

MUSIC - VOCAL AUDITION REQUIREMENTS



~ Please Read this ENTIRE Notice ~

You will be assigned at 10 minute individual time slot for your audition. Please make sure you arrive at the school *at least* 15 minutes before your scheduled audition time.

Part One Solo Performance*:

- Choose one Folk Song excerpt AND one Musical Theatre excerpt from the list below.
- If you are a boy with a **changing voice**, we recommend Chim Chimeree as your Musical Theatre piece and either ONE of these songs below:
 - 1/ Greenland Fishery Sing from Bar 1-24 inclusive (This is from 0:00 to 0:43 on the accompaniment track)
 - 2/ A Red, Red Rose Sing from Bar 1-28 inclusive (This is from 0:00 to 1:15 on the accompaniment track)
- No substitutions allowed. You must sing using the accompaniment provided.
- You will perform your chosen excerpt(s) from memory (no exceptions)
- You will perform your chosen excerpt(s) with the recorded accompaniment provided. Accompaniments are provided on the website to download for your rehearsal purposes.
- You will sing to this exact accompaniment at your audition. The vocal music teacher will have the accompaniment ready for you at your audition.

Folk Songs:

- 1. The Water Is Wide- excerpt
- 2. To the Sky- excerpt
- 3. Simple Gifts- excerpt

Musical Theatre:

- 1. "Maybe", from Annie: (Verse 2 only)
- 2. "Chim Chim Cheree", from <u>Mary Poppins</u>: (Excerpt beginning with "Up Where the Smoke...")
- 3. "Favourite Things" (excerpt), from <u>The Sound of Music:</u> (Excerpt beginning with "Girls in white dresses...")



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Part Two: Pitch and Rhythm:

- You will sing from memory, a major scale, ascending and descending (up and down), to solfege syllables (Doh, Rae, Mi, etc) a cappella (without accompaniment). A PDF of a sample scale is available for you on the website. You may choose your starting note, but we suggest either C or D.
- You will be asked to echo sing various melodic and/or rhythmic patterns sung to you by the vocal music teacher. Your execution of these patterns will be used to assess your pitch and rhythm matching ability, vocal range, and tone.
- 3. You may be asked to sing a short melody that you have not seen before. This is called sight reading.

Audition Instructions for Students Auditioning for Grade 10 +

If you are auditioning for grade 10:

- 1. You must sing one of the English Art Songs listed below:
 - You will perform your chosen piece <u>from memory</u> (no exceptions)
 - You will perform your chosen piece with recorded accompaniment.
 Accompaniments are provided on the website to download for your rehearsal purposes.
 - You will sing to this exact accompaniment. The vocal music teacher will have the accompaniment ready for you at your audition.

English Art Songs:

- 1. By the Sea
- 2. Shady Woods
- 3. Where'er you walk
- 2. You must follow the instructions for "Part Two: Pitch and Rhythm" above. You will also be asked to write a theory proficiency test the day of your audition.



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If you are auditioning for Grade 11:

- 1. You must sing one of the Italian arias from the list below AND a musical theatre song of your choice:
 - You will perform your chosen pieces from memory (no exceptions)
 - You will perform your aria with recorded accompaniment. Accompaniments for the Italian arias are provided on the website to download for your rehearsal purposes.
 - You will sing your aria to this exact accompaniment. The vocal music teacher will have the accompaniment ready for you at your audition.
 - Please send the accompaniment for your musical theatre piece in mp3 format to arlene_thomas@wrdsb.ca. Your accompaniment must be received by ???????. If you do not send your accompaniment by that date, you will be asked to sing your solo a capella

Italian Arias

- 1. Alma Del Core
- 2. Caro Mio Ben (Eb or C Major
 - 2. Follow the Instructions for "Part Two: Pitch and Rhythm" above. You will also be asked to write a theory proficiency test the day of your exam

*Please Note: All presentations must be appropriate for a school environment.

Additional Preparation Tips

In addition to practicing on your own for the audition, we recommend the following opportunities:

- 1) Join a Community Vocal Group
 - a) Grand Philharmonic Youth Choir
 - b) KW Glee
- 2) Get a Private Teacher: *Important: See that they have a Bachelor of Music Degree, Diploma in Music Performance, or ARCT.*

KW Music Schools

- Beckett School at Laurier
- Renaissance School of Music

Guelph Music Schools

- C.I.G. School of the Performing Arts
- The Guelph Youth Music Centre



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- Uptown School of Music

- Jam School



***For more information regarding preparing your audition, finding a private teacher, or any other questions, please contact MR. M. DRYSDALE - matthew_drysdale@wrdsb.ca