

VOCAL



Kinder High School for the
Performing and Visual Arts

2021-2022

Vocal Music

Audition Requirements

Overview

The Kinder HSPVA Vocal Music Department is a pre-professional program that prepares students for further study and careers in all types of vocal music, from classical to commercial. The department provides in-depth vocal training, building on a foundation of classical solo singing in many languages. Each year, every vocalist is a member of two of the seven award-winning HSPVA choirs. Vocal majors learn to read music and sight-read, and they take diverse vocal department curriculum courses that include music theory, music history, vocal technique, and solo recital preparation. They participate in masterclasses given by nationally renowned experts in Vocal Performance, acting for singers, music business, singer-songwriting, etc. Kinder HSPVA graduates attend major universities and conservatories throughout the country and are highly sought after. Five graduates in the last six years have won places in the prestigious Young Arts Foundation in Classical Voice, Jazz, and Pop.

What is the Kinder HSPVA voice faculty looking for in an audition?

- Pitch and Rhythmic accuracy
- Good tone quality and vowel production
- Appropriate middle school level technique
- Musicality and stage presence
- A good ear

When are auditions and callbacks?

All auditions for the 2021-22 school year will be virtual.

The submission deadline for materials is Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 11:59 PM CT.

Callbacks are by invitation only. You will be notified if you have received a virtual callback no later than December 18, 2020.

What do I need to prepare?

Using a phone, tablet, laptop, or other recording device, the student will make and submit three (3) videos. Each video should show the singer standing and singing with good posture. Zoom in so that the video the student is shown from head to knee. Dress professionally and make sure that the final version that you submit represents your best work.

- 1) Memorize and video record ONE VERSE of one of the following songs from "Reliquary of English Song: Volume 1"
 - *The Willow Song*
 - *The Three Ravens*
 - *You Gentlemen of England*

We have posted the sheet music and background tracks and we will be posting a video of current HSPVA students singing the pieces. Your video should include you singing the memorized solo with the accompaniment track OR with a live pianist (please observe social distancing). This should not be done a cappella. If the track is used, make sure that we hear the piano part (do not use headphones to listen to the music). If a live pianist is used, he/she/they should not be seen.

- 2) Memorize and video record ONE VERSE from one of the patriotic selections listed below.
 - *America (My Country Tis of Thee)*
 - *America the Beautiful*
- 3) 30-60 second introduction – Brief Introduction of who you are and why you want to attend Kinder HSPVA's Vocal Department

How do I upload my materials?

Submissions will be accepted from November 20, 2020 – December 9, 2020. Please check our website at that time for uploading instructions. Each assignment and video will be uploaded individually.