



A Celebration of Excellence

A Choral Artistry Recorded Performance Competition

American Classic is pleased to announce...

A Celebration of Excellence, a new recorded choral competition that is:

- ***Created to honor musicianship, artistry, and thoughtful performance***
- ***Designed as a new tier of choral competition, welcoming ensembles from a broad geographic area and showcasing artistic achievement***
- ***Aimed at affirming the work directors and students pursue every day — musical integrity, artistic growth, and expressive performance***

This is not simply another competition. This is an affirmation of excellence.

A Competition with Purpose

A Celebration of Excellence is structured to offer meaningful and equitable comparison among participating ensembles while maintaining a clear focus on musical artistry and integrity.

Divisions by Ensemble Size

- ***33+ Singers * 32 or Fewer Singers * 20 or Fewer Singers***

Categories in Each Division

- ***Mixed Voices • Treble Voices • Tenor-Bass Voices***

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Performance Repertoire

Submitted recordings will consist of a three-selection set drawn from a competition or public performance.

Awards Structure

- **Division Champions**
- **Division Runners-Up**

Awards will be presented across all divisions and voicing categories.

Adjudication

Evaluation by internationally recognized choral professionals, selected for their specialized experience with Mixed, Treble, and Tenor-Bass ensembles.

Adjudicators assess performances using criteria grounded in:

- **Musicianship**
- **Vocal technique**
- **Ensemble balance and tone quality**
- **Musical interpretation**
- **Artistic communication**

This ensures thoughtful, informed, and educationally sound evaluation.

Recognition

Participating ensembles may receive:

- **Awards presentation at the TCDA Summer Convention**
- **Letter and Certificate of Commendation**
- **Press release recognition**
- **Website display of winners**
- **Social media announcements**
- **Nationwide e-blast announcement**

Timeline

- **Recording Submission Deadline: May 1**
- **Winners Announced: July 16–18**
(during the TCDA Convention)

Complete details regarding submission requirements, fees, adjudication procedures, recognition formats, and awards will be released prior to the submission deadline.