INTEGRATED ARTS PROGRAM

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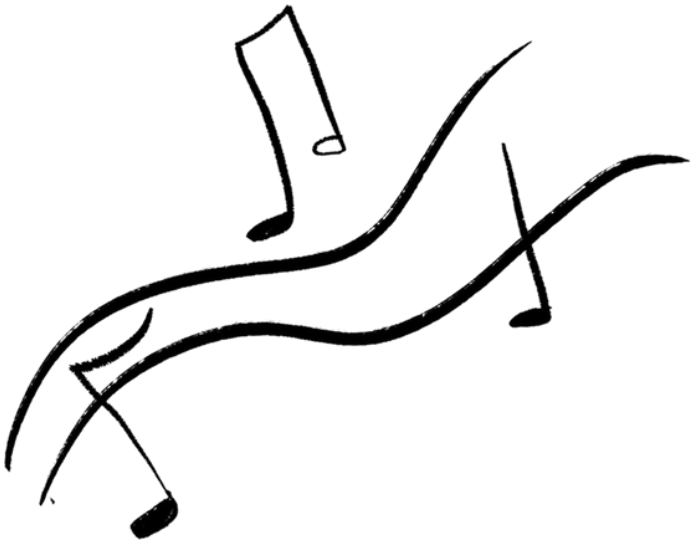
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ABOUT THE VOCAL PROGRAM

The Vocal Music Program at Eastwood offers students the opportunity to sing in a variety of contemporary, classical, and diverse musical styles as soloists, small groups, and as part of a choir. Students will develop their musical, creative, and critical thinking skills, learn to read sheet music, develop their skills as emerging professional musicians, and perform in concerts and other musical events.



AUDITION INSTRUCTIONS: OVERVIEW

The Audition

Your audition for the Vocal Music Program at Eastwood will take place in two parts: ensemble (group) singing and solo singing. Your live placement audition at Eastwood will help us decide which class is the best fit for you, based on your current singing level.

Length of Audition

Ensemble singing - 45 Minutes
Solo singing - 10 Minutes

How to Submit Your Music

Acceptable Formats: MP3, AIFF, WAV, or website link

- Email as an attachment to arlene_thomas@wrdsb.ca
- Drop off a USB at Eastwood Collegiate, 760 Weber St. E. Kitchener. Monday - Friday 7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

All presentations must be appropriate for a school environment

AUDITION INSTRUCTIONS: DETAILS

1. Ensemble Singing

Being able to sing in an ensemble is a vital skill for any singer. Alongside all of the other IAP auditionees, you will work with our vocal teacher to learn a simple canon during a 45 minute ensemble singing workshop. We are looking for singers who can:

- take and apply direction in a professional setting
- learn a vocal line efficiently and sing their part with confidence, staying in tune and on tempo
- sing with strong projection, even during the learning process
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2. Vocal Solo

Choose a 2-4 minute solo that you have prepared ahead of time. Sing something that shows your vocal range and musical skills, demonstrates your passion for music, and that you are confident in performing. This could be:

- a song you have prepared for a concert, show, festival, or ceremony
- a traditional song from your culture
- a song that you enjoy singing for fun that still meets the criteria listed above

All forms of music are acceptable! If you are stuck for ideas, choose one of the solos provided on the IAP website.

Please sing to an accompaniment track if possible. Your accompaniment can be a recording of someone playing the piano, a karaoke track from YouTube, or you may play an instrument yourself while you sing. You are also welcome to bring an accompanist with you.

AUDITION INSTRUCTIONS: DETAILS

3. Musicianship

You will be asked to do some of the following exercises during your audition (no need to prepare):

- Rhythm clapback
- Sing back individual pitches and/or a very short melody
- Sing a major scale

4. Interview

You will be asked some of the following questions during your audition:

- Why did you choose to sing the song you did for your audition today?
- What made you interested in music in the first place?
- What kind of music do you usually perform, listen to, or create?
- Who inspires you to make music?

All song choices must be appropriate for a school environment.

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL AUDITION

- Pick a song that shows off what you're good at and what makes you unique as a singer
- Pay attention to the speed, how loud and soft you can sing, the style of the song, and other musical elements in your solo
- Try performing your solo for friends and family
- Keep practising until you can sing your solo confidently in front of other people

VOCAL MAJOR COURSE PATHWAY

Vocal Music Arts Major Pathway

ARTS MINOR COURSES

AMV 10Y
Grade 9
Enhanced Vocal

GR 9

- Dance
- Drama
- Instrumental
- Strings
- Studio Art
- Arts Technology

AMV 20Y
Grade 10
Enhanced Vocal

GR 10

- Dance
- Drama
- Instrumental
- Strings
- Music Production
- Studio Art
- Arts Technology

AMV 3MY
Grade 11
Enhanced Vocal

GR 11

- Dance
- Drama
- Instrumental
- Strings
- Music Studio
- Studio Art
- Graphic Media Arts
- Photography
- Painting & Drawing
- Film

AMV 4MY
Grade 12
Enhanced Vocal

GR 12

- Dance
- Drama
- Instrumental
- Strings
- Music Studio
- Studio Art
- Graphic Design/Media Arts
- Photography
- Yearbook
- Film

CONTACT INFORMATION AND LINKS

If you have questions about the vocal audition, or the IAP application process, please contact:

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New IAP Applicants Webpage:
Go to eci.wrdsb.ca -- Click on “Integrated Arts Program” in the menu at
the top of your screen -- Choose “Applicants” and “Auditions” from the drop down menu

