

Hello Region 16 Directors,

PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY! THERE ARE CHANGES THIS YEAR! (Changes are highlighted.)

We are once again blessed to have the Region 16 HS Choir UIL at the Buddy Holly Performance Hall. Upon arrival at BHH, have the buses drop off your group on the WEST side off of Mac Davis. **DO NOT ENTER THROUGH THE MAIN DOORS.** Enter through the west set of double doors, which are by the Crickets Theatre. Buses may park in the parking lot directly south of BHH. After sight reading, your students will exit through the south-facing doors on the EAST side of the Box Office (the side near the Grand Hall where you sightread). Your contest materials will be located by the CONCESSION STAND NEAR THE RAVE ON venue.

When you enter, if your choir is next to perform, please have your choir line up against the glass wall across from the Crickets Theatre. If your choir is moving to the Helen Dewitt Jones Hall to observe the performances, they may move into the main foyer, keeping to the west side of the spiral staircase to the platform, which leads into the hall. Please ask your choir members to be quiet in the lobby at all times and to not block the walkway for audience members or choirs going to perform. Other audience members, such as teachers, administrators, parents, may enter through the main doors, or if a choir is arriving early to observe before they line up to warm-up, they may enter the main doors and move directly to the auditorium. **DO NOT LINGER IN THE MAIN LOBBY** unless waiting for a performance to end to enter HDJ Hall.

DETAILS FOR CONTEST DAY:

Warm-up: Crickets Theatre - 18 minutes

You must be ready to leave Crickets Theatre when the timer goes off at 18 minutes. You need to prepare to leave before this. **PLAN AHEAD**

Travel to HDJ Hall - 2 minutes

Performance: HDJ Hall - 20 minutes (including travel to Sightreading)

Sightreading: Grand Hall A - Line up along wall - make sure you are in order for sightreading (this is the wall used in previous years to line up for warm-up)

Enter by Rave On - Exit by front of BHH (glass wall)

You will check in just past the Crickets Theatre by the West set of Main Double Doors. Please have your set of three judges' scores with measures numbered and Form 1 ready for check-in. In addition, please turn in your announcer, recording, and stage set-up forms, which you will find on the UIL Region 16 Website. [UIL region 16 music](#)

During the contest, each choir will have a student host who will guide them throughout the day. Please plan your arrival, so you may go directly to warm-up. We would like to keep the foyer clear, except for a single choir waiting to go in to warm-up. **The lobby is located directly outside the sightreading room**, so **please be sure that your groups remain quiet in the lobby area.** Please have your non-performing students enter the auditorium as soon as possible to keep the foyer area as uncrowded as possible. Do not leave your students unattended by a chaperone **ever.** All audience members will enter the first floor. The judges will be judging from the second level, and no one else should go to that level. The upper levels will be locked.

Please remember that our venue is a professional facility and should be treated accordingly. Prepare your students to use appropriate, respectful behavior, so we will be allowed to use this as a contest site in the future. Please do not allow your students to put their feet on the backs of the chairs and do not allow individuals to wander away from your group.

There are many restaurants on University, which is just one mile west of Ave. Q, such as Raising Canes, Chik-fil-A, Panda Express, Firehouse Subs, Whataburger, and many more. Ave. Q has a few restaurants to offer as well.

Outside food and drink are not allowed in Buddy Holly Hall. If you want to bring snacks for your group, you will need to leave them on the bus and access them there.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to contact me. My number is (806)790-8740. My email address is ronscat@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

~ Catherine Stevenson
2026 UIL Choir Host