January 7, 2020

Dear All-Cape and Islands Festival SSA Chorus Members,

 Congratulations on your acceptance to this year’s festival SSA Chorus. Your conductor will be Mr. Trevor Fanning. I am very happy he has accepted the invitation to conduct the chorus and I know you will have a wonderful musical experience under his direction.

**Trevor Fanning** is a vocalist, educator, conductor, adjudicator, and clinician, who makes his home in the Washington DC area and is the Director of Middle & Upper School Choirs at Holton-Arms School in Bethesda, Maryland. Before this, Mr. Fanning spent 10 years in Indiana where he created, directed and led award winning show choir and choral programs. Mr. Fanning holds an undergraduate degree in Rhetoric from Wabash College, and a Master of Music degree in Conducting from Butler University. In addition to his work as a teacher, Mr. Fanning acts as an adjudicator and clinician at schools, competitions, and churches around the country, and as a staff singer for congregations in the DC area. In recent years, Mr. Fanning has been the guest conductor for the MMEA All Cape and Islands Festival, an American delegate for the first Cuban/US Choral Directors Exchange, on staff for *American Cantat 8*, and as a guest adjudicator for the E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival, both in the Bahamas. He also works as a freelance consultant with the Commonwealth of the Bahamas Ministry of Education on an Island-wide music curriculum. Passionate about musical theatre, Mr. Fanning was conductor-in-residence for the Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, Indiana, and has performed extensively on stage as an actor, been seen in one film, and lent his voice to an animated short.

 Mr. Fanning has chosen a great program consisting of :

**If You Can Walk, You Can Dance** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYJwZeG58MU> This is an SATB recording, but we will be singing SSA.

**Rise My Soul** (Susan LaBarr) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LlyFMMbKMYA>

**Be Like the Bird** (Abbie Betinis) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kEANteNY0h0>

**Let the River Run** (Craig Hella Johnson)

To commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the All-Cape Festival, we’ve commissioned an All-Cape graduate to compose an original composition to celebrate this event, and it is also included in your folder.

**Concert Attire**

**Black to the floor, black close toed shoes, black or white top, that shows no midriff, shoulders or back, Jacket and/or tie acceptable, no jeans, no leggings.**

Please come knowing the notes so as an ensemble you can make music!

 I’m looking forward to working with all of you and please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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