



## Audition Information

- **Audition Song-** For your audition, you will sing *one memorized short song* with no accompaniment and a series of vocal exercises. For your memorized short song, you will choose from the list below and may sing it in whatever key that is most comfortable for you. All of the sheet music for these pieces can be found on the choir website. The song choices are the same for Concert Choir and Sorelle Voce, while the song choices for Chamber Singers are different.
- **Concert Choir/Sorelle Voce Short Song List**
  - They, the Builders of the Nation, by Durham
  - It Came upon the Midnight Clear, by Willis
  - For the Beauty of the Earth, by Kocher
  - Arise, O God, and Shine, by Darwall
  - Lead Kindly Light, by Dykes
- **Chamber Singers Short Song List**
  - All Creatures of our God and King, by Vaughan Williams
  - Come, Ye Children of the Lord, by Benjamin Carr
  - On This Day of Joy and Gladness, by Robertson
  - Cast thy Burden Upon the Lord, by Mendellsohn
  - Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, from Lyra Davidica
  - Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah, by Hughes
  - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, arr. by Bennett
- **Vocal Exercises-** In the same video as your song, you will also record yourself singing to a short vocal exercise track (on choir website) so I can determine your voice part. There is a track for Women, and a track for Men. Please make sure to sing along with the track plenty of times so you feel very comfortable. You will sing with this track in your audition video as well (have the track playing on a device separate from what is recording you), so it is to your advantage to practice with it as much as possible. I have created a video with instructions to modify the exercises if they are too high or too low. The video is on the choir website and entitled "Audition tips and tricks."
- **Audition Form-** This can be found on the choir website and **MUST** be completed for an audition to be considered valid. Part of completing the form includes parent initials/signatures in the appropriate places. Your audition will not happen unless this is completed. If you cannot print these forms, you will be able to pick up these forms in the MMHS Front Office during normal office hours.
- Following completion of the audition video and audition form, upload the document to Mr. Rymer's Google Classroom. FULL INSTRUCTIONS on creating and uploading your audition materials can be found on the choir website under "**Choir Audition Instructions.**" Make sure to read through ALL of this document so you can complete everything correctly!  
**ALL AUDITIONS MATERIALS ARE DUE BY SUNDAY, MAY 3rd.**

- **Incoming Sophomore Women-** You have the option of being in Women's Chorus (non-audition) or, for more experienced singers, you can audition for Sorelle Voce, the advanced women's ensemble.
- **Incoming Sophomore Men-** no audition is necessary so you may simply enroll in Men's Chorus. Based on enrollment for Men's Chorus, the option may be given later in the school year for current Men's Chorus members to audition, and if selected, to dually add Concert Choir to their schedule for second semester. If Mr. Rymer sees fit, he will make this option available. For now, simply sign up for Men's Chorus.
- **Incoming Junior/Seniors that were not in choir during 2019-2020-** You are welcome and encouraged to audition! You have a very high chance of making it into choir, especially Sorelle Voce or Concert Choir. New choir students are welcome to also audition for Chamber Singers, but most likely the spot will be given to those who have already participated in choir.
- **Current Choir Students (incoming juniors/seniors)-**
  - **All** must submit a video (worth 300 points).
  - If you're in Sorelle Voce, Concert Choir, or Chamber and wish to stay there, you do NOT need to sing the short song. You only need to submit the video of vocal exercises and photos of the audition form.
  - Auditioning for another choir- Submit short song, vocal exercises and audition form.
  - Auditioning only for credit- If it is your plan not to do choir next year, you still need to submit everything, as if you're planning to audition for another choir that you are not currently in. Like everyone else, you will receive a grade according to your determination to complete the assignment to the best of your ability. At the top of the audition form, just write "completing for credit."
- **Women Only:** If you're interested in Concert Choir or Chamber Singers, you are encouraged to recruit and commit a man to audition for choir as well. This is to help balance male and female singers in the ensemble. The more men who audition will increase the spots available for women to be in the Concert Choir/Chamber Singers, so it is in your best interest to recruit them!
- **Incoming Junior/Seniors:** If you intend to audition for Concert Choir, please understand that an audition for this ensemble also makes you eligible for other choirs. For instance, if you are a woman and do not make Concert Choir, your audition will still count for Sorelle Voce. Mr. Rymer will make decisions based on the audition results as well as balancing male and female voices in the mixed choirs.
- **Do not sign up for an audition unless you fully intend to be a part of this musical group!** I cannot have people auditioning and then deciding later that they do not want to be a part of a choir, especially Chamber Singers.
- **Prospective Chamber Singers-** Teacher Recommendations will be needed for all those that are auditioning for Chamber Singers. Mr. Rymer will simply send out a google survey to the teachers where they can rate their students who are auditioning for Chamber Singers. **Nothing** is required of you in this regard! It will all be handled by Mr. Rymer. The score will be taken into account for the student's admittance to the choir.

*I look forward to meeting each of you and hearing your voices at auditions. Remember that auditioning can always be a positive-learning experience (no matter the outcome) if you let it be. The most important thing you can do is adequately prepare and do your best. You got this!*

- Mr. Rymer :)