

CHICAGOLAND SHOWCASE 2021

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP/SHOWCASE

April 10, 2021

The pandemic restrictions by our School District have caused us to pivot with our show choir. The new date is a virtual competition on April 10, 2021. We will no longer be having an in-person event but will have a live streamed event that uses the following criteria.

We realize that each school is dealing with its own set of parameters which can make competing difficult. As a result, we have tried to “level the playing field” while still allowing for an educational and positive experience for your students.

Our ability to “make this happen” rests on the number of schools willing to participate in each category (middle school, high school choirs, high school show choirs and solo competition). The contest fees will remain the same as we will have the customary costs of judges, awards and instead of sound/lights, the professional live streaming of the event.

WORKSHOP/SHOWCASE – SHOW CHOIRS

You will be asked to submit a video of your group executing the numbers you want evaluated.

The video should be a straight shot. The only closeups allowed would be those of soloists. You can be creative with lighting, costuming, set, etc. however, these will not be considered in judging. If your district doesn't allow singing and dancing at the same time, you will be allowed to record them separately and combine for submission.

Please introduce your group with a traditional bio or in any way you see fit prior to the opening number. This introduction should be included in your 25 minute time allotment. There will be a 15 point deduction for videos longer than 25 minutes. Performers must be from your school with the exception of adult band members.

You can do as many or as few numbers within a 25 minute time period. There is no maximum or minimum number of songs. In other words, if rehearsal constraints have caused your rehearsals to be fewer and you only have two numbers ready, that is fine.

Judging/evaluations will be based on vocals, choreography (in the case of show choirs), execution. You will not be judged negatively if you don't have costumes, if you need to use track music rather than live accompaniment, etc. Our parameters will be liberal.

If your district requires the use of masks and social distancing during this video, please do so without fear that it will affect your “score”.

You will receive completed judging sheets and judges' comments in a google drive folder as we have done at Showcase previously. In addition, you will be able to schedule a zoom for you and your students with clinician/judge to “talk” about your performance.

Because of the parameters above, we are hesitant to award traditional trophies. We will however give Certificates of Merit in areas determined by the individual judges. We will give gold, silver and bronze medals so each of your student receives a remembrance rather than a trophy. There will also be recognition of many “caption” categories.

Finally, we will ask you to sign a document verifying that you have obtained rights to perform your music.

WORKSHOP/SHOWCASE - CONCERT CHOIRS

Concert choirs (this includes all female/male groups, chamber groups, concert choirs, etc.) will be allowed a 25-minute set. As with the show choirs, you will receive scores and comments in a google drive folder. In addition, you will have an opportunity to schedule a “zoom” with a judge and your choir for an “in-person” Clinic.

In addition to your video, we will require you to scan and email your music to us for the judges to follow along during your performance.

Medals and certificates of merit will be awarded.

SOLO COMPETITIONS

We will have both classical and pop/Broadway solo competitions. Students will submit a video stating their name, school and musical selection. This video will be sent to us which we will also live stream. Solos should be no longer than 5 minutes, including introduction. You will receive judges’ comments and scoring in your drop box. In these competitions, we will declare an outstanding male and female in each category.

GENERAL COMMENTS

If you wish to register, please complete the attached registration forms. The completed form with your commitment to participate must be submitted **by February 22**. Submission of your video must be in our hands no later than **March 19** to allow for time to organize the live stream. Payment may be made later.