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Dear Colleague:

I hope you are well!

My name is Dr. Jace Kaholokula Saplan, and I am delighted to write to you as the ASU School of Music, Dance, and Theatre's Director of Choral Activities. I thank you all for welcoming me into our choral community last year, and I look forward to continuing the important work of building intentional relationships with you all and ensuring that our choral program can be of service to our K-12 community.

It is our pleasure to invite you and your choral students to the 2023 ASU High School Vocal Connection at the ASU School of Music, Dance, and Theatre on Saturday, September 9, 2023. I am delighted to report that like in years past, there is no charge to you, your students, or your school for this event.

This year's event will feature our incoming Associate Director of Choral Activities at ASU, Dr. Josh Palkki. We are also welcoming colleagues from all around the School of Music, Dance, and Theatre at ASU that will engage your students in voice classes, circle singing, improvisation, and other embodied choral experiences that will aid in building momentum and engagement for your programs. We also have separate sessions planned for teachers with an emphasis on practical skills, ideas, and repertoire facilitated by our choral faculty.

Check-in on September 9th, 2023 is at 8:30 a.m in the ASU School of Music Lobby. Warm-ups start at 9:00 a.m., and the day will conclude around 4:00 p.m. There will be a break for lunch; *students should plan to purchase or bring their lunches and snacks*. We provide a list of nearby inexpensive restaurants and a schedule for the day in our google drive attached to this letter.

Due to the capacity of our rehearsal spaces, we ask that each program send no more than 16 students.

Please use this Google form to register: <https://forms.gle/L7vKfSVpp4XE5fLx9>

Please RSVP no later than Sunday, September 3, 2023.

We will be contacting you again in late July and in the early fall to confirm your registration data, and to convey information about parking and arrival procedures. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to email me: [jsaplan@asu.edu](mailto:jsaplan@asu.edu)

Again, thanks you for your interest in the ASU High School Vocal Connection and for all you do in inspiring your students through song.

We look forward to seeing you and your students on September 9, 2023!

Sincerely,



Dr. Jace Kaholokula Saplan  
Director of Choral Activities