

***SOUNDWAVE* at Performing Arts Center of Connecticut**

SOUNDWAVE is a new performance-based intensive program focused on song & dance routines in a Show Choir setting. Students will learn complex vocal arrangements and demanding dance combinations while being taught the importance of ensemble-style performance. With our professional instruction, each performer is granted the opportunity to further develop his or her on-stage presence, dance/movement technique, and music awareness. Additionally, the young artists will have the chance to showcase their material at three PACC events and in a fully produced *Soundwave* concert at the end of the term!

Our Goal

To provide all students, regardless of age or experience, with an opportunity to excel in the demanding art of musical theatre performance. To create a safe and supportive environment. To stimulate the student's artistic creativity both on and off the stage. To teach with professional sincerity, while reinforcing the importance of respect and the value of hard work.

Schedule/Calendar

The SOUNDWAVE Show Choir begins in January and concludes in June with **16** rehearsals, **1** tech rehearsal, and **4** public performances with PACC. Members are permitted to miss **one** session for sickness and/or unavoidable conflicts. These conflicts **must** be submitted prior to January 16th. Missing more than one rehearsal (or the Tech Rehearsal) *may* result in permanent **removal**.

Rehearsals

It is vital that **ALL** members make themselves available for each date. The rehearsals run on **Saturday's**, from **10:00 am to 1:00 pm**. Please note the following Rehearsal Calendar, as SOUNDWAVE will **not** meet every Saturday. Thank you.

Rehearsal Dates: 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/10, 4/24, 5/1, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5
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TECH REHEARSAL

Please note that Tech Rehearsal is **mandatory**. Because of this, we ask that students clear their schedule of all conflicts in advance! Our Tech Rehearsal is on **Saturday, June 5th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

PARENT MEETING

There is a **mandatory** meeting, for parents, on **Saturday, January 9th at 10:00 AM**. We'll cover many important issues. This will be brief!

Performances

In addition to the final Soundwave concert, the show choir will have three public performances over the course of the spring term. We ask that participants clear their schedules for these events:

- February 27th at 7:30 pm, in Fairfield, for Ali's Angels Benefit Concert
- March 27th at 7:30 pm, in Trumbull, for the Steven A. Merrihew Scholarship Benefit Concert
- June 6th at 7:00 pm, in Milford, for PACC's End of Year Concert

On Saturday, June 5th, there will be a fully produced SOUNDWAVE Concert in Trumbull. It begins at 8:00 PM in the blackbox theatre. Seating is limited! Ticket sales begin early May.

Auditions

Auditions are **required** to be *considered* for admission. General Auditions are on Saturday, January 9th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. There will be a group Dance & Vocal call. Performers must also prepare one pop/contemporary song to showcase your vocal talents. Song must be **under two minutes**. An accompanist will be provided; please bring sheet music!

To sign-up: Email

Soundwavechoir@gmail.com with the subject line "Audition". In the email, please include all contact information for the student AND guardian. Further instructions will follow with our Confirmation.

Eligibility Requirements

Each performer, regardless of age, is eligible to audition pending grade level – Grades 8 to 12 are permitted. All interested students are **required** to audition. Acceptance into SOUNDWAVE will be decided by our faculty. We are looking for passionate teens! Additionally, one should possess exemplary abilities in the field of dancing and/or singing. Past performance experience is **preferred**. The participants *must* be willing & able to dedicate their time and talent.

Registration

Registration begins **after** auditions on January 11th and ends on January 16th. For registration questions, please contact the offices at PACC. To register, call 203-372-2787 or email: PACofConnecticut@aol.com

Cost/Tuition

The Soundwave show choir charges \$500, per registrant, for program tuition. There is an additional Registration Fee of \$25. The tuition is due and payable upon registration. Scholarships for this program and others at PACC may be available – call or send an email for more info.

Parent Volunteers

There are a number of volunteer positions that must be filled. These positions include Publicity, Box Office, Travel Coordination, and more. The time commitment is minimal. Please contact Tyler Paul at Soundwavechoir@gmail.com to help!

The Show Choir Concept

The Show Choir concept began in the mid-1960's when two groups of touring performers, Up With People and The Young Americans, traveled throughout the country performing "song and dance" routines. When students at Indiana University heard about this, they took it upon themselves to create and establish the first Show Choir: The Singing Hoosiers. By the early 1970's, many high schools in the Midwest adapted the idea. The popularity and appeal has increased with the recent creation of Fox's hit television show "Glee".

Show Choirs typically contain between 30 and 60 singer/dancers. Costumes are traditionally worn to represent the theme of a song or other material. Aside from choreographed dance movement, body language plays a key role in a show choir performance. Many show choir directors encourage the use of "facials", expressive movements of the face that assist in conveying the message of the song. Facials may include dramatic representations of smiling, frowning, or other responses.

Most show choir "sets" consist of a variety of songs, often including several choreographed, fast-paced pieces and one slower piece performed with limited or no choreography. Within a song, vocal lines typically alternate between unison or octave singing, and two-or-more-part polyphonic harmony. Songs are chosen, adapted, and arranged from a variety of sources including popular music, jazz standards, and Broadway musicals.

Faculty

The SOUNDWAVE team, comprised of professionally trained performing artists/educators, boasts a reputable collection of theatrical credits and a wealth of knowledge in the field of music, voice, dance, and musical theatre. The bio of each staff member is available to view on our website at www.pacofct.com.

Co-Director/MD: J. Scott Handley
Co-Director/Producer: Tyler Paul
Choreographer: TBD

Contact: If you have any questions or would like to learn more about SOUNDWAVE, visit us at www.pacofct.com or email us: Soundwavechoir@gmail.com. You may also leave a message, for our staff, with the PACC offices by calling 203 – 372 – 2787.

Our Space: We have over 10,000 square feet of air-conditioned, state of the art studio space, which includes two 1,000 square foot, one 1,500 square foot studio and one 2,400 square foot sprung floor dance studios with the latest professional audio systems, four voice/acting/music studios, 2 lounges, a homework area, costume shop and a performance space. We are conveniently located in Trumbull, Connecticut just minutes off the Merritt Parkway, I-95, or Route 25 Connector. 18 Lindeman Drive in Trumbull. Directions to our studios are available on our website.

STUDIO POLICIES

Class changes or cancellations may be made based on enrollment. The faculty reserves the right to place or move students according to technical ability. Instructors may be changed due to scheduling conflicts.

Tardiness and Absences: Promptness is expected. If you are going to be more than ten (10) minutes late or absent please contact the studio by phone.

Liability: We are not responsible for personal injury or lost property. Students and parents (guardians) release claims of liability while studying dance, voice, acting, music instrumentation or participating in musical theater productions at the Performing Arts Center of Connecticut, LLC. See Registration Form.

2009-2010 Calendar

Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 9, 2009 and end on Thursday, June 17, 2010. We follow Trumbull Public Schools December, February, April vacation and holiday schedule. In addition to the three vacations listed above, we are closed for Halloween, Thanksgiving Weekend, Easter Weekend and Memorial Day. Check our website.

Closings: Closings will be posted on our telephone answering system by 12 noon of any day in question. We follow the Trumbull public School Closings.

Make Up Classes: It is the student's responsibility to make up classes during the same semester, due to personal conflicts or illness. Classes cancelled in conjunction with school closings will not be made up. Classes cancelled due to faculty illness or conflicts will be scheduled and made up by PACC

Open Door Policy: The faculty at PACC is here for its students and parents. We welcome any ideas and suggestions you may have regarding the center.

Refunds: No refunds will be given after auditions and registrations for any reason.

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