The 2018 High School Choral Festival is a non-adjudicated festival which provides high school singers an opportunity for education and growth in a non-competitive setting. Each choir performs two pieces in a master class setting for the clinician, other choirs and their conductors, and any area music lovers who would like to attend. All choirs remain in the auditorium so that they may hear the others and learn from the clinician’s comments.

The guest clinician for 2018 will be Dr. Chris Ludwa, Music Director of Kalamazoo Bach Festival and Assistant Professor of Music at Kalamazoo College. As this is Dr. Ludwa’s first year with the Bach Festival and the college, the Choral Festival will give area choir directors the opportunity to work with and get to know the newest choral director in Kalamazoo.

At the end of the day all choirs join to rehearse and perform music chosen by the clinician. Dr. Ludwa will rehearse and direct all choirs together in an en masse performance of Unclouded Day, an a cappella arrangement by Shawn Kirchner.

THE HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL FESTIVAL IS A FREE EVENT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.