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I have had the privilege to serve as the conductor of the first honor choir for the South Central Regional Music Conference in February of 2008.

● **What did I find?**

- A wonderful, however small, group of high school students with an immense love for choral music, eager to learn, work hard, achieve high, develop their art, and grow.
- A group of fantastic High School choral directors who were willing to work tirelessly and selflessly with me towards a common goal.
- A great accompanist.
- A wonderful facility.
- The chance to get something NEW going, a great educational project.

What did I do? I simply put everything in a mixer.

And what did we get? A wonderful musical (= life) experience for all involved.

So, what happened next? I was blessed with the invitation to serve again in February of 2009.

...and? I found the same, unrestricted love for the choral art, but **DOUBLE** the amount of singers.

And what did we accomplish this time? An even better, superb musical (= life) experience for all involved.

But how is that possible?

Only with people with a huge **VISION**. Thank you to Executive Director Mark Walker, Choral Chairman Sue Moore, Cathy Cordova, Sheila Martin, and members of the Board of Directors for showing us the way: these folks know what they are doing!

It is with immense pleasure that I recommend to you the South Central Regional Music Conference: send your children next year, bring your students... you will not be disappointed!

