

## **William Carey University Honor Choir Clinic**

**October 21-22, 2022**

### **Detailed Information**

The Fifth Annual 2022 WCU Honor Choir Clinic will be on the campus of:

William Carey University, Thomas Fine Arts Center, Winters School of Music & Ministry Studies  
710 William Carey Parkway, Hattiesburg, MS 39401

If there are any questions about the following information, please contact the **Winters School of Music** at **601-318-6175** or by email at [krupert@wmcarey.edu](mailto:krupert@wmcarey.edu).

**The conductor for the 2022 Honor Choir is Mr. Demetrius Robinson.** Demetrius Robinson currently serves as the Director of Choral Activities and Music Department Chair at The Soulsville Charter School in Memphis, TN. His duties in this capacity have consisted of developing a comprehensive choral music program and overseeing all aspects of the music department. Choirs under Demetrius' leadership consistently receive superior ratings at regional and national festivals/competitions and invitations to perform at various prestigious events including a performance at the Tennessee Music Educators Association Professional Development Conference in April 2022. Additionally, Demetrius serves as a music instructor at The University of Memphis where he leads The Voices of Inspiration Choir and teaches a graduatelevel choral rehearsal techniques course. Demetrius received a bachelor's degree in vocal and instrumental music education and a master's degree in choral conducting, both from the University of Southern Mississippi. He also completed an Educational Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership at William Carey University. Currently, Demetrius is pursuing a Ph.D. in music education (choral) and educational leadership/policy at The University of Memphis. Demetrius is in demand as a choral clinician, consultant, worship leader, and Hammond B-3 organist throughout the Southeast. He has presented workshops at various major conferences on topics including music literacy, student leadership in the music classroom, motivating music learners, equity in the music classroom, and vocal music in the black church, among others.

**Students will wear their school's concert choir uniform or all black for the honor choir concert.** On Friday we are asking for all honor choir students to wear the Honor Choir T Shirt they receive at registration. **All individual school district dress codes must be adhered to.**

**It is imperative that every student completes and returns the Hold/Harmless information and agreement, along with their nonrefundable clinic fee by the due dates listed on the confirmation form to secure their spot.** Directors, parents, and/or chaperones must be responsible for every honor choir student at drop off and pick up times and in case of medical emergency. William Carey personnel will aid in chaperoning and direction during rehearsals and the campus events, but William Carey will not be held responsible for students who are dropped off early or picked up late, or in case of a medical emergency. If your student should become sick, the designated chaperone/director/parent from your school should be responsible for seeking medical attention. If for some reason your school representative cannot be located at the time of the medical issue, WCU personnel will do what is necessary for the safety, security, and health of your child.

**Housing: WCU Honor Choir does not provide housing for this event.** There are many available hotels in Hattiesburg. Visit the Hattiesburg Convention Center website for recommendations. Two that have been helpful in the past are Hilton Garden Inn, 133 Plaza Dr as well as Fairfield Inn & Suites, 173 Thornhill Dr.

**Special Performances by:**

**The Carey Chorale and Women's Choir:** Friday October 21, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium. All honor choir students will attend and parents, directors, and chaperones are cordially invited to attend the concert as well.

**Carey Honor Choir:** Saturday October 22, 2022 at 3:00 PM conducted by Mr. Demetrius Robinson in the TFA Auditorium. **All parents & friends are invited to attend.**

## **WCU Honor Choir Clinic Schedule & Itinerary**

### **Student Schedule:**

#### **FRIDAY:**

8:00-8:30 – Registration in the Winters School of Music (Thomas Fine Arts Center) They will receive their music, honor choir T-shirt, and info for the weekend

8:30-12:00 – Rehearsal #1 with Mr. Robinson and Ms. Mathis in the TFA Auditorium

12:00-1:00 – Lunch in Wilkes Dining Hall (provided)

1:00-1:30 – Devotion with Dr. John Helveston in the TFA Auditorium

1:30-5:45 – Rehearsal #2 with Mr. Robinson and Ms. Mathis in the TFA Auditorium

6:00 – Chorale and Women’s Choir Concert in the TFA Auditorium

7:00 – Block Party/Dinner (provided)

#### **SATURDAY:**

8:30-12:00 – Rehearsal #3 with Mr. Robinson and Ms. Mathis in the TFA Auditorium

12:00-1:00 – lunch in Wilkes Dining Hall (provided)

1:00-1:30 – change into formal wear

1:30-2:30 – final rehearsal with Mr. Robinson and Ms. Mathis in the TFA Auditorium

2:30 – Doors open

3:00 – HONOR CHOIR CONCERT

### **Teacher Schedule:**

#### **FRIDAY:**

8:30-10:00 – Rehearsal observation in the TFA Auditorium

10:00-11:00 – Rehearsal #1 with Dr. Dunlap in the Recital Hall

11:00-11:30 – Session #1 with Dr. Ruggiero “Vocal Technique” in the Recital Hall

12:00-1:00 – luncheon in President’s Dining Room

1:00-1:30 – Q&A with Demetrius Robinson in the Recital Hall

1:30-2:00 – Devotion with Dr. John Helveston in the Chapel

2:00-3:00 – Rehearsal #2 with Dr. Murphy in the Chapel

3:00-3:30 – Session #2 with Mrs. Arnold “Preparing Your Students to Sing in College” in the Recital Hall

3:30-4:00 – Session #3 with Dr. Weiss “Jumpstart you General Music” in the Recital Hall

4:00-5:45 – Rehearsal Observation in the TFA Auditorium

6:00 – Chorale and Women’s Choir Concert in the TFA Auditorium

7:00 – Block Party/Dinner

**SATURDAY:**

8:30-10:00 – Rehearsal Observation in the TFA Auditorium

10:00-11:00 – Rehearsal #3 with Dr. Dunlap and Dr. Murphy in the Recital Hall

11:00-11:30 – Session #4 with Mr. Armstrong in the Recital Hall

12:00-1:00 – lunch in cafeteria

1:30-2:30 – final rehearsal with Dr. Dunlap and Dr. Murphy in the Recital Hall

2:30 – Doors open

3:00 – HONOR CHOIR CONCERT

\*\*\*Students in their Senior Year of High School will be able to audition for Music Scholarships during the weekend. Students need to prepare a vocal selection for this audition\*\*\*