

SVYC Audition Information

This information pertains to singers auditioning for the Preparatory or Camerata Chorus. We audition singers in grades 3-9 for our fall session and grades 2-9 for our winter session. Singers in grades 9-12 should refer to the "Valley Singer Audition Information".

I. SOLO

A. Students will be asked to perform an appropriate song of their choice from memory. They should either sing along with an accompaniment tape or CD that they bring with them to auditions OR they should bring a copy of their music for our pianist to accompany. Recorded accompaniment should not have a voice with which they can sing along. Please see the list of song suggestions below.

- Choral Pieces, from school or church choir
- Folk or Art Songs
- Church Hymns
- Nursery Rhymes or Lullabies
- No Popular Music, please (I want to hear their natural voice)

B. Should the child not be able to obtain a copy of the piano accompaniment or recorded accompaniment, we will provide accompaniment of the following songs.

- Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star
- Happy Birthday to You

II. Vocal Exercises, Similar to "Warm Ups"

I look for kids that have potential in the following areas...

- Intonation (the ability to match pitch)
- A healthy, natural tone (they should relax and sing with their own voice)
- Tonal Memory (I play something, they can sing it back)
- Singers younger than 6th grade wanting to auditions for the Camerata Ensemble will be asked to read rhythm and pitch examples. These examples are similar to what is outlined in the National Quality Core Curriculum from music teachers.

III. What should kids expect?

- They should expect to sing for someone who is NOT intimidating.
- They will NOT have to sing in front of an audience.
- Should they make it, they can expect to have a musical experience unlike any they have had thus far!

I am very familiar with what kids sound like at this age, including the bumps and squeaks. I am looking for singers who have potential I can help realize.

To schedule an audition, please contact
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