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# Oak Mountain High School Choirs AUDITION PACKET



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## **ABOUT OAK MOUNTAIN CHOIRS**

The Oak Mountain Choral Department, under the direction of Michael Zauchin, consists of four choirs: Concert Choir, One Voice, The Muses, and Oak Mountain Singers. All choirs meet everyday of the school week.

The goal of OMHS Choirs is to empower students to develop proper vocal technique, proper vocal health, music theory and history knowledge, improve sight-reading skills, and cultivate the bond of a team all working toward one collective goal.

The desire of the Oak Mountain High School Choral Department is to enable students to develop self-discipline, leadership abilities, communication skills and, above all else, in the environment of a "second family" to make memories of which will last a lifetime.



## **AUDITIONED CHOIRS**

### **Oak Mountain Singers**

The Oak Mountain Singers is one of the two chamber choirs at Oak Mountain High School. They are a mixed chamber choir consisting of female and male vocalists, grades 9-12, that perform literature of all genres. The focus of this choir is to build more intelligent, well-rounded musicians. Oak Mountain Singers perform formal concerts throughout the year as well as state and national festivals.

In addition to their vast classical repertoire, Singers also performs as a competitive show choir. In recent years they have placed consistently in the top of their class in competitions around the southeast including third place at Show Choir Nationals in 2012. The Oak Mountain Singers pride themselves in musicianship above all else.

### **Oak Mountain Muses**

Oak Mountain Muses is one of the two chamber choirs at Oak Mountain High School. The "Muses" is a women's chamber choir, grades 9-12, that perform literature of all genres with a focus on building well rounded musicians. "Muses" perform formal concerts throughout the year as well as state and national festivals .

In addition to their classical repertoire, "Muses" also perform as a competitive show choir. In recent years they have consistently placed first in the top of their class. This past year, 2014-15 Muses took first place at the Enterprise Southland Show Choir Classic.

## **NON AUDITIONED CHOIRS**

### **Concert Choir**

The Concert Choir is the flagship choir at Oak Mountain High School. Made up of athletes, student government officers, band and theater members, Masters, Peer Helpers, and PALS, the Concert Choir has the largest membership of all the choirs. This choir consistently earns the highest markings at state festivals. From New York City to Chicago, the Oak Mountain Choir never slows down.

A class fee and one time uniform fee is required for this choir.



## **Audition Process**

### **Vocal Audition**

Each student is required to sing at least 30-45 seconds of a song of their choice for a panel of judges. Choose a song that you feel shows off your vocal talent. Your piece should be prepared and memorized! Please make sure you sing with an accompaniment – that accompaniment can be in any form: track, piano, guitar, etc.

If you are not in town, please record a video of yourself performing your piece and submit to [mzauchin@shelbyed.org](mailto:mzauchin@shelbyed.org).

### **Choreography Audition**

Each student auditioning will be required to learn and perform choreography. We will host choreography clinics on Tuesday and Thursday the week of auditions. This is your time to learn in-person. If you are unable to attend, you will be required to learn the choreography via video which will be located on the website.

If you are from out of town, please record a video of yourself performing the choreography and submit to [mzauchin@shelbyed.org](mailto:mzauchin@shelbyed.org).

### **Voice Check**

On Tuesday and Thursday of audition week, Mr. Zauchin will be listening to students individually on basic warm-ups and scales to ensure matching pitch and find out each singer's range. This helps us in balancing the ensembles.

### **Evaluation**

Students will be evaluated on their vocal and choreography performances by an independent panel of judges. The choir director will make the final decision in selecting and placing students in a choir. Please understand this process is based on the shows planned for the following year.

### **Results**

Results will be announced via online at [www.OMHSChoirs.com](http://www.OMHSChoirs.com) by the evening of May 9. Changes could occur during the school year based on attendance, grades, work ethic and other show-related factors.



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**Audition Reminder:**

Remember you are making an impression in every aspect of the audition, look and act the part. If you have questions, current members of Singers or The Muses will be able to assist you.

**Parent Audition Note:**

Please know that all of the audition decisions are made based on what is best for the choirs and the program as a whole. The Director will be happy to discuss aspects of singing and dancing that your child can improve upon for next year, but will not be able to discuss audition scores. You can contact the Director by emailing:

[mzauchin@shelbyed.org](mailto:mzauchin@shelbyed.org)



## Teacher Recommendation Form

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (2021-2022) \_\_\_\_\_

Please write a brief explanation of why you would like to be considered for placement in the show choir; and what you could contribute to the rehearsals, performances, and group dynamic.

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**Student, after you have completed the section above, give this form to 1) a core teacher of your choosing. Be sure the teacher knows to return this form to you in a sealed envelope. It is a good idea for you to provide the envelope to the teacher.**

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Subject \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the student in the following areas: (1= Poor to 5= Excellent)

Work Ethic	1	2	3	4	5
Positive Attitude	1	2	3	4	5
Respectfulness	1	2	3	4	5
Dependability	1	2	3	4	5
Leadership	1	2	3	4	5
Overcoming Obstacles	1	2	3	4	5

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