

February 13, 2020

Dear Sopranos and Altos,

Greetings, and congratulations on your selection as a member of the 2020 CT All State Treble Choir. Being selected to work with you this year is a tremendous honor for me, and I look forward to meeting you very soon! As you begin to prepare for this special event, please take the time to consider the following thoughts on the overall message of our program.

*This is your Time* by J. Reese Norris, *When Thunder Comes* by Mari Valverde, *They May Tell You* by Andrea Ramsey, *Er ist gekommen* by Clara Schumann, and *Still I Rise* by Rosephayne Powell all share a common thread of **empowerment, equality, strength, vulnerability, and resilience**. As you ponder and dissect the text of each song, begin imagining and absorbing the macrovision of our musical exploration together. Think about how each song relates to your personal journey and how you plan on conveying that story, your story, in an authentic way to our audience.

If you or your director have/has a question for me regarding the music please feel free to contact me via email. Thank you all in advance for what I'm confident will be an amazing, life-affirming experience for all of us!

Sincerely,

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