

Advanced Chamber Choir Syllabus

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Room 11

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Communication ~ I will be using the remind app this year. Download the app and enter 81010 and text @mhsvoice. I will send weekly reminders and concert reminders throughout the year and some pictures of what we are up to in class. It is a great way not only to communicate but to see what we are up to in the choir department. The link is ...www.remind.com/joi/mhsvoice

Prerequisites ~ A Spring Audition is required to be selected for Chamber Choir. An art song will be taught in class, sung in a blind audition acapella. The student needs to receive a 175/200 to be considered for this ensemble.

Description~ Advanced Chamber Choir is an elite group that requires an audition. In order to be a part of the Chamber Choir one must audition on a piece of the director's choice to sing accapella in the spring of the previous year. The Chamber Choir sings high level repertoire that is performed at the District, Regional and State level. This class demands proper singing and performance technique. Here, one will learn singing discipline, enhance their singing ability and focus on proper vocal pedagogy and sight singing. The Chamber Choir performs not only at concerts, but at The Madrigal Dinner, Baccalaureate, and The Courthouse. Other venues often call and would like us to perform, if that is the case we will discuss this as a Chamber Choir and make a decision as a group. This class sings repertoire from all genres of music and studies the begin of vocal history through modern times. All genres of vocal music will be performed.

Advanced Chambers will follow all of the guidelines of Chamber Choir, however in Advanced Chamber Choir the student receives a 1.1 credit. In order to receive this credit, the student will need to go above and beyond the regular Chamber Choir Requirement. The following must occur in order to gain this 1.1 credit:

- Audition for Honors Chorus ~ The student will prepare and sing the honor audition requirement @ Westminster College.
- Attend County Chorus
- Perform a Solo or Duet for the Madrigal Dinner
- Audition for the Talent Show
- Audition for District Chorus
- Be a part of the musical in some capacity, actor, stage crew, light crew, etc.
- Complete a Jury at the end of the school year. 1 art piece and 1 language piece
- You are expected to work on your own rehearsing, however I am available during advisory period when scheduled ahead of time
- Write a 300 word essay on the highlights of the vocal year and the accomplishments and growth you have seen in your voice throughout.

TEXT Used The 3 ringed binder the student provides will be needed. All music and handouts provided that fit concert themes will be our text.

Teaching Music Literacy ~ Catherine Deloney

Sight reading Success ~ Stan McGill and Morris Stevens

Evoking Sound ~ Choral Warm Up ~ James Jordan

The Choral Warm Up Collection ~ Sally Albrecht

Master Strategies for Choir~ Michael Jothan

A Medieval Christmas Festival~ Audrey Snyder

Plus ~ Podcasts and online resources

Arts Books and Classical Vocal books

Grading

- Singing Tests
- Folder
- Concerts
- Leadership
- Multi Media Projects
- Grades are calculated using total points system.

Students are expected to arrive on time to class with a pencil and a folder. They are to be in their seat by the time the bell rings or points will be deducted from their grade. Any horseplay or constant off task incidents and the student's grade will be lowered.

It is extremely important that each student arrives on time to the 5 concerts during the year. If a student misses any of the concerts, they will be required to see Mrs. Christy and upon the student's arrival back to school the student will be expected to sing the entire concert repertoire for Mrs. Christy. She will give a grade based on knowledge of song lyrics, part confidence, tone, posture and projection. They may receive full credit if their performance is exceptional. Just like a main subject class, if a student misses an assignment or test, it needs to be made up.

Daily Participation/Rehearsals 50%

Performances 30%

Written Work and Assessments 20%

Classroom Rules

- Work Hard
- Follow Directions
- Be Respectful, Kind and Responsible
- Raise your Hand
- Listen
- Come to Class Prepared and on time
- Have a Positive Attitude
- No Cell Phones in Class
- Trash Goes in the Can
- No GUM
- Bad language will not be tolerated in the choir classroom
- Tests, quizzes, and projects that were not completed in class will need to be completed on a student's own time. Class time is used for instruction and a student will miss new concepts being taught if making up tests, quizzes, etc. Study halls, before school, and after school are times available for make-up work. The instructor should be seen the day the student returns to make arrangements to complete all missed work.
- All other rules can be found in the vocal department guideline packet which is found online on the mercer website under Mrs. Christy/ Choir. Here you will find info on Performance attendance, sport/work conflict info., extra credit opportunities, uniforms, and fundraising.

Materials

A lead pencil. Any other writing utensil than what is listed will result in a deduction in grade on the assignment or a grade of zero will result. Students are responsible for bringing their assigned folder to class. Each time a student is missing his/her folder will be a deduction in the grade and will he/she will also receive a detention.

A uniform will be issued to each student the first month of school. This uniform will be given in completion to each student and expected to be returned at the end of each school year in completion and dry cleaned. The uniform will need to be worn for each performance. If the student does not wear the uniform in completion to each concert, a deduction in their grade will occur. If they lose any part of the uniform or does not turn it in the student will be expected to replace any or all of the uniform missing totaling up to \$100.

Additional Help ~

I am available before school beginning at 7:30AM when seen in advance by the student. I am also available during my prep time. Advisory will be used as additional help time, unless notified by Mrs. Christy. Advisory times may need to be used for extended Chamber Choir Time.