

Ankeny
Centennial
High School
Choral Music
Audition
Information

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Dear Parents and Choral Music Students,

The Ankeny Centennial High School Choral Music Department would like to take this opportunity to communicate with you the information regarding vocal auditions for the upcoming school year. We encourage you to look closely at the information, examine the audition form attached, and please contact us if you need further clarification.

Vocal Auditions

Each student wishing to participate in Concert Choir, Cantamus, Centennial Singers Black, or any of the show choirs will be required to complete a vocal audition (with the exception of the bolded section below). The audition packet is available at Ankeny Centennial High School, Northview Middle School, and on our website: www.ankenychoirs.com

The packet can be picked up at any time between now and the audition submission deadline of April 9th. **PRIOR to your audition, you MUST fill out the registration form at www.ankenychoirs.com. YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO AUDITION UNTIL YOU HAVE FILLED OUT THIS FORM. Please make sure to spell check your email addresses when you submit your form!!**

If you are content with remaining in the same group that you participated in for the 20-21 school year, you do not need to complete an audition. YOU DO need to fill out the form online, submit your signed back page to Classroom, and communicate this with your director.

Auditions will be fully digital this year. Submissions are due (via Google Classroom) by midnight on April 9th. The classroom code is: [uaw676d](#)

The auditions for current 9th, 10th, and 11th graders will consist of the following, in the order that is listed.

1. Scales

Each student will sing one major scale (up and down) in their range, *using solfege and hand signs*, without accompaniment. Please select a key that is comfortable for you on both the high and low ends. Each student will then be required to sing chromatically from *do* to *so* then back to *do* using that same key.

2. German Prepared Selection

Each student will sing the Brahms excerpt that is included in this packet. They will be given the starting pitch, and the key will be established on the piano. The student will then sing the excerpt *without* accompaniment. Select the voice part that will feature the best part of your voice. The voice part you select will not necessarily be the voice part you are assigned for next year.

3. Pop Prepared Selection

Each student will sing the attached pop music excerpt that matches their voice part. The song is the same (Alone) for both TB and SA, but they are in different keys. Students will be given the starting pitch, and the key will be established on the piano. The student will then sing the excerpt *with* accompaniment. You are encouraged to make this your own and show a different style of singing from the German. Accompaniment practice tracks can be found at www.ankenychoirs.com.

Please note that each student will be evaluated and placed according to where the directors feel that the most personal growth can be made. We understand that not every student will be placed in the ensemble that they desire. Also, please understand that the work ethic, teamwork, attitude, rehearsal skills and desire expressed on a daily basis during the previous school year is a significant audition component.

Choral Curriculum 2021-2022

Concert Choir

Any student entering grades 10-12 at Ankeny Centennial High School is eligible to audition for the Ankeny Centennial High School Concert Choir. This is an advanced, select ensemble. The ACHS Concert Choir will participate in All-State preparation in the fall, possible choral competitions, and participate in extra performances outside of the concert season as necessary.

Cantamus

This is our advanced treble voice ensemble. All soprano/alto students 10-12 at ACHS are eligible to audition.

Centennial Singers Black

Intermediate mixed chorus. This is an auditioned ensemble. All 10-12 students at ACHS are eligible to audition.

Centennial Singers Silver and Maroon

Anyone not wishing to audition and everyone not selected for Concert Choir, Cantamus, or CS Black will be enrolled in one of our two mixed choruses. We will have five curricular ensembles again this year.

Show Choirs

There are currently five co-curricular show choirs at Ankeny Centennial High School. Each choir meets for rehearsal throughout the school year in the evening (usually Mondays and Thursdays). The show choir program has a scaled requested monetary contribution based on the group. A full breakdown of the show choir monetary contributions are included below. We do a great deal of fundraising throughout the year; however, this requested contribution allows us to pay much of our costuming, choreography, and music rights fees. We will collect these contributions beginning at fall choreography camp. If you can not contribute, just let your directors know!

We will NEVER turn anyone away from this program because of financial reasons.

Show Choir Audition Information

All students who will be enrolled in 9th-12th grade AND are in choir are eligible to audition for show choir. Those students who are placed in a show choir must be willing to commit to the performance schedule, rehearsal schedule, and monetary contributions associated with each ensemble. In the past, the choral department has been successful in working with students who are active in other activities including drama, band, speech, athletics, dance, and other school activities. We will make every effort to accommodate these activities when we know about potential conflicts in advance. Please note, however, that poor attendance at rehearsals/performances may result in reduced stage time at the discretion of your director. We will also make every effort to accommodate payment plans/exemptions for those students who need it. Please see Mr. Henkle if you have any questions or concerns regarding the audition information.

Show Choir Requested Contributions

Spectrum

Costume Rental:	\$200
Choreography:	\$150
Competitions:	\$45
Arrangements:	\$30
TOTAL:	\$425

Eternal Rush

Costume Rental:	\$200
Choreography:	\$150
Competitions:	\$45
Arrangements:	\$30
TOTAL:	\$425

Chaos

Costume Rental:	\$150
Choreography:	\$150
Competitions:	\$45
Arrangements:	\$30
TOTAL:	\$375

Project X

Costume Rental:	\$100
Choreography:	\$150
Competitions:	\$45
Arrangements:	\$30
TOTAL:	\$325

Rhythmic Momentum

Costume Rental:	\$75
Choreography:	\$150
Competitions:	\$45
Arrangements:	\$30
TOTAL:	\$300

This is where a calendar would be if it were finished. It is not.

START

S *p* Schaff' in mir, Gott, ein rein Herz,

A *p* Schaff' in mir ein rein Herz, und

T *p* Schaff' in mir ein rein Herz, schaf-fe

B1 *p* Schaf - fe in mir, Gott,

B2 und gib mir ei - nen neu -

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S und gib, und gib mir ei-nen neu - en ge - wis - - sen Geist.

A gib, und gib mir ei-nen neu - en ge - wis - - sen Geist.

T in mir, Gott, ein rein Herz, und gib mir ei - nen neu - en ge - wis - sen Geist.

B.I und gib, und gib mir ei - nen neu - en ge - wis - sen Geist.

B.II en ge - wis - - - - sen Geist.

IPA For Brahms Schaffe in mir, Gott, ein rein Herz

Schaf (Schaffe) in mir Gott ein rein Herz
[ʃaf 'ʃa fə in mir gɔt a:ɪn ra:ɪn hɛrts]

und gib mir einer neuen gewissen Geist.
[ʊnt gɪp mir 'a:ɪ nər 'nɔ:y ən gə 'vɪ sən ga:ɪst]

Mixed Vowel [y]= mouth shape of [u] and say [i]

***Be careful how you treat [r]'s..... American R's are not the answer**

****Please sing actual [ə]'s**

Alone

TENOR/BASS KEY

Armin van Buuren

Vivement ♩ = 128

Tenor

Piano

Ev-ry one is walk- ing on the ed-ge of life

7

— like a ghost of a sha - dow bare-ly a-live— ev-en times in a rush— but it's go-ing no - where.

13

Ev-'ry-one's con-nect-ed but no one is con-nect-ing the hu-man el-e-ment has long— been mis-sing.

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Tell me have you seen it.... Have you seen it?

Alone

SOP/ALTO KEY

Armin van Buuren

Vivement ♩ = 128

SOPRANO

Ev-ry one is walk - ing on the ed-ge of life

Piano

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— like a ghost of a sha - dow bare - ly a live — ev-en times in a rush — but it's go-ing no - where.

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Tell me have you seen it... Have you seen it?

Ankeny Centennial High School Choral Music Department
2021-2022 Audition Permission Sheet

Please fill out this sheet. You will not be allowed to audition if you do not fill out the online registration form AND this permission sheet.

Student Name: _____

Please check ***all*** ensembles for which you would like to be considered:

___ Concert Choir ___ Cantamus ___ Centennial Singers Black
___ Spectrum ___ Eternal Rush ___ Chaos ___ Project X ___ Rhythmic Momentum

Parent Signatures: (Indicates parental figures are aware of your audition, please have at least one signature)

Parent/Guardian: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____