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AUDITION DATE AND TIME:

Mission Viejo High School Chamber Singers & Treble Choir Audition Packet 2017-2018

Audition Schedule

FOR NEW & RETURNING POTENTIAL STUDENT MEMBERS:

Preliminary auditions will be held after-school, beginning at 2:15, on **May 9-May 12** for current MVHS students, and **May 13** for Incoming Freshman. You are only required to sign up for **one 10-minute increment** on one of those dates. A sign-up list will be posted on the choir room door & on our website (www.missionviejochoir.com).

Audition Process

For Treble Choir & Chamber Singers consideration, please be prepared to sing 32 bars of a song of your choice, a cappella. Note: it is highly recommended that you not choose part of the pop genre (musical theatre is fine).

The audition will consist of the following: **song, singing a series of ear training exercises, sight-singing, and a short interview.**

NOTE: Please bring the following pages completed to your audition time.

Students: Please read the following with your parents/guardians and have them sign.

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, its 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 other

To Parents

I am so pleased that your child 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 or the Diablo Chorus 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 the email address below if you have any questions or if further information is needed. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sarah Norris
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Parent/Guardian Signature

If accepted, I support my child in becoming a member of the 2017-2018 MVHS Chamber Singers and/or Treble Choir. I understand that there will be some out-of-school commitments throughout the school year. I have read the information provided and accept the expectations listed.

Student's Name _____

Parent/Guardian
Name _____

Parent/Guardian
Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Email _____

Parent Telephone _____ Cell _____

Mission Viejo High School Chamber & Treble

2017-2018 Audition Questionnaire

NAME _____ ID# _____

CURRENT GRADE _____

AUDITIONING FOR: _____ Chamber Singers _____ Treble Choir _____ BOTH

VOICE PART _____ Will you be willing to sing a different part if recommended by the director? _____ If no, 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 and for how long (if nothing leave blank)?

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

5. What extra-curricular 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 will be touring and although it is not required and does not affect grading, it is highly recommended that everyone participate. Currently, we have been invited to perform with other top High School programs in the Worldstrides Heritage Choral Competition in Chicago, IL March 21-25, 2018. The estimated cost at this time for this trip will be roughly \$1050 per student & chaperon. There will be opportunities to raise funds throughout the school year and it is entirely possible to cover these costs with a strong effort by you, the student, to fundraise. Will you be able to participate 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?

(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? _____
