## **Media Advisory**

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## Whittier Union Students to Ring in the Holidays with Annual Choral Festival

WHAT:

Whittier Union High School District students will stage a seasonal music celebration during the annual Choral Festival with a selection of classical, jazz and holiday favorites.

Choral groups from California, La Serna, Santa Fe and Whittier high schools will commemorate the holiday season and receive evaluation from this year's adjudicator, Michelle Jensen, an assistant professor at Azusa Pacific University, clinician and conductor of the APU Chamber Singers.

Under Jensen's direction, the Chamber Singers have traveled across Europe and Australia, performing in such venues as the Sydney Opera House, St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican, the Sistine Chapel, St. Thomas Church in Leipzig and Basilica San Marcos in Venice.

WHEN: 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5

WHERE: Whittier College Memorial Chapel

13406 Philadelphia St., Whittier

**DETAILS:** 

The annual concert is an opportunity for the choirs and their directors to listen and learn from each other as well as from a well-respected adjudicator. Prior to joining the faculty at APU, Jensen was the founding director of the choral program at Burbank High School and choreographed for many programs across North America, including John Burroughs High School and the Youth Singers of Calgary. In April 2019, she will serve as the conductor for Connecticut All-State Honor Choir. Each of the District's comprehensive high schools offers beginning, intermediate and advanced choral and instrumental music programs and theater arts courses. The choral ensembles have performed in local, regional and national competitions in locations such as Carnegie Hall and the Walt Disney Concert Hall.

Coverage and/or inclusion of this event in your calendar is welcome and greatly appreciated.

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