



SALEM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

Choir Department

2016-2017 Choir Auditions

****Please read before signing up for an audition time****

- Sophomores and juniors currently enrolled in Women's Chorale or Men's Camerata will audition during class.
- Auditions for all other students will take place April 29th, and May 2nd, 3rd, and 4th afterschool in the SHHS Choir Room. You may only audition if you fully intend on being part of one of these ensembles next year. Check your class schedule for next year to be sure you have enough room to participate.
- SOPHOMORE WOMEN ONLY: Sophomore women may audition and earn a spot in Serendipity. Concert Choir is only open to junior and senior women.
- SOPHOMORE MEN ONLY: Sophomore men may audition and earn a spot in Concert Choir, **but they must also be simultaneously enrolled in Men's Camerata**. No exceptions.
- If you are interested in Singers, you must have room in your schedule for both Singers and Concert Choir. Members of Singers must be simultaneously enrolled in Concert Choir. There are no exceptions.
- Be on time for your audition. Arrive early to avoid being late. You should arrive already warmed-up vocally.

Audition Procedures

Sign-up for an audition time in the B-Hall, and do not be late for your audition! You must also have the necessary paperwork already filled out. This paperwork can be picked-up next to the audition sign-up sheets in the B-Hall.

1. Select one hymn from the following list. Prepare to sing the melody (soprano part) of the first verse only, **from memory**. Your song will be unaccompanied, but you will be given a starting pitch (which you may choose ahead of time).
 - a. America the Beautiful
 - b. Nearer, My God, to Thee
 - c. Be Still, My Soul
 - d. My Country, 'Tis of Thee
2. Vocal Range Check. You will be asked to sing a few scales so that we can check your vocal range and tessitura (how high and low your voice can sing). Be prepared to hear your voice do things that it maybe hasn't done yet. Don't waste time by complaining to the director that you "can't do that" or laughing because you feel different doing this part of the audition. Just do your best and be yourself!
3. Aural Memory Check. You will be asked to sing several pitches that you hear from the piano. You will hear the pitches only once before you're asked to sing them back to me. Listen carefully, and then sing back to me what you hear on a neutral syllable, like "La."
4. Sight Reading. You will be asked to sight-sing a few measures of a melodic line, using solfege syllables, pitch numbers, or humming.

Audition Tips

- Please wear best dressed for your audition.
- Be prepared to move quickly through the audition. There are many students waiting to audition and your audition time is limited to only five minutes.
- You will not be given the result at the time of your audition. The audition lists will be posted outside the choir room and online at www.shhschoirs.org by Friday, May 6th.
- Singers callbacks will be held Thursday, May 5th, 4-6pm, by invitation only.
- All men in Concert Choir will rehearse and perform with the combined Men's Camerata throughout the school year. This will include several "Morning Munch Rehearsals," which are held 7:00-7:45am.