



## 2025 Elementary Festival Honor Choir Audition Procedures

### Procedure

#### 1. Recording Notes

x You do not need to make a professional style recording. The recording just needs to be clear and understandable. Using your phone/computer is acceptable.

#### 2. Start audition recording

The teacher reads the following

^ d Z ] (student name) Auditioning for (alto or soprano) from (school name) X \_

Example:

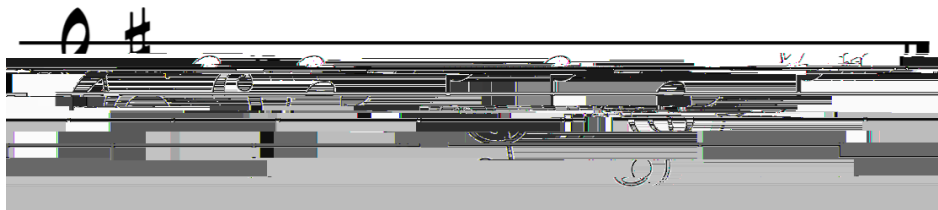
This is Jack the Rabbit Auditioning for alto from SDSU.

#### 3. Melody Echo Patterns

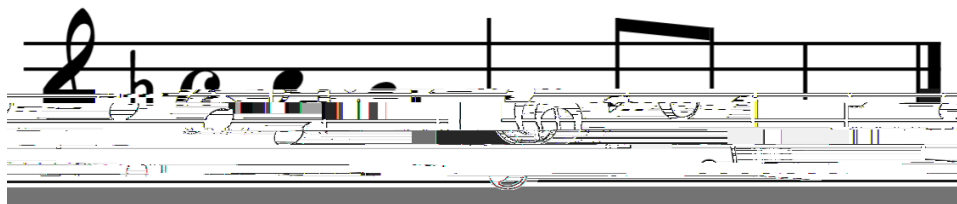
x Teacher sings Echo Pattern Do not sing and play.

x After each example is played or sung the student echoes (a cappella) P š Z • Ç o o o ^ o } } \_ X

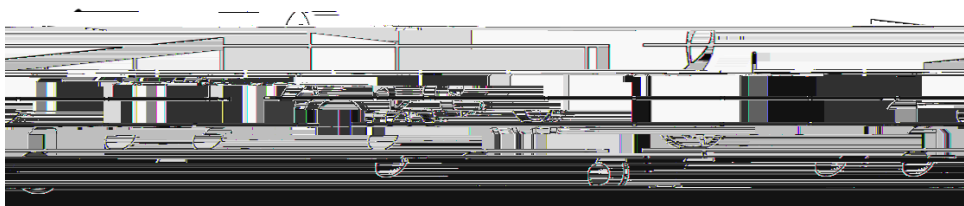
Exercise 1



Exercise 2



Exercise 3



# America, My Country 'tis of Thee

Soprano

My count - try! 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,  
5 Of thee I sing; Land where my fa - thers died, Land of the  
10 Pil - grims' pride from ev' - ry - moun - tain-side Let - free dom ring!

The image shows a musical score for the Soprano part of the song 'America, My Country 'tis of Thee'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 'My count - try! 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,'. The second staff begins with a measure rest labeled '5'. The lyrics are: 'Of thee I sing; Land where my fa - thers died, Land of the'. The third staff begins with a measure rest labeled '10'. The lyrics are: 'Pil - grims' pride from ev' - ry - moun - tain-side Let - free dom ring!'. The score ends with a double bar line.

SDSU Choral Day  
Elementary Festival Honor Choir  
NOMINATION FORM 2024

To be submitted by the Nominating Music Teacher/Director/Private Instructor  
Singers are current 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in your choral program

Applications and audio files must be submitted by midnight on  
Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

A \$5.00 nonrefundable application fee per nominated student must also be received by  
Friday, November 5, 2024.

Checks should be sent payable SDSU.

Please do not send cash. If possible, please send **ONE (1)** check per school.

Mail checks

to: Elementary Festival Honor Choir  
SDSU School of Performing Arts  
OLPAC Box 2830  
Brookings SD 57007

NOMINATION CHECKLIST

1. Submit Nomination Form
  - o Fill out the [nomination form](#)
  - o You can nominate up to 30 students on the same form or do a new submission per student. If you need to nominate more than 30 students, submit a second form.
2. Receive links for audio upload
  - o This year we will have a link for altos and one for sopranos.
  - o Links will be included in your confirmation email when you nominate students.
  - o The link from last year will not work for this year.
3. Upload Audition Audio
  - o The audio track should have all exercises included
  - o Audio should be identified with the following format: `EX: S for soprano or A for alto`  
`EX: HarveyDunn_ JaneSmith_S or Mickelson_JohnDoe_A`
  - o You will only have access to upload files, if you need to delete/change a file [email:star@sdstate.edu](mailto:star@sdstate.edu)
4. One check made out to SDSU for correct amount
  - o \$5 fee for each student audition. For example, if you are sending in 20 auditions, please send one \$100 check
  - o All checks and money orders must have "Z" written on them somewhere for identification purposes.

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