

**LOUISIANA MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION
2026 DISTRICT V CHORAL MUSIC
LARGE ENSEMBLE ASSESSMENT**

Aaron Theall, District Director
MARCH 23-24, 2026



McNeese State University Tritico Theater
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Assessment Hosts

W. A. and Dorothy Hanna
Department of Performing Arts
McNeese State University

Dr. Kedrick Nicholas, President
Dr. Keagan LeJeune, Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts
Dr. Lina Morita, Department Head, W. A. and Dorothy Hannah
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Festival Adjudicators

Stage:

Lisa Johnson – West Monroe, LA

Angela Jones – Raceland, LA

Pam Givens – Monroe, LA

Sightreading:

Rebecca Vacha – Shreveport, LA

Acknowledgments

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Monday, March 23, 2026

<u>Time</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Ensemble</u>
9:00 AM	6-8	Bell City Middle School Choir Rachel Carpenter, Director Mary Etherton, Accompanist <i>*Drunken Sailor</i> - Emily Crocker <i>Kokoleoko</i> - Victor C. Johnson <i>Solfege Sonata</i> - Audrey Snider
9:20 AM	3-5	Starks Elementary Treble Choir Robyn Hollie, Director Sharon Stephenson, Accompanist <i>Good Night</i> - Minstrel Song, arr. Doreen Rao <i>Al Shlosha D'Varim</i> - Allan E. Naplan <i>*Keep Your Lamps Trimmed And Burnin'</i> - Traditional Spiritual, arr. Greg Gilpin
9:40 AM	5	T. S. Cooley Elementary Grade Choir Annette Larson, Director Anne Rose, Accompanist <i>Die Forelle</i> - Schubert/Boshkoff <i>Two Poems of Emily Dickinson</i> - Neil Ginsberg <i>Charlotte-Town</i> - Emily Crocker
10:00 AM	6-8	W. W. Lewis Middle School Rebel Choir Crystal Estrela, Director Mary Etherton, Accompanist <i>Akatonbo (Red Dragonfly)</i> - Greg Gilpin <i>*She Sings</i> - Amy F. Bernon <i>Elijah Rock!</i> - Arr. Roger Emerson
10:20 AM	6-8	DeQuincy Middle School Treble Choir Carie Barnes, Director Sharon Stephenson, Accompanist <i>Hashivenu</i> - Arr. Ruth Morris Gray <i>*Sakura</i> - Arr. Robert DeCormier <i>Let Me Fly</i> - Arr. Cristi Cary Miller
10:40 AM	5-6	Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School Soaring Eagles Chorus (Elementary) Rachel Wood, Director Pam LeBlanc, Accompanist <i>Can You Keep a Secret?</i> – Herb Frombach and Valerie Showers Crescenz <i>The Peace Canon</i> – Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. Donald Moore <i>The Shepherd Knows My Name</i> - by Semsen

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11:00 AM	9-12	Bell City High School Chamber Choir Rachel Carpenter, Director Mary Etherton, Accompanist <i>*I Dream a World</i> - Andre J. Thomas <i>There Will Be Stars</i> - Andy Beck <i>Wellerman</i> - Roger Emerson
11:20 AM	6-11	Starks Mixed Middle and High School Choir Robyn Hollie, Director Sharon Stephenson, Accompanist <i>Nine Hundred Miles</i> - Traditional American folk song, arr. Philip E. Silvey <i>*Ubi Caritas</i> - Audrey Snyder <i>Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel</i> - Traditional spiritual arr. Roger Emerson
11:40 AM	4-5	Grand Lake Elementary Chorus Rob Marcental, Director Marlene Mullenix, Accompanist <i>Sing Together! Psallite!</i> - Johann Sebastian Bach, arr. by Patrick Liebergen <i>10,000 Reasons</i> - Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman, arr. by Lloyd Larson <i>Come and Sing Together</i> - arr. by Andrew Parr
12:00 AM	6-8	F. K. White Middle School Novus Choir Isabella Rodriguez, Director Mary Etherton, Accompanist <i>Hashivenu</i> - Ruth Morris Gray <i>*And This Shall Be for Music</i> - Mary Lynn Lightfoot <i>Ubi Caritas</i> - Victor C Johnson

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1:00 PM	4-5	Vinton Elementary Darby Broussard, Director Mary Etherton, Accompanist <i>Risseldy Rosseldy</i> - Jay Broeker <i>The Old Carrion Crow</i> - Mary Goetze <i>The Song That Nature Sings</i> - Ruth Elaine Schram
1:20 PM	4-5	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Elementary Choir Colette Tanner, Director Pam LeBlanc, Accompanist <i>Simple Gifts</i> - Aaron Copland <i>*J'entend le Moulin</i> - arr. Ruth Dwyer & Martin Ellis <i>Inventions & Machines</i> - D. Geoffrey Bell

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1:40 PM	6-8	F. K. White Middle School Bella Voce Choir Isabella Rodriguez, Director Mary Etherton, Accompanist <i>O Nata Lux</i> - Victor C. Johnson <i>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i> - Greg Gilpin <i>*Have You Seen But a White Lily Grow</i> - Earlene Rentz
2:00 PM	9-12	DeQuincy High School Mixed Choir Carie Barnes, Director Sharon Stephenson, Accompanist <i>*The Heavens Are Telling</i> - Hayden, arr. Howten <i>Mixolydian Gloria</i> - Remel Derrick <i>Shady Grove</i> - arr. Emily Crocker
2:20 PM	4-5	Maplewood Elementary Astros Chorus Elayne Gabbert, Director Pam LeBlanc, Accompanist <i>Musica Dei Canon/Viva la Musica Canon</i> – arr. Mary Jane Phillips <i>The Arrow and the Song</i> - Mary Lynn Lightfoot <i>Don Gato</i> – arr. Ray Doughty
2:40 PM	6-8	S.J. Welsh Middle School Training Choir Kari Proksch, Director Mary Etherton, Accompanist <i>A Juhász</i> - Zoltán Kodály <i>*Good Night</i> – Kabalevsky, arr. Doreen Rao <i>Cripple Creek</i> - arr. Emily Crocker
3:00 PM	6-8	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Middle School Choir Colette Tanner, Director Pam LeBlanc, Accompanist <i>*I Am His Child</i> - Moses Hogan <i>In Time of Silver Rain</i> - Victor C. Johnson <i>Gloria Tibi</i> from <i>MASS</i> - Leonard Bernstein
3:20 PM	9-12	LaGrange High School Training Choir Yuavanka Brown, Director Mary Etherton, Accompanist <i>*The Sky Can Still Remember</i> – Michael Gray <i>In Terra Pax</i> – Mary Lynn Lightfoot <i>Lord, I Know I Been Changed</i> – Larry Shackley

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3:40 PM 10-12 DeQuincy High School Select Choir
Carie Barnes, Director
Sharon Stephenson, Accompanist
Laudate Dominum (Psalm 117) - Dan Davison
O Nata Lux - Victor C. Johnson
**If Music Be The Food of Love - Andrew Miller*

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

9:00 AM 9-12 Sulphur High School Treble Choir
Molly Jones McMillen, Director
Bonnie Randel, Accompanist
Come in from the Firefly Darkness - Amy F. Bernon
**Panis Angelicus - Cesar Franck, ed. Istvan Bogar*
Be the Sunlight - Debra E. Stempien and Gregory H. Turner

9:20 AM 7-8 S. J. Welsh Middle School Select Choir
Kari Proksch, Director
Mary Etherton, Accompanist
Niska Banja - Nick Page
**The Snow - Edward Elgar*
Cedar Swamp - Jay Broeker

9:40 AM 4-5 DeQuincy Elementary Choir
Steve Dufrene, Director
Sharon Stephenson, Accompanist
Swinging, Jazzy Saints - Earlene Rentz
**Slumber Song (Wiegenlied) - Franz Schubert, arr. Jill Gallina*
Whisper - Greg Gilpen

10:00 AM 9-12 Sulphur High School Tenor-Bass Choir
Molly Jones McMillen, Director
Bonnie Randel, Accompanist
Laudate Domino - Mark Patterson
**Flow Gentle, Sweet Afton - Douglas Wagner*
Man of Truth - Shawn Kirchner

10:20 AM 7-8 Leesville Jr. High School Choir
Ola Demus-Jackson, Director
Cherie Turner, Accompanist
**Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel - Roger Emerson*
Pamoja - Mark Burrows
We are the Lights - Cristi Cary Miller

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10:40 AM	4-5	Dolby Elementary Chorus Wava McClain, Director Sharon Stephenson, Accompanist <i>Ani Ma'amin</i> – Traditional, arr. Paul Caldwell and Sean Ivory <i>Follow the Drinking Gourd</i> – Traditional spiritual, arr. Rollo Dilworth <i>Ching-a-Ring Chaw</i> – Aaron Copland
11:00 AM	9-12	Sulphur High School Mixed Choir Molly Jones McMillen, Director Bonnie Randel, Accompanist <i>*Exsultate justi in Domino</i> - Brant Adams <i>*Set me as a Seal</i> - Rene Clausen <i>I am Power</i> - Mark Burrows
11:20 AM	5	St. John Elementary Choir Emily Lognion, Director Pam LeBlanc, Accompanist <i>Jubilate Deo</i> – Praetorius <i>Dodi Li</i> - Doreen Rao <i>Shake The Papaya Down</i> – Trad. Jamaican folk song, arr. Ruth Dwyer and Judith Waller
11:40 AM	9-12	Barbe High School Treble Choir William Travis Stegall, Director Anne Rose, Accompanist <i>*Panis Angelicus</i> - Cesar Franck, ed. Istvan Bogar <i>*Keep Your Lamps</i> - Victor C. Johnson <i>Storm</i> - James M. DesJardins
12:00 PM	9-12	Leesville High School Choir Jared Prewitt, Director Cherie Turner, Accompanist <i>Every Valley Needs a Lily</i> – Joseph M. Martin and Robert Lowry, arr. Stacey Nordmeyer <i>*Simple Gifts</i> - Aaron Copland, arr. Irving Fine <i>Three Contemporary Latin Settings</i> - Jerry Estes

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2:20 PM	4-5	Prien Lake Jolies Voix Tina Bernard, Director Anne Rose, Accompanist <i>The Song that Nature Sings</i> – Ruth Elaine Schram <i>Fuego</i> - Victor Johnson <i>J'entend le Moulin</i> - Dwyer
2:40 PM	10-12	Sulphur High School Advanced Treble Choir Molly Jones McMillen, Director Bonnie Randel, Accompanist <i>Skye Boat Song</i> - Paul Langford <i>*Nigra Sum</i> - Pablo Casals <i>Stardust</i> - B.E. Boykin
3:00 PM	9-12	Barbe High School Mixed Choir William Travis Stegall, Director Anne Rose, Accompanist <i>*Ubi Caritas</i> - Ola Gjielo <i>Apple Tree</i> - Aurora Aksnes, Odd Martin Skaalnes, and Magnus Skylstad <i>Suliko</i> - Brent Wells
3:20 PM	10-12	Sulphur High School Select Choir Molly Jones McMillen, Director <i>*Tant que vivray</i> - Claudin de Sermisy and John Leavitt <i>If I Loved You (from Carousel)</i> - Deke Sharon <i>Wade in the Water</i> - Moses Hogan