



Mission Viejo High School Choral Music Program

Chamber Singers & Treble Choir Audition Packet 2023-2024

Audition Process

For Treble Choir & Chamber Singers consideration, please prepare roughly 32 bars of a song of your choice. Note: it is highly recommended that you not choose something of the pop genre (musical theater is fine; art songs are better). You can sing your song either accompanied or a cappella. Please sign up for a time on the sign-up sheet posted outside the choir room, Room 602 (back of the performing arts building, by the basketball courts).

Incoming students are invited to audition on Saturday, **May 13, 2023**. Please use the SignUp Genius link that was emailed to you (also [LINKED HERE](#) for your convenience).

In addition to singing your prepared song (or discussing your video), the live auditions will also consist of the following: **singing a series of ear training exercises, sight-singing, and a short interview.**

Prior to your audition, please fill out answers to the various questions in this packet. Please bring your responses with you to your audition to turn in to Mrs. Norris.

Parents,

I am so pleased that your son or daughter is considering auditioning for the Mission Viejo Chamber Singers and/or Treble choir. These ensembles have a long tradition of excellence and I am confident that they will continue to be first-rate performing ensembles. The selection of the choirs is decided solely by me, the director. In addition to musicianship skills and vocal quality, blend and balance is an integral part of the process. If your child is not selected into an advanced ensemble, I would like to encourage them to join Concert Choir to further their musical and vocal growth. Any accommodations needed should be addressed by you, the parent, or by the student before the audition. Please feel free to contact me at either of the email addresses below if you have any questions, or if further information is needed.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sarah Norris
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Mission Viejo High School Treble Choir & Chamber Singers

Expectations

Personality

- Cooperates and is willing to try new things
- Is cordial with peers and staff
- Works hard to improve
- Leads others in a positive direction

Commitment and Responsibility

- Regular attendance to class, concerts, other performances including community events, and extra rehearsals
- Attentive and respectful participation during all choral events and rehearsals
- Shows responsibility for uniform upkeep, music, fund-raising items, etc.
- Communicates to solve problems in a timely manner
- Maintains a positive attitude; is responsible and self-disciplined
- Strong consideration and fundraising effort to participate in the programs voluntary annual tour
- Maintains a high level of academic standards

Musicianship

- Possesses a very strong musical ear
- Comprehends music reading basics
- Consistent growth on sight-reading skills

Vocalism

- Uses the voice to its full potential with courage
- Produces a quality, relaxed tone
- Consistent growth on vocal techniques

Flexibility

I am aware that many students who are auditioning are also active in sports, clubs, church groups, community organizations, and/or work. I will be open-minded and flexible about scheduling and solving problems. In return, I ask for advanced notice of any scheduling conflicts.

Things that will jeopardize you in acceptance and tenure in the MVHS Auditioned Choirs

- Moodiness or disregard for others' feelings
- Lack of commitment to the program
- Disrespect to MVHS, our teachers, staff, and students
- Low GPA and lack of ambition to secure academic responsibilities
- Lack of leadership or motivation
- Disregard for director's authority
- Does not work well with others

Mission Viejo High School Chamber Singers & Treble Choir

2023-2024 Audition Questionnaire

NAME _____ STUDENT ID# _____

CURRENT GRADE _____

AUDITIONING FOR: _____ Chamber Singers _____ Treble Choir _____ BOTH

VOICE PART _____ Are you willing to sing a different part if recommended by the director? _____ If not, why? _____

CELL PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

1. Please list all previous choral ensemble experience (i.e. name/location of choir, include honor groups if applicable):

2. Have you studied voice privately? _____ If so, when and with whom? _____

3. What musical instruments do you play, if any, and for how long? (If nothing leave blank)

4. What is your music reading skill level? _____ Beginning _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced

5. What extracurricular activities will you be involved in during this coming year? How will this affect your ability to be in Chamber or Treble and attend performances? (List specific events/dates where there is a weekly commitment if known at this time. We'll do the best we can to accommodate these needs without jeopardizing the choir as a whole.)

6. The MVHS Choral Music Program has toured almost every year for the past nine years, and we already have plans to travel to **Seattle, WA, for Competition in April 2024!** Although it is not required and does not affect grading, we encourage everyone to participate. The choirs recently traveled to San Antonio, TX, and Nashville, TN, and had an absolute blast!! The cost of our trip to Seattle could be \$1250 per traveler (student/chaperon). There will be opportunities to raise funds throughout the summer & school year so please take advantage of the funding opportunities available. It is entirely possible to cover these costs with a strong effort by you, the student, to fundraise.

Are you interested in participating on this trip?

(Yes/NO): _____ If no, why? _____

7. If you're NOT selected in this year's advanced groups, will you sing in a different MVHS Choral Ensemble and still take part in all the MVHS Choral Program has to offer?

(Yes/NO): _____ If no, why? _____

8. Students of the MVHS Chamber Singers or Treble Choir are expected to attend every singing event throughout the school year, including performances and extra rehearsals. It is of the utmost importance that every member is 100% committed. Are you willing to make such a commitment if selected?

(Yes/NO): _____ If no, why? _____
