

Dear Prospective Students,

If you are interested in singing with the choirs at MGCCC Harrison County campus, we would love to have you! Below you will find suggestions for audition material and how to set yourself up for a great audition. Your choir instructor may be able to help you, but if not, please contact Dr. Bruton and she can recommend someone to assist you.

Choosing Repertoire - What should I sing?

- 1. Pick an Art Song something from standard vocal literature. This might be a piece from "Folk Songs for Solo Singers" volume 1 or 2. (You can purchase a copy here: Folksong Book on Amazon
- 2. Pick a standard Musical Theatre song choose a selection that shows your vocal range, expressiveness, and musical ability. The so-called "Golden Age" musicals are a great place to start. Here's a couple of great lists: <u>Great Golden Age MT Songs for men Great Golden Age MT Songs for women</u>
- 3. If you have taken voice lessons, are an experienced singer, or have someone who can coach you, feel free to choose a song in a foreign language. The "28 Italian Songs and Arias" are all wonderful selections.

Audition Process - How does an audition work? What do I need to know?

- 1. Don't be scared! Auditions are a chance to get to know you, hear you, and talk with you about what being involved in a college choir will be like.
- 2. Be prepared. Have your song memorized.
- 3. Be professional. Set up the audition time and date with Dr. Bruton. Give at least 2 weeks' notice so that she can secure an accompanist to be there for the audition. Auditions are always done with a live pianist and not tracks. Dress nicely and be neatly groomed first impressions are important!
- 4. The audition will consist of sight-reading, tonal memory, scales, and your prepared piece(s). The whole audition will probably only take about 15 minutes, so you are invited to

remain on campus to observe a rehearsal or class, or we can set up a campus tour for you while you are here.