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## **Churchville-Chili High School Choir To Perform at All-State/Winter Conference**

*Ensemble makes Second Appearance since 2006*

October 23, 2017 - Westbury, NY – The New York State School Music Association is proud to welcome the fifty-three-member Churchville-Chili High School Concert Choir – conducted by Erik Reinhart - to the eighty-second annual All State/Winter Conference in Rochester, NY. The Choir is one of six student ensembles selected to perform throughout the four-day event that makes up the twentieth consecutive conference held at the Riverside Convention Center.

“We are honored to have our Churchville-Chili High School Concert Choir chosen to perform at this year’s NYSSMA conference. Our students are so dedicated and thrilled to be selected to perform at a state-wide venue. We greatly value Mr. Reinhart’s vision and leadership along with the influence and passion of the students’ elementary and middle school music teachers,” said Lori Orologio, Churchville-Chili Superintendent.

The conference will begin on November 30, 2017 and will feature 900 student-musicians rehearsing and performing in eight ensembles, approximately 170 professional development sessions for music educators, and a concert featuring music composed by students. The conference ends on December 3, 2017 with concerts held at the historic Eastman Theater Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Erik Reinhart has fifteen years of experience teaching in the district – seven of those as high school choral director. “We were invited to perform in 2006 and are thrilled to come back in 2017,” he said. “Our students will be performing several choral pieces. One of which was commissioned by composer Nathan Jones.”

“I researched poems that I wanted set to music,” Reinhart said. “We will perform a piece entitled, Know that I am Here.” The lyrics, written by Reinhart are directed to children and include the words, *Go, Play, Live, and Love.*

The chorus will not perform alone. The West Side String Quartet, a professional ensemble that accompanies them at local concerts will join them in Rochester.

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