

General Info & Audition FAQs

Musical Theater Troupe

2026-27

Our Troupe/Corp Verse: *The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who saves; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. Zeph 3:17*

Show Choir is now Musical Theater Troupe and Corp! What does the name change mean for you? Simply put, we are continuing to dive deeper into building musical theater triple threats. We will have two opportunities to become a part of our growing program. Troupe will be our top level performing company and Corp will be our second level. Both will provide the needed training and performance opportunities for each level.

What can you expect from the program? To be trained in various dance styles with guest choreographers, more emphasis on music theory, and solo/group/choral opportunities. We have some great plans for the '26-27 school year at NYT, more performances, social gatherings, ministry opportunities and more! We want to change and grow in the ways the Lord has laid out for us and are terribly excited for the future. Ms. Shana will head up Troupe, and we welcome back Ms. Nikki as the Corp director. Ms. Laura McElroy will continue to be our Musical Theater mom/ambassador as well, so we will be able to effectively streamline and communicate all future programs. We will not be able to take everyone, as it is an NYT Company-inspired program, focusing on higher singing/harmonizing, dancing, and acting skills that we cannot glean from a large choir. We will be offering other classes at the same time to work on those skills if for some reason you aren't able to be a part of show choir this year, including a very exciting new Musical Theater mini musical class for 10-14 year olds - no audition required! Regardless of the decisions made, thank you so much for being a part of this program. We are so very grateful!

How to prepare for the audition/what to expect: We are asking for a one minute song that features YOUR voice. Perfection is not in our vocabulary - we want to see you! Have your song ready to go on a device. We will have a speaker to connect to for you. Musical Theater isn't necessarily one particular style and we are eager to see what you bring! Be prepared to sing in front of us. Be prepared to do basic dance in a group. Be prepared to flex your harmonization skills, be prepared to be asked some music theory questions.

Dance Auditions/What to wear? Dance auditions will be first and for the most part, will be combined with the company auditions. We aren't expecting you to have all of the dance skills, but it will help us decide how to balance abilities. Don't sweat it if dancing is a new concept for you. Just wear modest clothing that you can move in. **This year, we would like to add a tap portion to the Musical Theater dance audition, so if you would like to participate in the tap audition, please bring tap shoes.** *This is NOT a Troupe or Corp requirement, so if you don't wish to do the tap portion, that is more than fine.* (We will not be scheduling time to change so wear what you need to wear to the audition.) Ladies please wear the hair out of the face. We need to see your beautiful selves!

Is this a closed audition? Yes. We are asking parents to please drop your student off and return at the end of the audition time. There aren't slots to sign up for - we will be using the whole time work with the students. There will be a section where we see one student at a time.

What is required from a Troupe/Corp member? We ask that, as an NYT audition-based company program, you are our representatives, Christ's ambassadors. You have earned a leadership role within our community and therefore, you will be held to a higher standard. *You cannot be in Company and our Musical Theater program at the same time. However, you can be a part of Junior Company and our Musical Theater program!*

In our program, we expect you to:

- Do the work given and practice your materials at home
- Arrive on-time to rehearsals - all year long
- Attend all major rehearsals and performances (absences should only be school or illness related unless approved by our directors)
- Be respectful in class and in other NYT productions, leading by example
- Work on bearing good fruit in all that you do
- Love well, have grace for others, treat each Show Choir Member as your family
- Read your Bible

Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the program. If you feel you cannot meet the requirements, that's completely understandable. There will be no punishment if you decide this isn't the right fit for you. As we are trying to be conscious of school and family time, there will not be a lot of extra rehearsal dates required, but those we do schedule in advance will be.

We love you all, and cannot wait for the next phase of Musical Theater! Please reach out if you have any questions!

Warmest blessings,

Ms. Shana and Ms. Nikki

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