

ONE CHOIR SA

MMU - 08-02, MMU-09-CC-01, MMUCC-10-01, MCMCC11-01, MCMCC-12-01

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Big Ideas:

- Music is a unique language for creating and communicating
- Music provides opportunities to gain insight into perspectives and experiences of people from a variety of times, places and cultures
- Collaborative music experiences can build community and nurture relationships with others
- Through music making, one's sense of identity and community continually evolves.

Course Description:

All courses in the Choral Music program are performance-based, designed to provide students with a progressive training in vocal performance. This training includes technical aspects of vocal production, basic history and theory as related to the repertoire and guided exploration of different genres of music. The difference between choral groups is based primarily on the difficulty and complexity of repertoire studied with added specialization within specific genres.

The ONE Choir SA is an intermediate level ensemble that explores diverse vocal styles, developing skills in both singing and performance. This course may be taken independently or as a co-requisite with a small ensemble.

Mr. Kozak will expect:

- Full participation from students in terms of a positive attitude, punctual attendance and respectfulness in class and in performance
- Students to be respectful of others and contribute to a supportive learning environment
- Students to come to class with an open mind and a desire to learn.

Students can expect:

- To receive teaching and encouragement regardless of natural ability or musical background
- To be taught the skills and techniques to explore music through small and large ensemble performances.
- To train and perform at a high standard.
- To be taught the correct methods for effective singing and good vocal health
- To have access to resources, extra coaching, and opportunities for personal development.

Assessment: Student progress is evaluated on an ongoing basis in terms of:

Assessment for Learning	Assessment as Learning	Assessment of Learning
Formative assessment "ongoing in the	Formative assessment "ongoing in the	Summative assessment "ongoing in the
classroom"	classroom"	classroom"
 Teacher assessment, student 	 Self-assessment 	Teacher assessment
assessment – process of	 Provides students with 	May be criterion referenced or
reflection and review	information on their own	norm referenced
 Criterion-referenced: criteria 	achievement and prompts them	 Used to make judgments about
based on Curricular	to consider how they can	students' performance in relation
Competencies	continue to improve	to provincial standards

A. Musical Proficiency - 50%

• Personal preparation of assigned musical material demonstrated in class and in performance

B. Self Evaluation – 30%

• Written self-evaluations in term 1 and 2

C. Social Responsibility – 20%

- Ensemble responsibility and "team awareness"
- Ensemble protocol and expectations to contribute positively to the safe learning environment
- Equipment care and maintenance

2024 – 2025 Performance and Event Schedule

TO BE DETERMINED

We will be having four performances in the year at Windsor and offsite.

Rehearsals

WEDNESDAYS, 12:50pm – 1:40pm FRIDAYS, 8:00am – 9:05am

Rehearsals for ONE Choir SA will be twice per week at the above listed times. Please keep both time slots free of other commitments.

Attendance Policy:

Regular attendance is required for success. Absences will influence assessment and evaluation. Attendance in all major performances is mandatory.

An unexcused absence from one of these performances is equivalent to missing a term exam.

Required Uniform:

Class Expectations:

- Be polite and respectful to your teacher, TAs, your classmates and the room
- Leave cell phones in designated areas (charging stations, bags)
- Be prepared for class music reviewed
- Be seated on the choir risers with bag and phone away when the final bell rings
- Follow all safety policies and protocols