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SWACDA-Kansas City: A Place to Get Ahead

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Professional people, it would seem, have an intrinsic need to socialize and network with the people who experience professional success. We attend conventions to associate with that success and to enrich our professional awareness. People are drawn to the conventions associated with the American Choral Directors Association because of their mutual involvement in a shared interest, choral music.

When mingling with students from other universities, you get to experience the power of group dynamics in a professional environment. When surrounded by peers and colleagues who share a similar interest, you become enthused by the professional possibilities. By attending professional roundtables, shaking the hand of a keynote speaker, or a guest conductor, you become an active participant in the choral music profession.

The Southwestern American Choral Directors Convention will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, February 20-23, 2008. Convention Headquarters: Kansas City Marriott Downtown. www.SWACDA.Org

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The convention includes a myriad of opportunities that can enhance the education of the younger ACDA members:

- 16 invited choirs and 4 honor choirs perform concerts, including the All-Collegiate Choir conducted by Dr. Eph Ehly
- 20 invited speakers present a variety of choral music interest sessions.
- 8 music reading sessions feature representative selections from the 12 Repertoire and Standards (R&S) Committees.
- a wide variety of exhibits offer materials related to choral music
- 8 student conductors, from Arkansas, Kansas, Texas, Missouri, and Oklahoma, have been invited to conduct a selection in each of the reading sessions.
- The Student and Youth Committee Roundtable Topic: Proactive Behaviors and the First Years of Teaching

Conventions are a means for people to come together, to work, to communicate, to learn, and to have fun. Get ahead by attending the SWACDA convention in Kansas City. I hope to meet you there.

*“Music is a higher revelation than
all wisdom and philosophy. Music is
the electrical soil in which the spirit
lives, thinks and invents.”*

Ludwig van Beethoven