

Southwestern Fine Arts Festival

March 18-22, 2026

Thank you for your interest in the 2026 Southwestern Fine Arts Festival!

The faculty, students and administration here at Southwestern Adventist University are excited to host you this coming March as we prepare for the 33rd annual A Night at the Meyerson!

For all the choral scholars, the audition piece is *Lamentations of Jeremiah* by American Contemporary Composer, Z. Randall Stroope. The audition music is included below as a preview copy of the music. Please learn the entirety of the audition pdf, the legal purchase of the full score and the remaining choral repertoire is required upon acceptance to attend the Festival.

LISTEN: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rLE9o2Lzh2s&list=RDPjPeqih9fxc&index=2>

Step 1. Choose Your Part

Important for all Teachers and Students

Do NOT automatically choose to audition on the part you sing in your choir!

Choose the part that you sing the best! This would be the vocal part that you can sing for long durations and not fatigue while maintaining excellent quality!

Step 2. Prepare the Music

Listen, Learn and Love

To be accepted in the 2026 Mass Choir, your audition must show that you have learned the music, which includes the following layers.

Note accuracy, pitch center, rhythms, breathing & phrasing, tone and energy!

Auditions that do not meet expectations will be returned to the applicant.

They will be given one more attempt to finish learning the piece and resubmit before the deadline.

We want each applicant to be successful and attend, but each singer must learn the music to be eligible.

Soprano 1 | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fpb8TrkgNxI>

Soprano 2 | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XfEJhRbzSoo>

Alto | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cFTdh6JwqgQ>

Tenor | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLkaXgANSpG>

Bass | https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GevQylWS6yk&list=RDGevQylWS6yk&start_radio=1

Step 3. Record a Video of You singing *Lamentations of Jeremiah* AND Upload

-You may use the recording and sing along (**track music must be only in headphones to be accepted**)

-The Video must show you singing

-Fill out the application:

https://apps.swau.edu/musicfestival/?_ga=2.199027759.1020056104.1699896750-1369648364.1699547457

-Upload the video and attach.

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