



Greetings Teen Choir Members!

We are busy getting ready for the summer season and excited about exploring how best to highlight and rehearse the choir. We will be debuting a new rehearsal process this summer.

This year Joshua Larson will be the Staging Director and we are thrilled to have Emily Sternfeld-Dunn be joining us as the Musical Director.

Because the Trust Company of Kansas Teen Choir continues to be a part of our mainstage entertainment, we are implementing some new rules and protocols to streamline the rehearsal process. In addition to being required to attend all rehearsals and performances for the choir(s) you sign up for, you will need to come prepared. This includes having your music printed out, your part learned, and the music memorized. Starting on May 1, each medley will be available on our website where you can download and print out the sheet music. You will also be able to listen to a recording of each part, as well as the entire medley with the accompaniment.

With feedback from parents and choir members, we have decided to try a new rehearsal schedule for 2018. The choir will rehearse on Mondays from 2:00pm-6:00pm and then on dress rehearsal Tuesdays from 5:30pm-dress rehearsal. This will free up weekends for choir members and give families a little more freedom during the summer while still being involved with MTWichita.

We will be having short-sleeved tees again this year as our shirt. Each choir member will be given one shirt for the entire summer. Replacement or extra shirts will need to be purchased from MTWichita. Each choir member will be required to wear **nice blue jeans (not baggy and no holes)**. We will be tucking in our shirts, so a black belt and black shoes and black socks (that cover your ankles) will also be required.

If you are involved with the show as a teen performer or Apprentice, we highly encourage you to be a part of the teen choir at the same time. With the new rehearsal schedule, there may be certain departments a choir member can't work in while running the show and being in the teen choir. More information will be provided closer to the summer regarding which departments Apprentices can work in during the performance weeks and still be able to perform with teen choir.

Below are the rules and standards for the teen choir along with the rehearsal schedule throughout the summer. Please read and respond back to me that you have read the rules and agree to them as being a part of the teen choir. Please also include what shirt size you will be wearing along with the anticipated choirs you will be participating in. **Please respond by Tuesday, May 1.** See example below.

Example:

Joshua Larson has read and agrees to the rules of teen choir 2018

Shirt size: Large

Choirs participating in: #1, #3, and #5

Thank you again for being a part of our summer season. The summers wouldn't be the same without the Teen Choir and it has grown into something that is now a tradition for many who attend our shows. I look forward to hearing back from you **(by Tuesday, May 1)** and seeing you this summer!

TEEN CHOIR RULES 2018

Everyone is required to attend **all** rehearsals and performances for the choirs that you participate in. Please do not ask to be the exception. If you forget or are unable to come to the first rehearsal, please do not show up at the next rehearsal and try to participate.

All members need to come with sheet music printed out and in a binder, with all lyrics and vocal parts memorized. If a teen choir member does not come with sheet music in a binder, and/or they are unprepared with their music, they will be asked to leave and not participate in the teen choir. They will also not be allowed to participate in any of the remaining choirs for the 2018 season.

Always come through the stage door (connecting door between Expo Hall and Century II). If we do not meet in the Concert Hall Lobby we will meet in the Rehearsal Hall in the basement.

Rehearsal times will always be show weeks on Mondays from 2:00pm-6:00pm and then on dress rehearsal Tuesdays from 5:30pm-dress rehearsal. Call time before shows will be **45 minutes before curtain**. Sunday Supper call time will be announced during rehearsals. We are invited to eat dinner with the company and crew between the two shows on Sunday. The choir will perform for them at this time also – it is a great experience! After we perform at the Sunday Supper the choir hangs out before our Sunday Evening performance. Please email Josh if you have any questions about this.

Everyone is required to sign in before each performance/rehearsal.

No guests or friends backstage, at rehearsals, at Sunday Supper, or in the rehearsal hall.

Approved and appropriate costume (teen choir shirt, nice blue jeans, black belt, black socks, and black shoes) must be worn for all performances and dress rehearsal. If a teen does not come prepared in ALL of the appropriate attire they will not be able to go onstage. Instead, they will sing from the wings.

Black closed toe shoes must be worn at all performances and dress rehearsals. For all rehearsals, closed toe shoes must also be worn to be able to participate.

No gum or perfume during rehearsals and performances. Rings, necklaces, earrings, and bracelets are not allowed. Large headbands, bows, ribbons, and other hair accessories are also not allowed for performances. Hair must be out of your face and be generic in style and color.

Each choir you participate in, you will receive 2 dress rehearsal comp tickets and 2 comp tickets for the show. The Teen Choir participant gets into dress rehearsal without a comp ticket so they can bring two additional guests. These tickets will be given out to the teen choir member after Monday's rehearsal. If a teen choir member would like to see the performance besides the dress rehearsal, they must use one of their show comp tickets or purchase a ticket. They do not get in for free because they are a member of the teen choir.

All parents/family/friends that want to watch teen choir **MUST** have a ticket to the show to enter the theatre and watch. No exceptions will be made.



2018 MTWichita TCK Teen Choir Schedule

(All rehearsals on Mondays are in the Concert Hall Lobby at Century II. Tuesday rehearsals are in the Rehearsal Hall in the basement of Century II)

Show Choir #1

Mon, June 11	2pm-6pm	Choir reviews music and works on staging
Tues, June 12	5:30pm	Choir reviews music and staging before the dress rehearsal of SISTER ACT. (After the choir performs, you are allowed into the hall for dress rehearsal.)
Wed, June 13- Sun, June 17		Arrive at Century II 45 minutes before curtain . Call times are as follows: Wednesday and Thursday 6:45pm, Friday 7:15pm, Saturday 1:15pm and 7:15pm, Sunday 1:15pm and 6:15pm. Sunday Supper Call Time will be announced the day before.

Show Choir #2

Mon, June 25	2pm-6pm	Choir reviews music and works on staging
Tues, June 26	5:30pm	Choir reviews music and staging before the dress rehearsal of GUYS AND DOLLS. (After the choir performs, you are allowed into the hall for dress rehearsal.)
Wed, June 27- Sun, July 1		Arrive at Century II 45 minutes before curtain . Call times are as follows: Wednesday and Thursday 6:45pm, Friday 7:15pm, Saturday 1:15pm and 7:15pm, Sunday 1:15pm and 6:15pm. Sunday Supper Call Time will be announced the day before.

Show Choir #3

Mon, July 9	2pm-6pm	Choir reviews music and works on staging
Tues, July 10	5:30pm	Choir reviews music and staging before the dress rehearsal of FREAKY FRIDAY (After the choir performs, you are allowed into the hall for dress rehearsal.)
Wed, July 11- Sun, July 15		Arrive at Century II 45 minutes before curtain . Call time are as follows: Wednesday and Thursday 6:45pm, Friday 7:15pm, Saturday 1:15pm and 7:15pm, Sunday 1:15pm and 6:15pm. Sunday Supper Call Time will be announced the day before.

Show Choir #4

Mon, July 23	2pm-6pm	Choir reviews music and works on staging
Tues, July 24	5:30pm	Choir reviews music and staging before the dress rehearsal of PIPPIN. (After the choir performs, you are allowed into the hall for dress rehearsal.)
Wed, July 25- Sun, July 29		Arrive at Century II <u>45 minutes before curtain</u> . Call time are as follows: Wednesday and Thursday 6:45pm, Friday 7:15pm, Saturday 1:15pm and 7:15pm, Sunday 1:15pm and 6:15pm. Sunday Supper Call Time will be announced the day before.

Show Choir #5

*****Please note the additional week of added performances of THE LITTLE MERMAID. You must be available for all rehearsals and performance dates to participate in Show Choir #5**

Mon, Aug 6	2pm-6pm	Choir reviews music and works on staging
Tues, Aug 7	5:30pm	Choir reviews music and staging before the dress rehearsal of THE LITTLE MERMAID. (After the choir performs, you are allowed into the hall for dress rehearsal.)
Wed, Aug 8- Sun, Aug18		Arrive at Century II <u>45 minutes before curtain</u> . Call time are as follows: Wednesday and Thursday 6:45pm, Friday 7:15pm, Saturday 1:15pm and 7:15pm, Sunday 1:15pm and 6:15pm. Sunday Supper Call Time will be announced the day before.

THE LITTLE MERMAID added show times: Friday August 17 at 8:00pm, Saturday August 18 at 2:00pm and 8:00pm.

*****Additional show times could be added.**