

## Opus '09 Press Release

\_\_\_\_\_ was recently selected for participation in the twenty-third annual Opus Honor Choir Festival. Over 3200 students were nominated by their directors for 720 positions in the four Opus Honor Choirs. Selections were made by means of a recorded audition. Guest conductors of the choirs include Carole Kettwick, 5th & 6th Grade Elementary Honor Choir; Andrew Last, 7th & 8th Grade Boys Honor Choir; Beth Mueller, 7th & 8th Grade Girls Honor Choir; and June Schmidt, 9th Grade Mixed Honor Choir. The 2009 Opus Honor Choirs will perform at 4 p.m. November 19 in C.Y. Stephens Auditorium in the Iowa State Center in Ames. The Opus Honor Choir Festival is under the auspices of the Iowa Choral Directors Association, Inc.

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### **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL DIRECTORS OF OPUS STUDENTS!**

The Iowa Music Educators Association will again be sponsoring clinic sessions during Opus rehearsals on Thursday, November 19. All choral directors are invited to attend these sessions. All sessions will take place in the Scheman Building.

<b>9:00 – 9:50</b>	<b>Steve Campbell/Lindsay Rust, Drumming Up Character</b>	<b>Scheman Room 250-252</b>
	<b>Jill Wilson, Taking Care of Your Female Singers in the Face of Male Singer Shortage</b>	<b>Scheman Room 260-262</b>
<b>10:00-10:50</b>	<b>Aaron Hansen, Dancing is for Everyone!</b>	<b>Scheman Room 250-252</b>
	<b>Mary Cohen, Beyond the Notes: The Oakdale Prison Community Choir and Implications for Music Education</b>	<b>Scheman Room 260-262</b>
<b>11:00-11:50</b>	<b>Kimberly Utke Svano, Classical Music for the General Music Classroom</b>	<b>Scheman Room 260-262</b>
<b>1:30-2:30</b>	<b>Steve Campbell/Lindsay Rust, Community Drum Ensemble: Drumming Outreach for All</b>	<b>Scheman Room 250-252</b>

The cost of these pre-conference sessions is \$25.00 if you pre-register by November 6 postmark, \$30.00 after that date. Participants may pre-register for them on the IMEA Conference Pre-Registration form which may be found in the fall issue of the Iowa Music Educator or online at: [www.iamea.org](http://www.iamea.org); or, participants may register in person at the IMEA registration desk, on the second floor of the Scheman Building, beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 19.