

Music Finding Assignment

The purpose of this assignment is to find sheet music for future use in our program. By having multiple students look for beautiful, challenging, and appropriate choral music, it helps us to weed out a lot of the music that isn't right for our program.

Assignment:

Please find one (or more) piece(s) of music for each choir. You do not need to purchase the music, you just need to show me where to find it. There is a list of resources below that you can use to look for it.

Please note: It is best when a song has an audio or video example so that we can hear the music. There are many songs on the sheet music websites that already have examples, but you may need to find examples through www.youtube.com or on other choral websites. If you've heard music at a concert and there is no reference recording, let me know the name of the concert you went to and who performed it.

Picking music: When picking music please remember the following points

- The music must be at a high school level or higher
- Pick music that we will want to work on for an extended period of time. If it's too easy we will get tired of it
- Pick music that an audience would want to hear
- Pick music that tells a story, either through words, harmonies, rhythms or a combination of those. We don't want music that goes nowhere
- When looking for music, you may see a title of a song that you really like, that is a great place to start. Once you've heard the arrangement, make sure that it is at the right level for our program. If it is not a good arrangement for us see if you can find another arrangement of the same song by someone else.

Websites

For choral music (Mixed, Women's, Men's)

- www.jwpepper.com
- www.waltonmusic.com
- www.alliancemusic.com
- www.sbmp.com Santa Barbara Music Publishing
- You can also find choral music by going to the websites of choral groups and checking to see if they sell sheet music of their compositions
 - www.anuna.ie
 - www.kingssingers.com
 - and countless others
- Look on www.youtube.com for honor choirs, or other high school choirs, and see what music they are singing. If you cannot find the title or arranger based on the description of the video, post a comment and see if someone will tell you more information

For Jazz/A Cappella Music (Mixed, Women's or Men's)

- www.uncjazzpress.com

- www.kerrymarsh.com
- www.betteracappella.com
- www.acappellapsych.com
- www.thebenbram.com
- Look at websites for jazz groups and a cappella groups and see if they sell their sheet music
 - <http://newyorkvoices.com>
 - www.therealgroup.se
 - and so many more
- Watch videos on www.youtube.com and see if the arrangement is available, this is especially true for college a cappella group and people who do multitrack recordings.

For Show Choir music (Mixed, normally SATB, SSAATB or SAB)

This is semi-uncharted territory for me... I have mainly purchased pre-made medleys from www.jwpepper.com since I like to have the sheet music made for me and the availability of a Performing CD. I have looked at and used most of their arrangements so it would be nice to branch out.

- If you want to play it safe look at JWPepper.
- If you want to be adventuresome, look around the web and see what you can find. We can perform to a live band, we would just be adding a big challenge (which we're not afraid of!)
 - Make sure that there is written sheet music for singers
 - It may have an accompaniment CD or instrumental parts
 - It should be at least eight minutes long

Turning in the assignment

You may turn in the assignment one of two ways

1. Turn it in to www.Edmodo.com (This is the best method especially with all of the links)
2. It can be written and turned into the box for your class.

The title of your written paper or the saved title of your file should be in the following format:

(Your Name) (Name of Assignment) (Abbreviated Name of Class(es)) (Semester and Year)

for example:

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If you are handwriting the assignment please include the URL for the websites where the songs can be found.