

University of Michigan Men's Glee Club
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Dear Choral Colleague:

The University of Michigan School of Music, the Men's Glee Club, and the Women's Glee Club are pleased to present the 20TH Annual Vocal Arts Day to be held on **Saturday, January 9, 2010**. Due to the tremendous success of this event in years past, we are excited to once again provide this special opportunity for Michigan high school singers. We are planning a fantastic Vocal Arts Day 2010, featuring a vast array of incredible music, including a performance by the oldest and most infamous a cappella group at the university, The Friars, the vocal jazz group Midnight Blue, and of course the Vocal Arts Day Concert in the world-renowned Hill Auditorium!

Vocal Arts Day will be a day devoted to developing musicality and passion for music. At the beginning of the day students will receive a Vocal Arts Day t-shirt and new music, which will be learned on-site and is theirs to keep. The day will be filled with rehearsals alongside Glee Club college students as well as vocal workshops designed specifically to appeal to male and female high school singers. It will also provide an opportunity for your students to meet other high school singers from all over the state. Plan to arrive at **8:45 AM for registration**, and the day will culminate with a **4 PM concert** in Hill Auditorium in which the UM Glee Clubs will accompany the high school singers, and which will also feature individual performances by the Men's and Women's Glee Clubs.

This year we will also be implementing a new regulation as to the number of female students from each school attending. We wish to make this event more intimate in order to create a better educational experience for the girls. There will be a restriction to 12 female students from each school, and a maximum of approximately 725 female students total. We suggest for those schools that have a tough decision on limiting students to send their senior singers so the underclassmen will have a chance later in the High School years.

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite each student, director, and parent to the annual fall concerts presented by each of the Glee Clubs. Please see the enclosed sheets for information on the dates and ticket sales for these two performances.

Vocal Arts Day is a wonderful opportunity for your students to experience choral singing at a college level and to share in a day full of the energy, pride, and enjoyment. We look forward to hearing from you.

Warmly,

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