

High School Honor Choir  
with guest clinician Jake Runestad  
and featuring the Frost Chorale

Friday, October 20, 2023 ~ 9am-5pm  
University of Miami  
Gusman Concert Hall  
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We are very excited to provide this opportunity for your students to work with internationally renowned composer, conductor, and clinician Jake Runestad! High school students from across the state (and beyond) will join us for a day of workshops and music-making with Mr. Runestad, Dr. Amanda Quist, and the students of the Frost Choral Studies Program.

**Who is Jake Runestad?**

Considered “one of the best of the younger American composers” (Chicago Tribune), EMMY®-winning and GRAMMY®-nominated composer and conductor Jake Runestad has received commissions and performances from leading ensembles and organizations such as Washington National Opera, the Los Angeles Master Chorale, the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra & Chorus, the Pacific Symphony & Chorale, True Concord Voices & Orchestra, the Netherlands Radio Choir, the Philippine Madrigal Singers, Seraphic Fire, the Santa Fe Desert Chorale, and many more. “The Hope of Loving,” the first album dedicated to Jake’s choral music, recorded by professional American choir Conspirare, received a GRAMMY® nomination. In 2019, Jake became one of the youngest composers ever awarded the prestigious Raymond C. Brock commission by the American

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Choral Directors Association. “Earth Symphony,” Jake’s ground-breaking choral symphony written with librettist Todd Boss, earned a 2022 EMMY® Award for musical composition. Jake’s visceral music and charismatic personality have fostered a busy schedule of commissions, residencies, workshops, and conducting engagements, enabling him to share his passion for creativity, expressivity, and community with musicians around the world.

Dubbed a “choral rockstar” by American Public Media, Jake is one of the most frequently performed composers of concert music. His thoughtful and compelling works “that speak to some of the most pressing and moving issues of our time” (Star Tribune), have been heard in thousands of performances across the globe. Jake Runestad holds a Master’s degree in composition from the Peabody Conservatory of the Johns Hopkins University where he studied with Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Kevin Puts. Find out more at: [JakeRunestad.com](http://JakeRunestad.com)

## **Who is the Frost Chorale?**

The premier choral ensemble at the Frost School of Music, the Frost Chorale performs the entire canon of choral music, gives world premieres, makes acclaimed recordings, and travels both nationally and abroad. The Chorale has appeared at regional and national conventions and regularly joins professional orchestras to perform the great choral-orchestral repertoire.

## **Who can participate?**

This opportunity is open to any high school student who loves to sing choral music. There is no audition; instead, high school choral directors can register up to two quartets (total eight students, balanced number of sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses) to participate. We are looking for those truly dedicated students who will relish a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity such as this. If you would like to participate, but have need to bring fewer or more than the requested amount (or would like to request to bring an unbalanced quartet), please reach out to us at [FrostHonorChoir@miami.edu](mailto:FrostHonorChoir@miami.edu) - include the number of students you wish to bring, and their voice parts.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, September 22	Deadline to register students
Friday, October 6	Registration payment must be received (see below) <b>Release Agreement forms signed and uploaded <a href="#">here</a></b>
Wednesday, October 11	Vehicle information due if parking on campus (see below)
Friday, October 20	Honor Choir Day, 9am-5pm
Saturday, October 21	Frost Chorale Concert with Honor Choir Participants and Jake Runestad, 7:30pm, Gusman Concert Hall

### Registration

To register students, complete the Google Form (below) with the following information:

- Director information
- School/Organization information
- Chaperone information
- For each student: name, voice part, emergency contact name and phone, and t-shirt size
- If you would like to purchase a parking pass from the University
- Indication that the director(s), chaperone(s), and student participants have read and understand the University of Miami's Youth Protection Policy, found [here](#). (Please share this link with the students.)

[Register Here](#)

**Once registration is complete, you will be emailed an invoice you can use to complete payment (see below).**

### How should I select my students?

You may use any method you wish. If you have students in mind you know would appreciate and excel at this opportunity, you can pick them with no audition. If you would like to audition your students, that is fine as well. We only need to know who you are sending.

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## Payment

### Price List:

Student: \$45

Teacher/Director/Chaperone: \$30

Parking Pass: \$11

*\*Buses are free to park on campus - no parking pass required*

Once registration is complete (see Google Form above), you will be emailed an invoice. To pay this invoice with a credit card (preferred), follow this link: [click here](#).

Payment can also be submitted via check made out to *University of Miami*. Please mail checks to:

University of Miami  
c/o High School Honor Choir  
5499 San Amaro Drive, PLF N 303  
Coral Gables, FL 33146

\*\*\*Payment must be **received** by Friday, October 6th.

## **Release Agreement Form**

Along with your invoice, you will be emailed a Release Agreement Form. Please have all students and their appropriate guardians sign this form. When signed, please upload PDFs of the forms [here](#).

## Music

Once payment is received, students (and teachers) will receive a digital copy of the music they are to learn. They should print their own music to bring with them in a **black folder or binder**. Students will learn their voice part to the music before they arrive to the honor choir.

Selected Pieces: “Nyon Nyon,” “Please Stay,” and “Let My Love Be Heard” by Jake Runestad

## ATTENDING THE HONOR CHOIR

### Teachers and Chaperones

Each school/organization must have at least one chaperone registered and in attendance at all times throughout the honor choir. **Chaperones must have a level two background check in order to represent their school/organization and attend the Honor Choir event.** Many schools require registered chaperones to have this background check already; if you are unsure, check with your administration. We do NOT need documentation that this has been completed. The chaperone may be the teacher/director. Please follow your organization's/school's, and county's guidelines for chaperones. Chaperones are responsible for our guest students and must be with them at all times during the Honor Choir. Teachers/directors are not required to attend, but are highly encouraged. This will be a wonderful opportunity to watch Mr. Runestad and Dr. Quist work with your students, and we will sign any paperwork needed to count this as professional development. If a teacher attends, they must also register.

### Transportation

Students/chaperones/directors will need to provide their own transportation to and from the honor choir. You have the option to purchase a parking pass from the University for **\$11** (paid as part of registration) to park on campus. **Buses do NOT need parking passes.** By Wednesday, October 11, please register your vehicle here: [click here](#). Parking passes are registered digitally through the University; therefore, you will not receive a physical pass. (The parking pass is for Friday only; if parking on other days, please follow visitor parking guidelines found [here](#).) You may also use paid street parking along San Amaro Drive if you do not wish to purchase a pass. If you wish to fly and rent a car, the closest airport is Miami International Airport (MIA).

### Schedule

Registration begins at 8am in the Gusman Concert Hall lobby. The honor choir runs from 9am to 5pm with a performance at 4:30pm. Honor choir participants, chaperones, and teachers are only allowed in the honor choir during the day, but additional friends and family are invited to attend the performance at 4:30pm.

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Saturday Concert: All Honor Choir participants are invited to perform with the Frost Chorale, Dr. Amanda Quist, and Jake Runestad on Saturday, October 21st at 7:30pm in Gusman Concert Hall. (This performance is optional, but encouraged.) They can wear the same clothes they wore for the honor choir performance. All Honor Choir participants, once registered, will receive a code that allows them and one other person to attend the concert for free. Once you receive the code, sign up for tickets quickly, as these spots are limited before payment is required.

## **Lunch**

Lunch will be on your own on the University of Miami campus. There are several restaurant options within walking distance. All students must be with their chaperone during lunch.

## **Expectations**

It is the expectation that all students will be on their best behavior throughout the honor choir. You are representatives of your school and guests of the University of Miami. Please make sure you are familiar with and follow your own school/organization's code of conduct. In addition, please read the University of Miami's Youth Protection Policy, found [here](#).

## **Attire**

Students should wear school-appropriate attire that is casual but still looks nice. (Long pants, skirt, jeans without rips, nice t-shirt, blouse, etc.). If they have a t-shirt from their school/organization Chorus program, they are encouraged to wear that. Upon arrival, each student will receive a t-shirt they can change into for the performance; they can still wear their casual/nice bottoms.

**Hotel Accommodations**

For those needing overnight lodging, the following hotels are close to the University. There are many other options as well - these are just some places to start looking:

Hampton Inn Miami Dadeland

8200 SW 70th Ave

Miami, FL 33143

305-269-0072

[Website](#)

Four Points by Sheraton Coral Gables

3861 S.W. 40th Street

Coral Gables, Florida, 33146

305-567-0534

[Website](#)

**Campus Tour**

While you are here, consider turning your trip into a college visit! In addition to many excellent courses of study (especially music!), the University of Miami in Coral Gables has a beautiful campus with many unique qualities. If you would like to arrive a day or two early and schedule a campus tour, please [click here](#). The Frost School of Music also offers excellent tours that you can schedule [here](#). Frost tours are available Monday through Friday, but if you are interested in a Saturday tour, please email [FrostHonorChoir@miami.edu](mailto:FrostHonorChoir@miami.edu) so we can set one up for you. Hurry! Spots fill up quickly.

***We are very excited about this opportunity to host your students!***  
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