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Dear Music Educator,

It is with great pleasure that the Chester County Choral Society announces **The Twentieth Annual Excellence in Vocal Performance Award Competition** to be held on **March 3, 2012**.

Since 1993 the Choral Society has recognized, promoted and rewarded vocal excellence in young singers who reside, attend school or study music in Chester County. Over the last nineteen years the Choral Society has provided encouragement and performance opportunities to scores of talented young people and awarded over \$10,000 in prizes. This year three cash prizes will be awarded. First place will receive \$1000, second place will receive \$500 and third place will receive \$250.

All high school seniors who reside, attend school or study music in Chester County are eligible to compete for these awards. In addition to the cash prize and a certificate of achievement, first and second place winners will be invited to perform a solo at the society's spring concert on May 12, 2012. The first place winner will also receive a plaque which may be displayed in the winner's school.

For the audition the candidate must be prepared to sing two pieces from memory: a classical selection and a show tune. An accompanist will be provided, however a candidate may bring his or her own accompanist. Applicants will be judged in the following: Artistry, Presentation, Tone, Technique, Musical Accuracy & Musical Sensitivity. Candidates must complete and submit the enclosed application form by February 21, 2012. This is a firm deadline. Late entries will not be accepted.

The competition will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2012 in the auditorium of Bayard Rustin High School, 1100 Shiloh Road, West Chester, PA 19382 and is open to the public. The competition begins at 9 a.m. and candidates will be informed of their specific audition time the week of February 26th.

Please inform your talented senior students of this opportunity for recognition of their vocal accomplishments. I am looking forward to another exciting competition. Thank you for your help in making this program work better to fulfill your students' dreams. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 717-548-1266 or by email at w_kline@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,

Wayne Kline

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Award Program Chair

Packet Enclosures: Application, Poster