

Vocal Theory (Clarion Singers)
Clarion Area Jr./Sr. High School
2017-2018 Course Syllabus
Entrance by Audition Only

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Students will demonstrate proper techniques of vocal productions
- Students will demonstrate proper concert etiquette and performance techniques
- Students will identify apply music literacy and theory in choral literature
- Students will demonstrate an understanding of musical elements
- Students will have obtained an understanding and appreciation of various periods and genres of music.
- Students will develop proficient sight singing skills

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Materials:

- Choral folder (supplied by Choral Director)
- Choral music (supplied by Choral Director)
- Performance outfit(s)/New Member Fee (students are responsible for \$65, which is less than half of the cost of the performance outfit).

****Students are responsible for ALL borrowed materials and will be charged for materials not returned in the best possible condition.**

Exams/Quizzes:

Performances will be graded! Excused absences include illness, death in the family or a pre-approved absence from Miss Matson. Pre-Approved absences must be done at least two weeks in advance of the performance, and may be made up through a singing test (choreography if any) of the concert material.

Clarion Singers Performance Schedule:

ALF Pageant Dress Rehearsal- Saturday, September 30th, TBA

ALF Pageant- Monday, October 2nd, TBA

Holiday Concert- Thursday, December 7th, 7:30pm

Snow Make-up Holiday Concert- Thursday, December 21st, 7:30pm

Broadway Concert- Thursday, March 8th, 7:30pm

Spring Jr. High/Clarion Singers Concert- Monday May 14th, 7:30pm

Spring Sr. High Choir Concert- Thursday, May 17th, 7:30pm

****Numerous community events will be scheduled. Prior notification will be given, and these performances are mandatory.**

Class Participation and Grading:

Students are expected to be on time, have their music and a pencil, and be attentive and respectful for all rehearsals and class periods. Students will receive five (5) participation points per day. Students will lose participation points for chewing gum, excessive talking, distracting others or disrupting class rehearsal or the learning environment, continuous poor singing posture, lack of participation and disrespect. **The use of cell phones is not permitted!!**

Singing assessments will be given regularly to ensure students are prepared for concerts. Singing assessments will be done in small groups or individually, and they will be worth 20-30 points.

All performances will be worth 100 points

Students may be given worksheets based on concepts, composers, and other elements of music related to music we are working on in choir. They will receive points for these assignments.

*Opportunities for bonus points are available in the form of attending different performances (Community choir, musicals, etc.) and submitting a short (1 page) essay.

Concert Attire:

Ladies- Black Show Choir Dress (ordered from Rivars), black spunks, black characters shoes

Men- black tux pants, white tux shirt, black tux shoes, black bow tie, and black suspenders

We will also be ordering Clarion Singer shirts.

Student Name _____

I, _____ **(Student Signature)** have received the information in the syllabus, have reviewed it, and understand what is expected of me in the Vocal Theory for the 2017-2018 school year.

I, _____ **(Parent/Guardian Signature)** have received the information in the syllabus, have reviewed it, and understand what is expected of my son/daughter in the Vocal Theory for the 2017-2018 school year.

Parent/Guardian phone or email: _____

****Students will receive five (5) participation points for returning this page signed by Thursday, August 31, 2017.****