

ARIZONA MUSIC
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2025 SOUTHWEST REGION HONORS MUSIC FESTIVAL



CACTUS HIGH SCHOOL
6330 W. GREENWAY RD.
GLENDALE, AZ 85306

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH
2:00PM - CHOIR
3:00PM - ORCHESTRA
4:00PM - BAND

MIKE MAY, SOUTHWEST REGION
GOVERNOR





SOUTHWEST REGION FESTIVAL CHOIR
HERBERT WASHINGTON, DIRECTOR
MARY PRICE, COLLABORATIVE PIANIST



Hallelujah, Amen	George F. Handel arr. Stacey V. Gibbs
Sicut Cervus	Giovanni Palestrina
Rejoice!	Jeffrey L. Ames
All is Thus but Starlight Here	Thomas LaVoy
El Manisero	Moises Simon, arr. Tim Brent
Measure Me, Sky!	Elaine Hagenberg

HERBERT WASHINGTON, DIRECTOR SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CHOIR



Herbert Washington is the Harvey K. Smith Artistic Director of the Grammy Award-winning Phoenix Boys Choir. A proud alumnus of the Phoenix Boys Choir, Mr. Washington's deep connection to Arizona's choral pedagogy shapes both his approach to music education and his leadership within the choir. He is widely recognized for his dynamic teaching style and his ability to foster a profound appreciation for the choral arts. As a respected choral clinician, conductor, lecturer, writer, and adjudicator, he regularly leads regional and state festivals, workshops, and conferences across the country. With a commitment to continuous growth and the advancement of his craft, Mr. Washington co-founded The Choral Window, an international online resource that engages and educates choral directors by fostering connections and sharing innovative techniques that enhance music literacy and energize the rehearsal process. Beyond his work in choral education, Mr. Washington is a passionate advocate for diverse musical styles. He is actively involved in producing, composing, and arranging commercial and radio music, and has collaborated with notable artists, including Grammy Award-winning Tori Kelly, Jordin Sparks, Bret Michaels, and Jason Derulo. A graduate of St. Olaf College in Minnesota, Mr. Washington earned a dual B.A. in Music and Fine Arts and performed as a tenor, counter-tenor, and soloist in the renowned St. Olaf Choir, under the direction of Dr. Anton Armstrong. He also directed the St. Olaf Gospel Choir, Voices of Praise. Following his undergraduate studies, Mr. Washington earned an M.M. in Choral Conducting from the University of Arizona, where he studied under Dr. Elizabeth Schauer and Dr. Bruce Chamberlain. While at UArizona, he founded the award-winning all-male a cappella ensemble Meow-or-Never (formerly CatCall), which continues to be celebrated for its innovative performances. A dedicated member of the Arizona Music Educators Association (AMEA), Mr. Washington has also served as a former board member for ACDA, WCACDA, and the Phoenix Chorale Taskforce, focusing on social and racial equity within choral ensembles and the nonprofit sector. Mr. Washington resides in Chandler with his wife, Yadira, and their sons, Elian and Yadian.

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL HONOR CHOIR

SOPRANO

Uma Raj Sankar.....	Sankar Hamilton
Brooke Cotter.....	Benjamin Franklin
Brooklyn Catchpole.....	Casteel
Manasa Subramanian.....	Chandler Prep
Emmalee Davis.....	Benjamin Franklin
Lydia Smith.....	Apollo
Teagan Norlie.....	Casteel
Dyuthi Heroor.....	Mountain Ridge
Rebecca Luke.....	Benjamin Franklin
Ruchika Sharma.....	Hamilton
Rylie Rafferty.....	Greenway
Kate Blake.....	Casteel
Kennedy Jorgensen.....	Perry
Annie Bigler.....	Casteel
Ariel Ballard.....	Benjamin Franklin
Leslie Ingebrigtsen.....	Benjamin Franklin
Leyna Djukic.....	Casteel
Macy Campbell.....	Tempe Prep
Naomi O'Bryant.....	Casteel
Claire Ulep.....	Chandler
Sophie McClure.....	Casteel
Norah Barr.....	Casteel
Julie Guthrie.....	Dobson
Allie Tam.....	Perry
Maile Taylor.....	Benjamin Franklin

ALTO

Nancy Vu.....	Hamilton
Madison Fouty.....	Dobson
Hannah Silva.....	Eastmark
Lilly Marx.....	Casteel
Natalie Park.....	Perry
Amari Zincke.....	Benjamin Franklin
Maeli More.....	Benjamin Franklin
Ahnica Heptinstall.....	Perry
Megan Jardine.....	Casteel
Jamie Mickey.....	Perry
Noelle Arambula.....	Ironwood
Kalia Bigler.....	Casteel
Sadie Alkema.....	Greenway
Hannah Turley.....	Tempe Prep
Cambryn Brown.....	Casteel
Sam Rosenberg.....	Dobson
Emma Weiss.....	Chandler
Emiliya Morales.....	Benjamin Franklin
Rachel Schlarmann.....	Chandler Prep
Susannah Schrock.....	Northwest Christian
Yenevieve Wences.....	Copper Canyon
Zoey Kohl.....	Casteel
Allyson Childers.....	Heritage Laveen
Jocelyn Sario.....	Basha
Madeline Quiroz.....	Casteel

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL HONOR CHOIR

TENOR

Ethan Luke.....	Benjamin Franklin
Adam Johnston.....	Benjamin Franklin
Brigham Hilton.....	Benjamin Franklin
Cole Watson.....	Benjamin Franklin
Logan Coryell.....	Buckeye
Kade Farnsworth.....	Benjamin Franklin
Tommy Shill.....	Benjamin Franklin
Michael Halliday.....	Casteel
Callaway Renio.....	Basha
Hudson Fleming.....	Benjamin Franklin
Luke Baillio.....	Benjamin Franklin
Christian Morgan.....	Heritage Maricopa
Owen Russell.....	Benjamin Franklin
Preston Smith.....	Basha
Tyler Skinner.....	Northwest Christian
Carter Lindblom.....	Eastmark
Seth Smith.....	Benjamin Franklin
Makarios Sarsam.....	Mountain Ridge
Owen Aspinall.....	Chandler
CJ Morazan.....	Perry
Ethan Burns.....	McClintock
Zane Harvey.....	Chandler Prep
Erik Potts.....	Mountain Ridge
Grayson Thorp.....	Greenway
Zybryus Heard.....	Apollo

BASS

Silas Butler.....	McClintock
Caleb Hilton.....	Benjamin Franklin
Dominic D'Amico.....	Chandler
Derek Hutchins.....	Casteel
Andrew Christensen.....	Maryvale
Eli Jones.....	Benjamin Franklin
Brett Potter.....	Benjamin Franklin
Josh Lowe.....	Northwest Christian
Canyon Roberts.....	Benjamin Franklin
Taft Garner.....	Casteel
James Kokanovich.....	McClintock
Porter Johnson.....	Mountain Ridge
Easton Cook.....	Benjamin Franklin
Luke Maguire.....	Northwest Christian
Crue Welchman.....	Benjamin Franklin
Alec Halterman.....	Heritage Laveen
Kanaye Lambson.....	McClintock
Nicholas Sclafani.....	Heritage Maricopa
Liam Barney.....	Benjamin Franklin
Sebastian Barragan Quezada.....	Apollo
Case Welchman.....	Benjamin Franklin
Jacob Betz.....	Chandler
Jude Tanner.....	Benjamin Franklin
Joseph Zincke.....	Benjamin Franklin
Connor Clemens.....	McClintock



SOUTHWEST REGIONAL HONOR ORCHESTRA

Bill Bitter, Director



Dance of The Tumblers

Rimsky-Korsakov

Greensleeves

arr. Alfred Reed

Variations on a Shaker Melody,
from Appalachian Spring

Aaron Copland

Excerpts from "Far and Away"

John Williams





**SOUTHWEST REGIONAL HONOR
ORCHESTRA
BILL BITTER, DIRECTOR**

Bill Bitter retired in 2022 after forty-one years with Gilbert Public Schools, Gilbert, AZ. During that time, he taught orchestra and band at all levels, elementary through high school. Mr. Bitter first served twelve years as the Director of Orchestras and Assistant Band Director at Gilbert High School, until 1993 when Highland High School opened. After opening Highland High School, Mr. Bitter was the Director of Orchestras and Chairman of the Performing Arts Department for twenty-nine years. The Highland Orchestras had an enrollment of over 350 students in five performing ensembles. Mr. Bitter has been active in the Arizona Band and Orchestra Director's Association, serving as Vice President of High School Orchestra Activities, State Concert Festival Chairman, Fall Orchestra Festival Chairman, and Regional Orchestra Chairman. He was a nine-year member of the staff of the National High School Honors Orchestra, sponsored by ASTA WITH NSOA, serving as organizing chairman in 2005. Mr. Bitter has served as an adjudicator and clinician for festivals throughout the United States. His orchestras performed on four different occasions at the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic and were the first orchestra from an Arizona High School to perform in New York's world-renowned Carnegie Hall. In 2014, the Arizona Music Educators Association named Mr. Bitter the Arizona Music Educator of the Year, and in 2015, he received the Elizabeth A. H. Green School Educator Award from the American String Teachers Association.

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL HONOR ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN I

Aadya Daga.....	Hamilton
Avalinda Wagener.....	Benjamin Franklin
Ben Park.....	Hamilton
Brooke Faber.....	Dobson
Chen-Hsuan Lin.....	Arizona College Prep
Daniel Yang.....	BASIS Mesa
Emma Xi.....	Hamilton
Grace Guthrie.....	Dobson
Hayden Young.....	BASIS Chandler
Jenny Dong.....	Hamilton
Jinoo Park.....	Arizona College Prep
Joshua Lee.....	BASIS Chandler
Kaden Zhao.....	Hamilton
Logan Whitfield.....	Eastmark
Mabel Ostler.....	Dobson
Marissa Montgomery.....	Hamilton
Natalie Zhu.....	BASIS Chandler
Norah Boling.....	Basha
Victor Long.....	Hamilton
Yun-Tsai Yeh.....	Perry

VIOLIN II

Abby Xie.....	Hamilton
Diya Raman.....	BASIS Chandler
Elly Shen.....	Hamilton
Eva Jameson.....	Basha
Harrison Nicholls.....	Casteel
Helena Tang.....	Arizona College Prep
Jack Economou.....	Benjamin Franklin
Jane Ye.....	BASIS Chandler
Kabir Sahai.....	BASIS Chandler
Kaliq Young.....	McClintock
Kate Xie.....	Hamilton
Leah Lim.....	McClintock
Lucia Klostermann.....	Eastmark
Luke Wagner.....	Mountain Ridge
Miley Jensen.....	Benjamin Franklin
Regina Rascon.....	Hamilton
Sara Zheng.....	Hamilton
Sarah Jester.....	Basha
Sunan Zang.....	Hamilton
Suswara Moge.....	BASIS Chandler
Xavier Semien.....	ASU Prep
Parisa Choudhury.....	Scottsdale Prep
Leo Stephenson-Brown.....	McClintock
Sean Wagner.....	Mountain Ridge

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL HONOR ORCHESTRA

VIOLA

Aaron Zhang.....	Hamilton
Abigail Kim.....	Perry
Adonis Miller.....	Arizona College Prep
Alex Gong.....	Hamilton
Brendan Matlock.....	Hamilton
Georgia Woodford.....	Benjamin Franklin
Gowri Vinay.....	BASIS Chandler
Jena Lee.....	Basha
Joshua Clay.....	McClintock
Kate Coligado.....	Arizona College Prep
Riza Shrestha.....	BASIS Chandler
Ruei-Shin Yeh.....	Perry
Tahlia Mak.....	McClintock
William You.....	Hamilton

CELLO

Abraham Kim.....	Chandler Prep
Charles Pabst.....	McClintock
Fayfay He.....	Hamilton
Isabel Nasr.....	Arizona College Prep
Israel Kim.....	Chandler Prep
Jensen Holbrook.....	Perry
Kevin Chen.....	Hamilton
Matthew Kruckenbergl.....	Trivium Prep
Nathan Chang.....	Arizona College Prep
Noah Lee.....	Basha
Roman Hu.....	Perry
Ruizhe Wang.....	Hamilton
Rylan Young.....	BASIS Chandler
Tate Steere.....	Casteel

BASS

Desaray Pena.....	Sierre Linda
Emily Blongastainer.....	Dobson
Heath Owens.....	Arizona College Prep
Juan Carlos Patino Reyes.....	Basha
Macee Lopez.....	Casteel
Meghan Crane.....	Chandler
Nathan Fortier.....	Basha
Reed Tibbetts.....	Chandler
Simone Barhitte.....	Dobson
Suraiya Brown.....	Deer Valley

HARP

Megan Williams.....	Hamilton
Ivy Hales.....	Benjamin Franklin

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL HONOR ORCHESTRA

PICCOLO

Delaney Patterson.....Mountain Ridge

FLUTE

Sophia Chen.....Hamilton

Maddie Tung.....Arizona College Prep

OBOE

Kellen Harris.....Mountain Ridge

Vijayan Sriram.....Hamilton

BASSOON

Jax Pence.....Mountain Ridge

Micah Ramey.....Mountain Ridge

CLARINET

Kavi Gullapalli.....Perry

Aaron Yuan.....Arizona College Prep

BASS CLARINET

Keenan Moore.....Mountain Ridge

BASSOON

Logan Andrew.....O'Connor HS

Hannah Gray.....Red Mountain HS

FRENCH HORN

Irene Liu.....Hamilton

Christina Diggs.....Mountain Ridge

Daniel Cook.....Cactus

Dana Huels.....Mountain Ridge

TRUMPET

Isabel Dupuis.....Deer Valley

Paige Munson.....Mountain Ridge

Nolan Wilson.....Mountain Ridge

TROMBONE

Alex Ormiston.....Dobson

Shayne Johnson.....Arizona College Prep

Jackson Kelley.....Dobson

TUBA

Zachary Helton.....Mountain Ridge

PERCUSSION

Nathan Reynolds.....McClintock

Trinity Haiver.....Ironwood

Collin Mailman.....Ironwood

Alex Radlauer.....Deer Valley



SOUTHWEST REGIONAL HONOR BAND

Stephen Meyer, Director



Adoration

Florence B. Price,
tr. Cheldon R. Williams

Illumination

David Maslanka

Infinity

Katahji Copley

Italian Rhapsody

Julie Giroux





SOUTHWEST REGIONAL HONOR BAND STEPHEN MEYER, DIRECTOR

Stephen Meyer is currently the director of bands and associate professor of music at Northern Arizona University. He previously served on the faculties of the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam and the University of South Carolina. As director of bands at Clear Creek High School, the Clear Creek Wind Ensemble was a featured performer at the Midwest Clinic in 2013, was a three-time National Winner in the National Wind Band Honors project, and a two-time national finalist for The American Prize in Wind Ensemble Performance. Before Clear Creek, Meyer taught at Harrison High School in Cobb County, Georgia, where he assisted with performances at the Midwest Clinic in 2007, the Georgia Music Educators Association, and the University of Georgia. As co-director of the marching band, the ensemble was a consistent Bands of America Regional and Super-Regional Finalist, a Bands of America Grand National Finalist in 2007, and invited to perform at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in 2009. Meyer is also currently the music director of the Tempe Winds, a semi-professional wind band in Tempe, Arizona and conducts the Wind Orchestra as part of the Phoenix Youth Symphony Orchestra program. He graduated magna cum laude from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music with a bachelor's degree in music education. He earned a master's and a doctorate from the University of Michigan. He is the author of *Rehearsing the High School Band*, *Rehearsing the Middle School Band*, and *Rehearsing the Marching Band*.

NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL HONOR BAND

PICCOLO

Pranjal Dixit.....BASIS Chandler

FLUTE

Yunha Hwang.....Perry

Rachel White.....Perry

Minseo Choi.....Perry

Paul Martinez Velazquez.....Carl Hayden

Ceren Yalcinkaya.....McClintock

Caroline White.....Mountain Ridge

Hayden Harris.....Basha

Nadia Gonzalez.....Mountain Ridge

Sean Drogowski.....Cactus

Victor Vuong.....Sierra Linda

Shriya Saravanan.....Mountain Ridge

Emily Barlow.....Basha

OBOE

Marcos Aguilar Martinez.....Martinez Apollo

Samyuktha Ganti.....Mountain Ridge

Sarah Walker.....Arizona College Prep

Gideon Cox.....Deer Valley

BASSOON

Nicholas Smith.....Mountain Ridge

Ednan Al-Asady.....Ironwood

Ella Mah.....Hamilton

Brooklyn LaGow.....Hamilton

CLARINET

Lucas Hwang.....Perry

Charles Wang.....Hamilton

Jake Shim.....Arizona College Prep

Elora Woo.....Arizona College Prep

Brian Liu.....Hamilton

Sunaina Reddy.....Mountain Ridge

Jayce Huang.....Mountain Ridge

Bhavana Vinodh.....Mountain Ridge

Mario Ramos Rivera.....Carl Hayden

Parker Schultz.....Mountain Ridge

Liam Firth.....Mountain Ridge

Autumn Lee.....Casteel

Aaron Cao.....Arizona College Prep

Emily Bailey.....Dobson

Janessa Jaramillo.....Sierra Linda

Hialei Reese.....Mountain Ridge

Andrew Kim.....Hamilton

Kevin Zhang.....Arizona College Prep

Bennet Li.....Deer Valley

Sophia Grim.....Mountain Ridge

Sam Bonner.....BASIS Chandler

Zachary Tran.....Basha

Ethan Giri.....Basha

D'Asia Hinojosa-Chun.....Basha

Auna Ciochetto-Braznell.....McClintock

Anne Skalski.....Arizona College Prep

Joselyn Munoz.....Dobson

Giovanna Iacono.....Mountain Ridge

Liam Killough.....Basha

Aleska Stange.....Hamilton

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL HONOR BAND

BASS CLARINET

Douglas Blew.....Cactus
Liel Royal.....Mountain Ridge
Georgiana Dean.....Mountain Ridge
Infinity Lawrence.....Mountain Ridge

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Shahin Madantschi.....Mountain Ridge
Dragos Lese.....Mountain Ridge
Nelson Brock.....Heritage Academy Maricopa
Evan Tan.....BASIS Chandler
Devansh Avlani.....Hamilton
Juliana Stecher.....Greenway

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Isaac Singh.....Mountain Ridge
Jake Turtsanyi.....Mountain Ridge

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Philip McKinley.....Mountain Ridge
Bennett
Larson.....Dobson

TRUMPET

Banyan Foust.....Dobson
Kay Carson.....Mountain Ridge
Jonah Cain.....Mountain Ridge
Adrian Almendarez.....Basha
Traven Coriell.....Benjamin Franklin
Tyler Herrera.....Apollo
Joseph Edwards.....Hamilton
Nicholas Tercero.....Sierra Linda
Darius Perkins.....Hamilton
Colin Shunk.....Arizona College Prep
Sean Maurer.....Deer Valley
Caleb Hyatt.....Greenway
Oliver Wolken.....Dobson

FRENCH HORN

Joshua Cordero.....Heritage Academy Maricopa
Minjune Choi.....Perry
Keegan Diaz.....BASIS Chandler
Hugo Yamada.....Basha
Scarlett Nystrom.....Dobson
Aiden Cardona.....Hamilton
Conner Segraves.....Mountain Ridge
Markus Dillon.....Dobson

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL HONOR BAND

TROMBONE

Scout Rothberg.....	Hamilton
Austin Friedrich.....	Mountain Ridge
Zachary Shepherd.....	Mountain Ridge
Vijay Vora.....	Hamilton
Amanda Webb.....	Dobson
Bailey Bydalek.....	Basha
Landon Mehrer.....	Benjamin Franklin
Luke Johnson.....	Northwest Christian
Samuel Edwards.....	Hamilton

EUPHONIUM

Daemion Jordan.....	McClintock
Jonah Coyle.....	Benjamin Franklin
Steven De La Torre Fannin.....	Benjamin Franklin
Kaleb Fishback.....	Northwest Christian

TUBA

Luke Bicknell.....	Benjamin Franklin
Brennan Havlovic.....	Perry
Xander McClinton.....	Dobson
Annalise Kissler.....	Perry
Diego Hernandez Lopez.....	Chandler
Jonathan Williams.....	Deer Valley
Hailey Scheuring.....	Youngker
Aayush Singh.....	Mountain Ridge

DOUBLE BASS

Alanna Davis.....	Eastmark
Ethan Nguyen.....	Hamilton

HARP

Kayla Lee.....	Basha
Jordan Allen.....	McClintock

PIANO

Amaya Vigenser.....	AZ School for the Arts
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PERCUSSION

Antonio Padilla.....	Maryvale
Gianna Bauer.....	Northwest Christian
Tarika Scholes.....	McClintock
Deann Nguyen.....	McClintock
Gavin Roth.....	Mountain Ridge
Elizabeth Kelley.....	Cactus
Peyton Schonscheck.....	Basha
Eric Merritt.....	Chandler

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Southwest Region would like to thank Mountain Ridge High School, their director, Mr. Jeffrey Malone, and their amazing band parent organization for hosting this year's band, choir, and orchestra auditions.

The Southwest Region would also like to thank Cactus High School, their administrative team, and their Performing Arts Department for making their facilities available to host this festival for the past two days. Opening their auditorium and rehearsal spaces for over 300 visiting students and their directors displaces classes and is a huge undertaking. They have been gracious hosts, and their sacrifice is invaluable to the success of the Southwest Region Festival!

The Directors and Clinicians would like to thank the parents of these talented students for your encouragement and dedication to the arts in your students' lives. Your support through the years has helped develop hard-working, well-rounded individuals who will one day make our world a better place.

Parents, Schools, and Communities that recognize the value of arts education in the coming years should work to ensure that: Arts education programs continue to be funded. Curriculum and scheduling should include the arts. Resources critical to an Arts program's success should always be available. Arts educators continue to be employed and teach in the discipline for which they were trained. Facilities built and furnished for arts-based activities be used for that purpose.

Southwest Region Leadership

Victor Mendoza - Band Co-Chair
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PURPOSES OF THE ARIZONA FESTIVAL OF PERFORMANCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL MUSICIANS

The Arizona Music Educators Association, Inc. is comprised of over 1700 music educators who provide instruction at all levels of the Arizona educational system, and students who are enrolled in music teacher preparation programs in the state colleges. Through its choral and instrumental constituent organizations, AMEA annually sponsors the regional and state festivals of performance for musically talented high school students. These festivals serve the following educational purposes:

- to recognize skill in instrumental and vocal performance.
- to encourage further development of outstanding musicianship.
- to provide a performance opportunity to the state's future music leaders that is otherwise not available at the high school level.
- to emphasize with school administrators and the public at large the importance of music as a part of a well-rounded education of Arizona students.
- to establish for the youth of Arizona special performance opportunities comparable to those available to young people in any of the other 49 states.
- to bring nationally recognized conductors to instruct, inspire, and evaluate the accomplishments of students the Arizona high schools.
- to maintain and raise the level of musical performance at the high school level.
- to make available a unique in-service education opportunity for Arizona music educators.

IN APPRECIATION...

We, the directors and music teachers want to thank you for your support of our music programs by attending concerts and encouraging your children to strive for music excellence. We hope our efforts produce life-long musicians and/or music appreciation, positive character traits, and good citizens. You play an important part. You can help our effectiveness by encouragement in the home, influencing other parents, and informing principals, administrators, and district superintendents of your appreciation and the importance of the music programs in your schools. If you don't let them know about the positive aspects, they may assume nothing is going on. The administration may consider cutting a worthwhile music program. Again, thanks for your children and your support.

Your Music Teachers and Directors

ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE FESTIVAL

Approval for the All-Region Festival of Performance for High School Musicians is given by the Arizona Music Educators Association, Inc.

The All-Region Festivals have been initiated in an attempt to involve more students in festival activities. Students completing the Regional Festivals will qualify to audition for the All-State Festival.

Students are auditioned for participation by teams of specialists selected from members of the Choral and Instrumental sections of AMEA. These auditions emphasize not only performance ability but overall musicianship as well. Any choral or instrumental music teacher unfamiliar with the content and procedures used for these auditions is invited to attend and participate in the AMEA planning sessions.

The festival must be self-supporting but is not intended as a money-making event. Any deficit is underwritten and absorbed by the AMEA.

The Arizona Music Educators Association welcomes constructive suggestions for improving the Festivals of Performance for High School Musicians. Such Suggestions should be in writing and may be sent to the AMEA president or the vice-president in charge of the choral or instrumental section of AMEA.