by Sept. 1 of the season)		✓		✓	✓	✓
CHILDREN'S CHORUS	2nd–5th grades (homeschool: at least age 7 by Sept. 1 of the season)		✓		✓	✓	✓
YOUNG SINGERS CHORUS	Age 4 (by first rehearsal of semester)–1st grade		✓		✓	✓	✓

The age/grade designations for the youth choirs are a standing policy of MCO. The only exception made to this policy is for 8th-grade males whose voices have completely changed, in which case they may be moved to the Concert Choir (9th–12th grade choir) upon the musical director’s prior approval.

The following is a description of each ensemble. For specific registration, audition, rehearsal, and performance dates, detailed information can be found at [www.millennial.org](http://www.millennial.org).

## SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

- Accomplished instrumentalists, audition required.
- Rehearsals as scheduled; performances at concerts (times, locations, and calendar are available when you sign up online to audition).
- Repertoire draws from major choral/orchestral works and repertory symphonic literature, including hymns and anthems arranged for choir and orchestra.
- No cost to participate, except for procuring concert black attire on your own.

## GRAND CHORUS

- Accomplished adult singers ages 18 and over, audition required.
- Weekly rehearsals; performances at concerts and other occasional events (times, locations, and calendar are available when you audition).
- Repertoire draws from major choral/orchestral works and repertory choral literature, including sacred anthems and hymns.
- Participation fee required; details are provided during the audition process.

## MILLENNIAL CHORUS

- Advanced treble choir combining Concert Choir women and all Youth Chorus.
- Weekly rehearsals; performances at concerts and other occasional events (times, locations, and calendar are available on our website).
- Repertoire draws from choral literature appropriate for treble choirs, including sacred anthems and hymns.

## CONCERT CHOIR

- 9th–12th grades, or if homeschooled at least age 14 by September 1.
- No audition required.
- Weekly rehearsals; performances at concerts and other occasional events (times, locations, and calendar are available on our website).
- Repertoire draws from choral literature appropriate high school-aged choirs, including sacred anthems and hymns.
- Concert Choir women begin rehearsal earlier than Concert Choir men to participate in the advanced youth ensemble “Millennial Chorus.”
- Tuition required; find registration details and deadlines at [www.millennial.org](http://www.millennial.org).

## YOUTH CHORUS

- 6th–8th grades, or if homeschooled at least age 11 by September 1.
- No audition required.
- Weekly rehearsals; performances at concerts and other occasional events (times, locations, and calendar are available on our website).
- Repertoire draws from choral literature appropriate for youth choirs, including sacred anthems and hymns.
- Youth Chorus also participates in the advanced youth ensemble “Millennial Chorus” as part of the regular weekly rehearsal.
- Tuition required; find registration details and deadlines at [www.millennial.org](http://www.millennial.org).

## CHILDREN'S CHORUS

- 2nd–5th grades or if homeschooled at least age 7 by September 1.
- No audition required.
- Weekly rehearsals; performances at concerts and other occasional events (times, locations, and calendar are available on our website).
- Repertoire draws from choral literature appropriate for children's choirs, including sacred children's songs and folk songs.
- Tuition required; find registration details and deadlines at [www.millennial.org](http://www.millennial.org).

## YOUNG SINGERS CHORUS

- Age 4 (by first rehearsal of the semester) through 1st grade.
- No audition required.
- Weekly rehearsals; performances at concerts (times, locations, and calendar are available on our website).
- Repertoire draws from music appropriate for the education of young children, including sacred children's songs and folk songs.
- Tuition required; find registration details and deadlines at [www.millennial.org](http://www.millennial.org).

## SEASON CALENDAR

MCO has two semesters each season with winter and summer breaks in between semesters. Each semester is 10–12 weeks in length, with a minimum of ten rehearsals, and includes one major concert near the end of the semester (often with multiple performances). Optional recording sessions, music workshops, or tours may occur during a portion of the winter or summer breaks. The basic season is as follows:

### **1<sup>st</sup> SEMESTER**

August/September–early/mid December  
December concert(s)

### **2<sup>nd</sup> SEMESTER**

January/February–April/May  
April/May concert(s)

### **WINTER BREAK**

December–January

### **SUMMER BREAK**

May–August

## PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

MCO participants are expected to commit for a full semester or a full season, depending on the locale requirements that are defined on the website and at registration. Even in locales that do not require full-season participation, commitment for an entire season is preferred, as it results in consistent musical progress in each ensemble and steady progress for individuals in their musical education and skills.

## REGISTRATION

Registration is for youth choirs age 4–12th grade. Youth choirs do not require an audition. Parents simply register and pay tuition online, and youth begin attending rehearsals. Prospective participants and their parent(s) are welcome to observe a rehearsal before registering; to continue participating, they must register before the final deadline. Registration details and deadlines can be found on the website, [www.millennial.org](http://www.millennial.org).

## AUDITIONS & RE-AUDITIONS

Auditions are required for the Grand Chorus (adult singers) and the Symphony Orchestra (instrumentalists). Auditions occur prior to the beginning of each semester or season, depending on the locale. To request an audition, go to [www.millennial.org](http://www.millennial.org).

Grand Chorus and Symphony Orchestra participants who have sung/played in past seasons but who took a semester off may or may not need to re-audition. Please contact your location's choir or orchestra leadership to find out how to re-join the Grand Chorus or Symphony Orchestra if you have participated in the past.

## TRANSFERRING TO A DIFFERENT LOCALE

Current Grand Chorus singers who wish to transfer to a different locale are not automatically guaranteed a spot in the destination locale's Grand Chorus due to varying factors in each locale. Such requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis. An audition may be required. Please contact your Grand Chorus Manager for assistance with this process. For children and youth who wish to transfer, please contact their Youth Choirs Manager for assistance.

## TUITION/FEES

Millennial Choirs & Orchestras is among the most affordable music education organizations in America and is an inexpensive supplement to an academic education and private music lessons. Tuition (youth) and participation fees (adults) are charged for ensembles that rehearse on a weekly basis. Tuition/fees provides the opportunity for all MCO participants to receive music education and performance under the instruction of musical directors/educators who have received advanced degrees from some of the finest institutions in the world and composers who compose captivating new works specifically for MCO participants and audiences.

Tuition/fees are paid as part of the online registration process. Consult your locale's page on [www.millennial.org/join-us](http://www.millennial.org/join-us) for tuition prices/fees. Exact deadlines, tuition/fees (including early-bird or season discounts), and payment processes are subject to change. Registration is subject to close at any time if ensemble capacity limits have been reached. For the most current information, always refer to [www.millennial.org](http://www.millennial.org).

Returning Grand Chorus participants must register for each semester by the posted deadlines. Grand Chorus participants who have stepped away for one or more semesters may be required to re-audition. New Grand Chorus participants will be instructed how to register after they have been accepted into the choir.

## PERFORMANCE ATTIRE

All choral ensembles are required to purchase concert attire from MCO's retailers. The orchestra wears concert black. Details about concert attire are available on the Participants Page. Estimated performance attire costs can be found on your locale's page on [www.millennial.org/join-us](http://www.millennial.org/join-us). Larger sizes may incur additional cost. Shipping costs and taxes are additional.

## TERMINATION OF PARTICIPATION – REFUND POLICY

MCO expects participants who register for a single semester to commit to the entire semester and participants who register for the entire season to commit to the entire season. However, we understand extenuating circumstances may prohibit you from continued participation. Please see the refund policy for tuition and fees in the table below. Extenuating circumstances include a move out of the area, a death in the family, and other life-altering situations, reviewed by that locale's dean on a case-by-case basis. Unexpected scheduling conflicts do not constitute an extenuating circumstance. Refunds will be issued as follows:

AMOUNT REFUNDED	REASON FOR REFUND
100%	MCO made a change that caused a conflict for you, such as a change in a mandatory date or a change in times or places of rehearsals or performances. The change must have occurred <i>after</i> you registered and <u>the refund must be requested <i>prior</i> to the final registration deadline.</u> *
90%	Extenuating circumstances—prorated depending on how many rehearsals have been attended. No refund within 3 weeks of the end of the semester.
75%	Non-extenuating circumstances <i>prior</i> to the final registration deadline.*
None	Non-extenuating circumstances <i>after</i> the final registration deadline.*

\*For full-season registration, it is the 1st semester final registration deadline.

Refund requests must be submitted via email to your ensemble manager (Youth Choirs Manager or Grand Chorus Manager). MCO cannot provide refunds for concert attire as it is purchased on your own from the retailer.

## PAYMENT PLANS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Payment plans are available for those who need or want to spread their tuition payments out throughout the semester/season. There is no application process for payment plans; it is simply an option you may choose during the registration process online.

Scholarships are available for individuals/families who are unable to afford the full tuition amount, even with the payment plan option, due to a legitimate financial hardship. Scholarship applications can be requested by emailing [registration@millennial.org](mailto:registration@millennial.org).

## REHEARSALS OVERVIEW

MCO weekly rehearsals not only expose the participants to various classical and sacred works but also teach the fundamentals of technique, music history and theory, conducting, and an appreciation for quality music. In addition, the religious themes that permeate the texts of the classical and sacred works we sing are discussed. We begin every rehearsal with a prayer.



## REHEARSAL EXPECTATIONS

Participants in all ensembles must abide by the following rehearsal expectations:

- At all times abide by the Code of Conduct and Terms of Participation found on p. 15.
- Maintain good attendance as described in the ATTENDANCE POLICY below.
- Refrain from carrying on side conversations or inappropriate behavior.
- Remove hats and sunglasses.
- Silence cell phones and put them away, even when you are not singing/playing. Cell phones are not allowed during youth rehearsals except in the case of a medical condition, which needs to have prior approval from the appropriate MCO leadership.
- Stand and/or sit with good posture.
- Refrain from chewing gum, eating food, or drinking beverages (except water in a closed container).
- Have music and a pencil at all rehearsals (in ensembles that require it).

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

**Rehearsals:** Attendance will be taken in each ensemble at every rehearsal. In an effort to maintain consistent progress for each ensemble, choir participants must maintain at least 75% attendance at weekly rehearsals each semester. Missing more than 25% of regular weekly rehearsals may result in the participant not being allowed to perform in the concert, unless special arrangements have been made with the musical directors. Excessive tardiness may constitute an absence at the conductor's discretion. Orchestra participants rehearse infrequently and should make every effort to attend all scheduled rehearsals.

**Concert run-through & other mandatory rehearsals:** Attendance at all concert run-throughs and other rehearsals so designated is mandatory. *Participants who miss a concert run-through or other mandatory rehearsal without the permission of the musical directors will not perform in the concert. This includes youth and adults.*

Participants who foresee a conflict with a concert run-through or other mandatory rehearsal must notify the ensemble leadership *within the first week of the semester for adults and within a week of the close of registration for youth.* Ensemble leadership will notify musical directors, who will assess each situation and decide whether the participant will be permitted to miss the event and still perform in the concert.

## NON-PARTICIPANTS AT REHEARSALS

In order to keep all participants safe, and to keep rehearsal buildings and grounds in pristine condition, the following policy is in effect:

Only MCO participants in the youth ensembles, the Grand Chorus, and the Symphony Orchestra of whatever rehearsal is being held, along with volunteers (Rehearsal/Concert Assistants) helping with that particular rehearsal, are allowed into rehearsal buildings. The following exceptions apply:

- Prospective participants and parents who wish to observe a rehearsal may do so at the beginning of each semester until registration closes or at other times with the

- prior permission of the musical director.
- Other guests may observe a rehearsal with the prior permission of the musical director.

Youth participants must be dropped off and picked up immediately before and after their own rehearsal and may not wait on campus during a sibling's rehearsal time.

Rehearsal building restrooms are reserved for participants only. Parents who are not Rehearsal/Concert Assistants and family members or friends who are not MCO participants who need to use the restroom must do so at a nearby park or shopping center.

### TRAVEL TO AND FROM MCO EVENTS

MCO is not responsible for participants while en route to and from MCO events. MCO strongly recommends that parents transport their children to and from all MCO events rather than having them walk, ride a bike, or drive on their own.

### PARKING

Participants must park according to instructions provided at the beginning of each semester. Unless otherwise specified, parents should not exit their cars to drop off youth at the doors but should stay in their cars and drop them off at the specified location (drop-off and pick-up procedures will be provided at the beginning of each semester). Rehearsal/Concert Assistants escort youth in and out of the building.

Parents/family members/friends of MCO participants should not exit their vehicles or walk the building grounds while waiting. They may park in the parking area and wait inside their cars or go to a nearby park or shopping center. Pick-up and drop-off procedures are set up for the safety of MCO participants, to maintain a consistent flow of traffic, and to meet our contractual obligations with our venues.

### PERFORMANCES OVERVIEW

MCO choirs and orchestras perform regular concerts together in state-of-the-art concert halls, providing an incomparable experience for all participants, even children as young as four years old. The result is a more cultured, musically sensitive generation of youth and adults.

We seek to inspire, teach, and uplift members of the organization and the community. MCO's regular concerts offer the recurring opportunity for participants and audience to be edified and inspired by fine choral and orchestral music, including stirring, inspirational hymns and anthems. Concerts are intended for members of all faiths in the community. Concert attendees should be old enough to sit through an entire concert quietly. Young children who cannot sit still for long periods of time, toddlers, and infants should not attend MCO concerts.

Performances generally consist of one or two concert days near the end of each semester and other occasional events as scheduled. Performances will appear on the calendar well in advance of each semester.

All of the ensembles will perform at each concert. All participants are required to stay for the entire concert unless special arrangements are made for the younger ensembles to be released early. Concert Assistants will care for the youth in a holding room when they are not performing and will usher them to the stage for their performance.

## SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Millennial Choirs & Orchestras uses social media to communicate with participants, parents, and patrons and to promote MCO's vision of encouraging excellence in quality sacred and choral music. MCO operates the following official websites and social media pages:

- Website: <http://www.millennial.org/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/millennialchoirsorch>
- Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/millennial\\_choir/](https://www.instagram.com/millennial_choir/)
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/MillennialChoirsOrch>

MCO encourages participants to be active on its social media sites and go to them for official information. Participants are discouraged from forming their own MCO-related social media pages and groups. This helps ensure that participants receive only accurate information.

Social media handles, websites, pages and/or blogs that use Millennial Choirs & Orchestras' (including MCO's) names, acronyms, logos, and/or marks may be mistaken for official Millennial Choirs & Orchestras pages and may infringe on trademarks, provide inaccurate information, and cause confusion among participants and patrons. Participants agree that they will not, without prior permission from the appropriate Millennial Choirs & Orchestras board or committee, use Millennial Choirs & Orchestras' names, acronyms, logos, and/or marks when naming their personal social media handles, websites, pages and/or blogs.

Millennial Choirs & Orchestras' employees and volunteers should not instigate, create, or administer any unofficial social media page related to MCO while they are employed by or volunteering with Millennial Choirs & Orchestras.

## DRESS CODE

It is important to remember that participants are representing MCO and its mission when they are in attendance at rehearsals, concerts, and other performances and events. All participants will abide by the dress code at all of MCO's rehearsals and events.

## REHEARSALS & OTHER MCO-SPONSORED EVENTS

MCO's dress policy for all rehearsals and other events is modest clothing. The following are not permitted: sleeveless/strapless tops; crop tops (or anything revealing the midriff area); extremely short shorts, skirts, or dresses; revealing clothing; or any clothing that has offensive or vulgar logos, images, or language. Undergarments should be fully covered. Hats and hoods are not allowed in rehearsal because the conductor needs to be able to

see the heads and faces of every child. If there is a medical reason for someone to wear a hat or head-covering, please contact the appropriate MCO leadership.

## PERFORMANCE ATTIRE

MCO believes in the professionalism and refinement of performing ensembles wearing matching attire in concerts and other performances. All ensembles must wear the required performance attire. Participants will not complain or comment on any performance attire as this disrupts the morale of the organization. See performance attire estimated costs on your locale's page on [www.millennial.org/join-us](http://www.millennial.org/join-us). The following policy is in effect:

### CHORAL ENSEMBLES

**Choral ensembles** from age 4 through adults must purchase performance attire from the retailers prescribed by the organization. Details on purchasing performance attire are given to participants at the beginning of each semester.

**Women (and girls)** will wear the prescribed performance attire for their particular ensemble, including shoes, hosiery (if required), and jewelry (if required). No other jewelry will be allowed except for a wedding ring. Watches must be removed for performances. Hair must be a natural color and out of the face for performances. Makeup must be worn (if required) according to instructions given prior to performances.

**Men (and boys)** will wear the prescribed performance attire for their particular ensemble, including black socks and dress shoes. Hairstyles should be conservative, a natural color, and out of the face. Longer hair should be pulled back off the face; no man-buns or mullets. Concert Choir men must be clean-shaven (completely free of all facial hair) for all performances. Grand Chorus and Orchestra men may have well-groomed facial hair. No jewelry will be allowed except for a wedding band. Watches must be removed for performances.

### ORCHESTRAS

**Orchestra participants** should wear concert black unless otherwise instructed, purchased on their own through any retailer. Tuxedos are required for men and may be purchased through retailers prescribed by MCO. Black dresses or long skirts and tops are preferred over dress pants for women. Strapless, sleeveless, and excessively short (capped) sleeves on tops or dresses are not allowed.

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Millennial Choirs & Orchestras understands the financial and scheduling demands of today's families and thus requires very little of our parents when compared to other musical, athletic, and extracurricular organizations. There is no requirement to fulfill a certain amount of service hours to MCO or to fundraise. Parents *are* required to serve as Rehearsal Assistants and Concert Assistants as described in this section.

MCO takes every precaution to ensure that the youth are safe. Parent assistants are always in groups of two or more when assisting the youth. The assignments that require direct

interaction with youth in rehearsals and backstage at concerts are given to mothers. Only women escort youth to and from restrooms. Men assist in groups or in husband/wife teams.

### REHEARSAL ASSISTANTS

Parents of the youth are required to serve as Rehearsal Assistants in two rehearsals per ensemble each semester for each youth participant (depending on each locale's needs). Parents who are unable to serve as Rehearsal Assistants for whatever reason must provide a substitute to serve in their place. Parents who sing in the Grand Chorus (adults) or play in the Symphony Orchestra, as well as parents who already serve in some capacity on an MCO board/committee, are still required to serve as Rehearsal Assistants or provide a substitute.

### CONCERT ASSISTANTS

Parents of the youth ensembles are required to sign up to serve as Concert Assistants at one of the performances at the end of each semester. Parents who are unable to serve as Concert Assistants for whatever reason must provide a substitute to serve in their place—someone who is not already serving in that particular performance. In situations where one or more parents are also MCO participants (Grand Chorus and/or Symphony Orchestra), they are not required to serve as a Concert Assistant unless they wish to do so.

## MCO LEADERSHIP

### MILLENNIAL MUSIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Millennial Choirs & Orchestras functions under the 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization Millennial® Music. The Millennial Music Board of Directors, the governing body of MCO, comprises a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and other officers as needed.

### FOUNDERS & CEOS

Founders & CEOs, Brandon Stewart & Brett Stewart, oversee all administrative, business, and musical/artistic matters for the entire organization.

### MUSICAL DIRECTORS

A team of Musical Directors oversees the musical matters of all rehearsals and performances.

### YOUTH CHOIRS CONDUCTOR'S ASSISTANTS

Musical Directors may be assisted in rehearsals by Youth Choirs Conductor's Assistants. These assistants fulfill whatever musical or logistical role is needed. Occasionally assistants will run a rehearsal on their own.

### LOCALE MANAGERS

Each locale has a Locale Manager who provides leadership at the local level, including management support for the Orchestra Manager, Grand Chorus Manager, Youth Choirs Manager, and other volunteers. Locale Managers ensure that committees are staffed and functioning effectively and provide project support for the Musical Directors as needed.

## MCO CODE OF CONDUCT & TERMS OF PARTICIPATION

All participants in MCO agree to abide by the following Code of Conduct & Terms of Participation:

1. I will check my ego at the door when participating in any rehearsal, performance, or activity. I understand that I am part of a vast organization that has a specific mission and purpose—an organization that must accommodate literally thousands of participants and supporters.
2. I will help to maintain a professional atmosphere at all rehearsals and performances.
3. I will show respect and courtesy to fellow participants and parents, the Musical Directors, and other MCO leadership.
4. I will cooperate and be flexible with fellow musicians.
5. I will be on time to rehearsals and adhere to the attendance policy.
6. I understand that MCO functions are often recorded (video and audio) and photographed for archival purposes and that pictures, videos, and audio recordings may appear without my consent or knowledge as marketing tools through the internet or other forms of media.
7. I understand that, unless entered into a specific contract, I will not receive any compensation nor royalties for any performances, audio or video recordings, photo shoots, or appearances in which I have taken part, whether amateur/archival or professional/commercial.
8. I will not complain or make negative comments about the performance attire.
9. I understand and will seek to uphold MCO's policy that it does not facilitate negativity and criticism but instead encourages constructive and appropriate comments and requests to the applicable leadership.
10. I will not gossip, nor will I say hurtful things to others.
11. I will not use the name of this organization in conjunction with any inappropriate material or topic, nor any controversial issue.
12. I will adhere to MCO's social media policy and will not post advertisements, videos, or news about MCO without the prior consent of appropriate MCO leadership.
13. I will not use contact information (including names, email, addresses, and phone numbers) of MCO participants for anything other than approved MCO business).
14. I will not publish negative or controversial comments about MCO on social media or in public settings, websites, or blogs.
15. I will maintain upstanding Christian values while participating with MCO.
16. I will use the lessons learned and the talents I develop through the organization to bless and benefit my own life, my family, my community, and my church.
17. I will remember that God has given me my talents, and I will continue to develop and use them for good.
18. I support the important mission and purpose of Millennial Choirs & Orchestras and will encourage others to participate and to attend performances.
19. I will respect and adhere to all copyright laws regarding music and will not copy or distribute any music, whether physically or electronically, without proper permission or authorization.