



## Music Ambassadors for Excellence!

November 5, 2008

The Vermont ACDA announces plans for the tenth annual Vermont ACDA Children's Honor Choir Festival to be held on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 at the Old Middle School (now Historic Museum) in St. Albans, VT. We are pleased this year to have Dr. Sandra Doneski of Gordon College as our guest conductor. (Please see her bio attached.)

Members of VT - ACDA are invited to audition up to fifteen of their students to participate. These students should be in grades six, seven, eight, and nine for the 2008-2009 school year and have an **unchanged** voice. They **must** be members of their school choir, community children's choir, or church choir. The singers you choose should be willing to be music ambassadors for excellence.

Again, this year, non - ACDA choral directors in Vermont are encouraged to submit up to eight members of their school or church choirs. There is a one - time \$30 non-member fee to participate.

Students will be selected by teacher recommendation. Please follow the application instructions carefully and do not miss the deadline of **January 16, 2009**. Failure to adhere to deadlines may result in your students not being allowed to participate in the 2009 VT ACDA Children's Honor Choir. Be certain that your singers and their parents have fully read, understand and sign the statement of obligation. Teachers will be notified of student's participation by **February 13, 2009**. A \$35.00 participation fee will be due on or before **February 27th**. Checks should be made out to VT ACDA.

We are excited about this upcoming event! Remember to return the enclosed application form by **January 16<sup>th</sup>** to Susan Cherry, 49 Frost Ave. St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. You may also call (802) 748-2538 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

**VT Children's Honor Choir Committee**  
Susan Cherry, Chair



**Sandra Doneski**

Assistant Professor

B.M. Gordon College

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Sandra Doneski is an Assistant Professor of Music at Gordon College where she teaches music education classes, music theory and conducts the Gordon College Children's Choir. She holds a Bachelor of Music Education from Gordon College, a Master of Music Education from the Hartt School and recently completed a Ph.D. in music education from the Hartt School of Music, University of Hartford.

Besides serving on the faculty at Gordon, she is the director of Gordon's Music Mania program, a music outreach program for the children on the North Shore of Boston. A master teacher, Dr. Doneski has taught K-12 general and choral music in both public and private schools. Her performing ensembles have received superior ratings at festivals throughout the United States and Canada.