

Great River

2020

Directors:

Welcome to Our 19th Annual
GREAT RIVER
Show Choir
Invitational

**Our Mission is to make this invitational a
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/t-shirt.**

We hope you have an enjoyable day!!!

**Michael Reese or Emily Schrank – Central High – (563) 723-5400
Laura Engels or Nick Andersen – West High- (563) 723-5600**

Procedures for the Day

Directors: Please read carefully!

1. Buses will unload at the entrance to **River Center South** on E. 3rd 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 4th 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.** See below for parking instructions.
3. All members of the performing ensembles must have their hands stamped **before** they get off the bus. Included in your packet you will find chaperone wristbands (free admission). You will receive 5 chaperone wristbands PER ENSEMBLE. **YOU will be responsible for handing these to the chaperones. Our students are instructed NOT to stamp the hands of any adult.** Directors will receive badges and a meal pass in their packets.
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 report times.**
5. Concessions will be available throughout the day outside of the Great River Hall on the River Center South side, so we ask that you do not bring in large quantities of food from home. **PLEASE LIMIT OUTSIDE FOOD UNLESS A STUDENT HAS SPECIFIC DIETARY OR FINANCIAL NEEDS.** Groups violating this policy may 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. Whenever your group departs (end of day or end of night) your homeroom area **MUST** be cleaned and approved **BEFORE** you can get your scoring packets. Again, this is a facility policy and we appreciate your patience. If you are one of the six finalists Saturday evening, daytime packets will be handed out on the stage as we choose the order for finals.
7. 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**. Be courteous of groups warming up!

Parking

1. Once unloaded, buses and trailers will be instructed where to park for the day.
2. Parking for the general public will be available on the street and in the two parking ramps adjacent to the River Center.

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 theater. This means your equipment we enter the stage via backstage stairs and a standard 36" door. Please tour the house PRIOR to your performance!
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 OR ON STAGE.** 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.**

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 (house) and enter the stage from the front stage left.

4. 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.
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 designation. **THE DIRECTORS OF THE TOP SIX CHOIRS WILL MEET ON THE STAGE TO DETERMINE THE FINALS ORDER. THE DIRECTOR WITH THE HIGHEST SCORING ENSEMBLE WILL CHOOSE FIRST FOLLOWED BY THE SECOND HIGHEST AND SO ON.** The group that performs first for finals should have their crew set props, sets, etc. during the dinner break.

Show Choir Rules

1. *Great River* is a sanctioned competition in compliance with the regulations of the Iowa High School Music Association.
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* 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 or adjust any of the original 16 risers.
4. We will not supply any steps BEHIND the risers. Side steps for the second, third and fourth risers will be supplied.
5. The top six scoring Show Choirs (on Saturday) will participate in the evening FINALS competition (regardless of classification). The order of evening performance will be determined by director's choice. There will be NO FINALS on Friday evening.
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. **However,** for more information regarding the IHSMA rules on back-up band eligibility, please visit <http://ihsma.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Fall-Bulletin2018.pdf> p. 22 #5.
8. **MIDDLE SCHOOL BANDS:** The above rule DOES NOT apply to Middle School. 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 of the SAME TYPE. For example, performers may be in a mixed and unisex ensemble, but may not be in two mixed ensembles. This does NOT APPLY to instrumental personnel.
10. BLACKOUT REQUESTS TO THE ADLER LIGHTING PERSON WILL BE HONORED, BUT ALL OTHER LIGHTING EFFECTS WILL NOT. IF YOU DESIRE THESE IN YOUR SHOW YOU MUST PROVIDE YOUR OWN LIGHTING ENHANCEMENTS. CONFETTI, STREAMERS, SPARKLERS, ETC. ARE NOT TO BE USED IN THE ADLER THEATRE. DUE TO FIRE CODES, PYROTECHNICS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED. (DRY ICE IS ACCEPTABLE).
11. Appropriate and courteous audience behavior is expected of all participants. The first several rows will be reserved for the performing choir, and we ask that those people clear out for each group throughout competition.

FINAL NOTES:

- 1) 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	Adult	\$8.00
	Students	\$5.00 (K – 12)
	Seniors	\$5.00 (60+)
SATURDAY	Adult	\$15.00
	Students	\$8.00 (K – 12)
	Seniors	\$8.00 (60+)

**All prices are daily- no two-day or full weekend passes being sold.*

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

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, 2020 Schedule, and general contest information are available on our website***

www.greatrivershowchoir.com

Great River - Stage Layout Form

Performance Time _____

School _____

Choir _____

Will you be adding additional platforms? YES or NO

32"
24"
16"
8"

FIVE WIRELESS MICS ACROSS THE FRONT WILL BE PROVIDED

PLEASE DRAW YOUR SET-UP FOR US

Piano

How many electrical outlets do you need? _____

X = Music stands

┌ = Chairs

**Please scan this form by FEBRUARY 8th to Laura Engels at
Davenport West HS engelsl@davenportschools.org**

SONG / SOLOIST FORM

GROUP _____ PERF TIME _____

List students below eligible for the Best Soloist award.

Song #1

Soloist Name

Location on Stage

Song #2

Soloist Name

Location on Stage

Song #3

Soloist Name

Location on Stage

Song #4

Soloist Name

Location on Stage

Song #5

Soloist Name

Location on Stage

Song #6

Soloist Name

Location on Stage

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2021

FRIDAY, 2/19/21

AND

SATURDAY, 2/20/21