

# *Great River*

# *2012*

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Directors:

Welcome to Our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual  
ADLER THEATRE  
Show Choir  
Invitational

**Our Mission is to make this invitational a most rewarding and relaxing experience for you and your students!**

**If you have any questions, please contact a Host Director or any of our adult volunteers wearing a red vest:**

**We hope you have an enjoyable day!!!**

Michael Reese or Emily Wall – Central High – (563) 323 - 9900  
Rosalie Dunnegan or Tyler Finley – West High- (563) 386 - 5500

**Procedures for the Day**  
**Friday & Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
**Directors: Please read carefully.**

1. Buses will unload at the entrance to **River Center South** on E. 3<sup>rd</sup> street. All directors are asked to check in upon arrival and receive your information packet. There will be a registration table set up in the lobby of **River Center South**. **Costumes and small props will be unloaded at this time and taken to your school's holding area in the Great River Hall.**
2. All large equipment/props will be unloaded at **River Center North on 4<sup>th</sup> Street**. There will be a parent volunteer who will direct you to this area. **Once props are unloaded, the vehicle must be moved immediately to allow other schools to unload their props.**
3. All members and directors of the performing ensembles must have their hands stamped **before** they get off the bus. Included in your day of packet you will find chaperone wristbands (free admission). You will receive 6 chaperone wristbands. **YOU will be responsible for handing these to the chaperones. Our students are instructed NOT to stamp the hands of any adults.** This is why you receive the 6 wristbands.
4. Student hosts will be assigned to meet your group and escort you to your costume/small prop holding area. There will be dressing rooms curtained off in the Great River Hall next to the rest rooms. Your escorts will be available during the day to answer questions and assist you in any way possible. **Please allow appropriate preparation time so that you will be ready for all reporting times.**
5. Concessions will be available throughout the day outside of the Great River Hall on the River Center South side. **ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD IN THE HOMEROOM AREA!!!!** Groups violating this policy may be asked to leave by the Adler staff OR will incur a point penalty depending on the severity of the violation. THANK YOU for helping us with this. It is not our facility and we need to abide by their rules!
6. Upon departure, students will be picked up at the same location that they were dropped off: **River Center South**. All large equipment/props should then be picked up at **River Center North**.

**Parking**

1. Once unloaded, buses will be instructed as to where to park for the day.
2. Parking for the general public will be available on the street and in the two adjacent parking ramps of the River Center.
3. Trailers may be parked in the parking lot directly north of **River Center North**.

## Show Choir Performance Information

1. All show choirs will perform in the Adler Theater. The performance stage is 60 feet wide by 40 feet deep. All choirs will enter stage LEFT and exit stage RIGHT. NOTE: you will enter THROUGH the house of the Adler.
2. Large equipment will be stored on the east side of the Mississippi River Hall.
3. The competition rotation schedule is as follows:

Prior to your performance, your student hosts will meet you outside of the Great River Hall in the River Center and you will proceed to the west end of the Mississippi River Hall for warm-up (large props and equipment are stored on the east end of this hall.) **WE WILL NOT SUPPLY A DRUM SET IN WARM-UP.** The only equipment supplied will be an electric piano, music stands, and a 4X4 riser formation.

Because of the distance between the warm-up and the performance stage, each group will have **20 minutes in the warm-up room.** The warm-up monitor will alert you when you have 5 minutes remaining. **Please be respectful of all groups and stay within your time limit.** Thank you!

Following your warm-up, choirs will proceed to the Adler Theater for performance. Please be aware that choirs will enter from the back of the theater and enter the stage from the front stage left.

4. Although we will not be timing, choirs will be allowed 25 minutes to set up, perform and tear down. Please be respectful of all performing groups. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND HAVING YOUR EQUIPMENT AND PIT GO FIRST ONTO THE STAGE AREA!!!** This will help speed up your set-up time and help to keep us all on schedule for the day.
5. Following your performance, equipment will be returned to the Mississippi River Hall and choirs will proceed to a show critique. Student helpers will take a DVD to the critique room for each director.
6. At the conclusion of the Friday Night performances and Saturday performances please have two representatives from your group in costume on stage to accept the awards.
7. For Saturday, the names of the six top scoring show choirs (as determined by the highest scores from the day session) will be announced, regardless of class size. These names will be drawn from a hat to indicate performance order for finals. The theatre will then be cleared to prepare for finals. **The group that performs first for finals should have their crew set props, sets, etc. during the supper break.**

## Show Choir Rules

1. *Great River* is a sanctioned competition in compliance with the regulations of the Iowa High School Music Association. All schools must compete in accordance with their enrollment class.
2. Choirs are free to render any type of performance that they wish. There is no maximum or minimum number of songs, although we ask you remain within the **25-minute time allotment** including Set-Up and Teardown.
3. *Great River's* "house" platforms will be used on stage. These are 4' X 8' and four (4) platforms of each height (8", 16", 24", and 32"). **These risers are SET and will not be moved for your performance.** You may add to the riser formation, but you cannot remove any of the original 16 risers.
4. We will not supply any steps for BEHIND the risers. Side steps for the second, third and fourth risers will be supplied.
5. The top six scoring Show Choirs will participate in the evening FINALS competition (regardless of classification). The order of evening performance will be determined by a drawing. Should any school have TWO show choirs in finals, the second choir drawn from that school will be pushed back to allow a buffer of two groups. If the second choir cannot be pushed back, the first group will be moved forward to allow a buffer of two groups. This decision will be determined on the stage during the drawing.
6. Instrumental accompaniment must be live, not recorded.
7. **HIGH SCHOOL BANDS:** All participants, including instrumentalists, must be students at the school they are representing. Exception: one adult may play the keyboard, bass guitar, or drum set. **IF YOU HAVE AN ADULT ON THE BASS GUITAR OR DRUM SET**, the Iowa High School Music Association requires an administrative letter stating no students in the school were available to play those instruments.
8. **MIDDLE SCHOOL BANDS:** The above rule DOES NOT apply to Middle School choirs. There are no band caption awards for the Middle School competition, therefore, your band DOES NOT have to be Middle School students.
9. Singers/dancers may not be in more than one competing ensemble group.
10. NO SPECIAL LIGHTING REQUESTS WILL BE HONORED. CONFETTI, STREAMERS, SPARKLERS, ETC. ARE NOT TO BE USED IN THE ADLER THEATRE. DUE TO FIRE CODES, PYROTECHNICS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED. (FOG MACHINES ARE ACCEPTABLE).
11. Appropriate and courteous audience behavior is expected of all participants.

## **FINAL DIRECTOR NOTES:**

- 1) **NEW THIS YEAR!:** The director's packets for the end of the evening Friday, end of the day Saturday, and end of the finals will be available at the **REGISTRATION TABLE** at the River Center.
- 2) Ticket Prices will be as follows:

**FRIDAY NIGHT** - \$5.00/person

**SATURDAY:**

|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| Student (K – 12) | \$5.00  |
| Day Only         | \$8.00  |
| Finals Only      | \$8.00  |
| All Day Saturday | \$14.00 |

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY** \$16.00

## **ROOM ASSIGNMENTS**

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|--------------------------------|--|
| Show Choir Performance         | Adler Theatre                              |
| Show Choir Warm-Up Room        | Mississippi River Hall (West)              |
| Large Prop Storage             | Mississippi River Hall (East)              |
| Costumes/Small Prop Storage    | Great Hall (River Center)                  |
| Dressing Area                  | Great Hall North (River Center)            |
| Critique Room                  | Arkansas/Platte River Rooms (River Center) |
| Concessions                    | Lower Concourse                            |
| Director's/Bus Driver's Lounge | Wapsipinicon                               |

**\*\* Maps of downtown Davenport, the River Center/Adler layout, 2012 Schedule, and general contest information are available on our website\*\***

**[www.greatrivershowchoir.com](http://www.greatrivershowchoir.com)**

## Great River - Stage Layout Form

**Arrival Time (so we can meet you)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Performance Time** \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Choir \_\_\_\_\_

Show your group's set-up..PLACE AN "X" ON THE PLATFORMS YOU WILL USE

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| 32" |  |  |  |
| 24" |  |  |  |
| 16" |  |  |  |
| 8"  |  |  |  |

= Piano

How many electrical outlets do you need? \_\_\_\_\_

X = Music stands

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└ = Chairs

**Please fax this form by JANUARY 30TH to Rosalie Dunnegan at  
Davenport West HS - (563) 386-5508**

## SONG / SOLOIST FORM

GROUP \_\_\_\_\_ PERF TIME \_\_\_\_\_

List students below eligible for the Best Soloist award.

Song #1

Soloist Name

Location on Stage

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Song #2

Soloist Name

Location on Stage

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Song #3

Soloist Name

Location on Stage

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Song #4

Soloist Name

Location on Stage

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Song #5

Soloist Name

Location on Stage

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Song #6

Soloist Name

Location on Stage

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FRIDAY, 2/15/13

AND

SATURDAY, 2/16/13