

Due Date: Friday, August 25th

Student Name: _____

Please **Sign and Return** the 3 required signature pages.

**Corda Musica Women's Ensemble
The Classical Academy
2023-2024**

Welcome to Corda Musica Women's Ensemble! This class is designed to provide young women with the opportunity to participate in an intensive small ensemble experience within a challenging and enjoyable environment. Ensemble students should expect to work hard and prepare to have a great time doing it. You have demonstrated commitment and talent, or you wouldn't be in this group. You can expect to continue working on some of the skills you have already begun to develop while adding new activities and skills you have not yet tried. During the course of this year our 4-year curriculum rotation will cause us to explore a variety of styles of music literature including, but not limited to, early jazz traditions as well as music of the Medieval and Renaissance Eras. I am so excited to have the privilege of teaching you, and I look forward to the opportunities we will have as we work together.

Attached is important information about this class along with a schedule of required performance events to place on your family calendars. Please review it and contact me with any questions you may have.

Please feel free to let me know if there is anything I can do to help make your choir experience a good one!

Mrs. Stedman

Teacher Contact Information

Carrie Stedman

TCA email address: stedman@asd20.org

TCA phone: 719-484-0081 ext. 2468

Rehearsal Attendance Requirements:

Because choir is a performance class and cannot be "made up," daily rehearsal attendance is crucial. Students will receive points for demonstration of rehearsal habits.

Additional responsibilities:

Additional responsibilities for extra rehearsal (approx. 4 evening rehearsals) and for set-up and tear-down are required for members of this advanced level class.

Performance Dress Requirements:

Female Students: TCA Concert Dress

For female students new to TCA Choir or if a new dress is needed: Be sure to complete the dress order form and turn it into Mr. Webb by Friday, August 25th. The approximate cost is \$71. We keep the same dresses every year. You will be billed via our Finance Department through Infinite Campus Payments. If the purchase of a dress is a financial hardship, please don't hesitate to let me know. We do have a limited supply of dresses that we can loan out.

Anticipated Additional Costs

Vocal Variety Show Tickets: This is the one and only fundraiser for the vocal music program. (The admission fee ranges between \$5 and \$6.) A ticket website for seat reservations will be emailed to you. If the cost of admission is a hardship, we hope you will feel free to email Samantha Ciecalone (our performing arts assistant) at sciecalone@asd20.org. Samantha can arrange to waive the fee.

All Jubilate and Corda Musica: students are required to purchase a tee shirt that is usually selected by their seniors. Approx. \$15-20. More info coming.

Explanation of Costs Posted to Your Account for Online payment; Thank you for taking care of these at your earliest convenience. The fees enable us to pay for bus and/or admission for these events.

Seniors: \$45 Art Appreciation field trips

Juniors Only: \$25 Art Appreciation field trip

Sophomores Only: \$10 Supplies fee

Communications

Most of our TCA Choir Communications with students will take place via Remind.com - a cell phone communication system for students. Parents are welcome to sign up, too, if they don't find the "minutia" too tedious to receive.

To Sign Up:

In the "TO" line for your text, type the following numbers: 81010

THEN, in the message, write the following: @corda2324

THEN, hit send.

Corda Seniors: Please Complete the above process using @cordasrs24

Students: So that you do not miss important notifications, if possible, please sign up for this

Parent/Guardian communication for TCA Choirs will take place via your Infinite Campus email addresses; please update your email address as needed. Keep an eye out for reminders about performances. Links for auditorium seat reservations will come through IC.

Required Dates:

The required performance dates are on the calendar reference page which is included with this document. Since this is a performance class, performance dates cannot be "made up." Partial credit will be given when notice of absence is offered at the start of the semester.

Scheduling Challenges

Our Arts and Activities schedule must consider multiple aspects of the very complex TCA calendar: academic calendar, AP tests, sports events, facility availability, etc. -- all have an impact on us. Our Activities Office does an amazing job of juggling and scheduling it all and we are extremely grateful.

We often have to cope with dates that are not ideal, so we sincerely thank you for understanding and bearing with us.

Grading Percentages:

Performance Related: 30%

Daily Skills and Habits: 50%

Assessments: 15%

Art Appreciation: 5%

Colorado All State Choir auditions: Juniors or Seniors who have been training for Colorado All State Choir auditions. These will be scheduled on one of the following dates: Friday, October 20, late afternoon/evening or Saturday morning, October 21. We do not have control over the dates and times. The **deadline for committing to an All State audition registration is Monday, August 21st.** To your choir teacher, please submit a non-refundable check made payable to TCA for \$30. We will need to pay online for all TCA applicants.

Please be sure to visit www.aschoir.com to see audition requirements, sample audition, and detailed information.

TCA CORDA MUSICA 2023-2024 CALENDAR REFERENCE SHEET

PLEASE SAVE THIS/ENTER ON YOUR CALENDAR

<i>Art Appreciation Field Trip for Seniors</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Art Appreciation Field Trip for Juniors</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Field Trips &/or Assemblies to/w Elementary</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
Monday, October 9th FALL BREAK	Concordia will be participating in a performance	Morning TBD
Participation strongly desired but not mandatory if you are unable to be present		
Tuesday, October 17^h	Required EVENING Rehearsal Required	7:15 – 8:30 PM
	Date Subject to shift depending on Athletics Schedule	
Wednesday, October 25th	Required Fall Fermata Dessert and INFORMANCE	6:30 Informance /7:15 PM Potluck
<i>(See volunteer sign up sheet in this packet)</i>		
Friday, November 10	Veteran's Day Assembly (possible Jubi Men participation)	Daytime
Tuesday, November 28th	Required EVENING Rehearsal Required	7:15 – 8:30 PM
	Date Subject to shift depending on Athletics Schedule	
Tuesday, December 5th	Winter Concerts (2 back to back concerts)	5:45 AND 7:15 PM (Call time: 5:15)
<u>Important: Parents/Guardians Note that other TCA choirs may be scheduled for concerts on Dec. 4th</u>		
Tuesday, Mar. 12	Required EVENING Rehearsal	5:30 – 9:15 PM Assigned times TBD
	Date Subject to shift depending on Athletics Schedule	
Tuesday, March 19	Required EVENING spring concerts/Tear down	5:45 & 7:15 PM (Call time: 5:15)
Thursday, April 24th	Required EVENING VVS Dress Rehearsal	3:30 to 9:00 PM/Times TBD
Friday, April 25th	Required EVENING Vocal Variety Shows/Tear Down	5:30 & 7:15 PM
Friday, May 24th	All Corda required to sing for TCA Graduation	5:30 Required Sound Check AND 7:30 Event

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Cell Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED- Please Sign Up Below

We would be **so grateful** for your help with tasks we are unable to carry out by ourselves. If possible, check the boxes to sign up for two of the following. **Closer to the event, we will use an online sign-up to follow up with you.**

FOR WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19th FALL FERMATA INFORMANCE

- I am able to send in/bring a dessert for the Wednesday, October 25th Fall Fermata Informance.
- I am able to set up for the dessert on Wednesday, October 25th
(Set up time about 5:30 PM before the 6:30 Informance)
- I am able to help clean up after the dessert on Wednesday, October 25th.
- I am able to help usher for the Informance on Wednesday, October 25th.

WINTER CONCERT

- I am available to help usher for the Winter Concert
(There is a chance that Corda will perform **BOTH Dec 4 AND 5 but for now, its just Dec. 5th**)

Tuesday, December 5th

- Performance at 5:45 p.m. Usher arrival at 5:15
- Performance at 7:15 p.m. Usher arrival at 6:45

(For this to work, we would need you to usher at the concert you are not planning to attend so that you can help latecomers)

- I am available to assist the performing arts assistant with setting up performance decorations on the morning of Friday, December 1st for the winter concerts.

SPRING CONCERT

- I am available to help usher for the Spring Concert on Tuesday, March 19th
 - Performance at 5:45 p.m. Usher arrival at 5:15
 - Performance at 7:15 p.m. Usher arrival at 6:30

(For this to work, we would need you to usher at the concert you are not planning to attend so that you can help latecomers)

VOCAL VARIETY SHOW

- I am available to help usher for the Vocal Variety Show performance on Friday, April 25th
 - Performance at 5:30 p.m. Usher arrival at 4:45
 - Performance at 7:15 p.m. Usher arrival at 6:30

(For this to work, we would need you to usher at the concert you are not planning to attend so that you can help latecomers)

Parents/Guardians: Please review and confirm the bullet points and sign below

(Students receive 15 Daily Work Points for returning appropriate signature pages)

Please **verify** that you do not foresee any difficulties in complying with **dates** or other information provided.

Policy on performance-related **attendance** -- since choir is a performance class, performances (including dress rehearsals) are required except in emergency situations.

If at all possible, please help us out with **Volunteer sign ups**.

If a new **choir dress** is needed, complete the order form & turn it in by **Friday, August 25th**.

Choir Fees reviewed/addressed in student account/Infinite Campus Payment

THREE pages to be turned in by student: Volunteer form, Parent Student Contact Information Confirmation (below) AND Field Trip Permission Form

There will be a **SIGN UP link to RESERVE SEATS** for Performances. This will be sent via Infinite Campus email. (Seat reservations are highly advisable due to unpredictability of available seating)

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Parent Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Student Signature: _____

Student Cell Phone (optional) _____

PRINT Student Name _____

Performance on October 9th

TCA Brown Center (Auditorium)

We have been asked to sing at the initial meeting of the October Conference for TCA Staff. This is expected to take place on the morning of Monday, October 9th **during Fall Break** . It would be a wonderful act of service for our teachers and administrators if you could make yourselves available for this brief performance. If you think you are quite likely to be able to participate in this event, please put it on your calendar, indicate so on the below form, and turn the form in with your syllabus pages. Thank you so much!

I anticipate being able to participate in the choir presentation

Monday morning, October 9th , 2023

TCA Brown Center for the Arts

Name: _____

Cell Phone of Parent/Guardian: _____

Cell Phone of Student: _____

More Details to Follow!

Field Trip Permission Form Below: Please Sign and Return

The cost of these trips are included in the "student fees" which are paid through Infinite Campus. If you have not yet had a chance to submit choir fees to your Campus Payment Account, we would appreciate your doing so. This will keep us "afloat" as we take our field trips. **Not included in the fees:** money for lunch, which you will need to send with your student the day of the trip

Vocal Music Field Trip/Off Site Permissions Form

Student Name _____ Regarding High School Vocal Music 2023-2024 Field Trips

This Field Trip Permissions Form gives permission for my student to attend all Vocal Music field trips for the 2023-2024 school year. These trips may include, but are not limited to, Voyager Parkway/Northgate area eateries, the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, an assisted living facility, District or CHSAA Festivals, Southwinds Fine Art, Denver Art Museum, Vista Ridge High School, Colorado Springs Downtown Area, and East or Central TCA campuses.

Transportation: I give permission for my child to ride with an authorized bus driver (such as Grayline, Ellicott, D-11 or D-20, TCA Activity buses) or a TCA authorized driver to and from all Vocal Music Events during the 2023-2024 school year. I understand that if I wish for my student to ride with someone other than an authorized driver I must give written permission to the supervising director prior to departure.

I understand that The Classical Academy is not responsible for insuring my student with regards to the student's participation in these activities. I am responsible for obtaining any medical, accident, or other insurance that I may deem appropriate. I understand, however, that the student and I retain any legal rights we have for Personal Injury Protection Coverage, to the extent that it may be available, resulting from a motor vehicle or bus accident.

I understand that The Classical Academy and its employees may have certain legal protections and immunities from liability with respect to any property damage or personal injury that may occur during these activities. The Classical Academy and its employees have not waived these protections and immunities. I understand that The Classical Academy and its employees may also have certain legal obligations with respect to these activities.

I understand that I am responsible for **informing the school nurse** of any and all medical conditions my child may have. Furthermore, the school nurses will not be held liable for conditions unknown to the school nurse at the time of the field trip. Parents and/or guardians are responsible for providing the school nurse with a completed Health Care Plan prior to all field trips.

I understand that if my child needs medication while on a trip and cannot self-medicate, either I will accompany my child or there will be a staff member trained and delegated by the school nurse who can provide the medication to my child. In addition, I understand that school nurses are only available during normal school hours.

By signing this form, I am not releasing the School District and its employees from any of their legal obligations. However, on behalf of myself, my student, and our family and representatives, I release and hold harmless the School District and its employees from and against all claims for any damages or injuries incurred by my student from any cause, including but not limited to my student's own misconduct or the actions or omissions of third parties. I understand that for purposes of this permission form, the term "employees" includes the School District's directors, employees, servants, and volunteers.

All District policies and procedures apply to the trip regardless of where the activity takes place. Violation of the policies/procedures or failure to follow directives, safety rules, etc. could result in the student being sent home and/or disciplined.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand this multiple trip permissions form.

Parent/Guardian Name IN PRINT Please _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____ Date _____ Cell# _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____ Cell# _____

Emergency Contact Information will be pulled from Infinite Campus. Go to asd20.org/homeinfo to verify and/or update your information.