



Frequently Asked Questions

2026 Meistersinger Honor Choir Festival

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Q: What time and where is registration for the festival?

A: Registration for the 2026 Meistersinger Honor Choir Festival is being held at the Bachman Fine Arts Center Lobby (music building) beginning at 1pm on Sunday, January 25. The first rehearsal begins at 2pm in the Wartburg Chapel.

We will direct participants on where to store luggage when you arrive.

Please have your music and a pencil with you from the beginning!

Q: My students are staying on campus Sunday night. What should they bring?

A: Participants will be assigned housing with current students who participate in Wartburg Choir, Castle Singers, Ritterchor, St. Elizabeth Chorale and Kantorei. In some cases, futons or beds may be available, but likely participants should plan to sleep on the floor. Participants should plan to bring:

- Sleeping bag/air mattress
- Pillow
- Blanket
- Towel and wash cloth
- Toiletries
- Comfortable clothes and swimsuit for the W
- School-appropriate attire for Monday rehearsal
- Concert dress (choir robe, dress and tux, concert black, or whatever your school performs in)
- Music, black folder and pencil

Q: What should participants wear for the concert on Monday at 5pm?

A: Concert dress - choir robe, dress and tux, concert black, or whatever your school performs in.

Q: One of my students got sick, can I bring another student in their place?

A: No. Due to the nomination process, we do not take alternates or substitutions. Please do not bring a student who was not accepted into the festival. However, please inform us of any changes from your accepted list.

Q: How do families and friends order tickets for the concert?

A: Tickets went on sale on the Wartburg College Meistersinger Honor Choir Festival website: www.wartburg.edu/festivals on January 16. Please remind families and friends about this link. These tickets are sold online and will sell out! Doors will open at 4:15pm on Monday, January 26. **A reminder that directors' tickets are complimentary and were ordered on the registration form. Directors will receive a reserved seat sign to place on an auditorium chair of your choice on Monday. If you ordered additional chaperone tickets on your registration, those will be in your packet as well.

Q: Is there a livestream link?

A: Yes! You may share this link for the livestream of the 2026 Meistersinger Honor Choir Festival. www.wartburgknightvision.com

Q: What meals are included for my students/participants?

A: If you registered and paid for housing on campus because you are more than 45 miles away (\$60 per participant), dinner on Sunday, and breakfast and lunch on Monday are included. If you registered and paid as a commuter because you are less than 45 miles away or chose alternate housing (\$45 per participant), dinner on Sunday and lunch on Monday are included.

Q: Are there any meals included for educators that are attending?

A: Yes, your lunch on Monday is covered if you registered for it on your registration form!

Q: What if I don't remember if I registered for the Director's Lunch or need to check on something else on the form?

A: You will always have access to your Google Sheet/Invoice, so you can go back in and check. You have VIEW only access.

Q: What if I think I filled out the form wrong? For example, I registered for housing, but I'm only 29 miles away.

A: You will be contacted, money will be refunded and we will solve it together!

Q: Is there coffee and breakfast items available on Monday morning for Directors?

A: Yes – but it's a choose your own adventure! Each director will receive a \$5 educator voucher from us at check in. This \$5 is good on MONDAY, January 26 at the Den (snacks, soda, ice cream), OR the Konditorei (Starbucks, bakery items, snacks) OR the Zesty Orange in the W (smoothies, soda, snacks) at any time on Monday! You can use this voucher however you would like!

Q: Can directors/educators/chaperones attend the rehearsals and sections?

A: YES! We absolutely encourage you to attend all the rehearsals and sectionals that you can! It's not required, but our doors are always open to you!

Q: Can you tell me more about the Educator Sessions on Monday?

A: Yes! More information regarding our Educator Sessions, titles, and times will be available later in the year.

Q: Will Wartburg provide extra music or make copies for me and my students?

A: No. Please come prepared. Please make sure your students have their music that you have purchased and secured for the festival, with them at all times. Black folders/binders/etc...work well for this festival! Having pencils with them is great, too! We will also provide one pencil!

Q: My student signed up for a voice lesson. How do they know when it is?

A: Participants who registered for a voice lesson will have their time and location in their lanyard. Signs will be posted around campus as well. We will also remind everyone about lessons at the welcome.

Q: I forgot to sign up for a lesson, can I do that when I arrive on Sunday?

A: Unfortunately, no. The registration deadline was back on January 9, 2026. All lessons slots are full. Thank you for your understanding.

Q: Can I bring the payment to registration on Sunday!

A: Yes, we will gladly help you!

Q: What if my payment is in the mail or I need to contact my school?

A: This is completely normal and we understand! I worked in public education for 20 years, and have a vast understanding of school boards, booster clubs, business offices, and delays! Please let us know at the registration desk when you expect payment to arrive to the best of your ability. Any communication regarding this is appreciated!

Q: I have more questions. Who do I contact?

A: Please contact Sarah Bouska at sarah.bouska@wartburg.edu.

Thank you for sharing time with us here at Wartburg College!

We look forward to seeing you on campus and working with you and your students.