



FORDHAM PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Faith, Scholarship, Service

Fordham Prep Vocal Music/Choir Class (#7140) Syllabus

Welcome to Vocal Music/Choir Class (#7140)

- * Instructor for Fordham Prep Vocal Music #7140/Choir Class: : Kenneth A. Farnum, Jr. ('75)
- * Academic year (2018-2019)
- * Topics covered: Vocal Production/Repertoire/Music Styles
- * Grading system: P/F
- * Required materials: Black folder / Christmas Concert Music / Spring Concert Music 2019 (T.B.A.)
Concert Attire / Mandatory attendance for Rehearsal, Concert and Mass dates
on Choir websites and listed below

<http://nymetro-ems.com/choirclass/fordhamprepchoir.html>

<http://nymetro-ems.com/choirclass.html>

http://nymetro-ems.com/choirclass_FALL-2018.html

FALL-2018

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Vocal Music/Choir Class General Objectives:

This is a PERFORMANCE COURSE and is OPEN TO ALL YEARS for credit (except for Freshmen).

Students are taught 4-part (T.T.B.B.) male choral repertoire and mixed-voice (S.A.T.B.) choral repertoire dating back several centuries. From early chant to Bach (17th century) to present day popular music, students are exposed to a variety of musical and singing styles in preparation for Christmas and Spring concert performances at two nearby all-girl Catholic high schools (St. Catharine Academy and Aquinas High School). Other near-by Catholic High Schools (Archbishop Molloy in Queens and School of the Holy Child in White Plains) are also being included for consideration for Christmas and Spring Concert performance opportunities.

The combined (Fordham Prep/SCA/Aquinas) "Triple-Choir" also performs at Fordham Prep and on the Fordham University Campus. These various events qualify for service hours.

Please check with Mr. Paul Homer. Participation in the all Fordham Prep School liturgies is required. (Participation in Fordham Prep special weekend liturgies is also encouraged but not required).

Students will also learn basic music theory and valuable sight-singing skills. Once or twice in the year, a seasoned professional singer will come into the class for a vocal coaching pertaining to breath-control and vocal range fused with real-life musical experiences.

Classes are currently held 5 days a cycle (1st period). The two semesters encompass mid-September thru December and mid-Jan thru mid-May.

Grades

80% Formal Assessments:

This category includes: Benchmark goals, vocabulary and technique quizzes, solo performances, individual recordings, and progress-folios.

Please mark your calendars now for the following dates:

Winter Concerts:

The cumulative assessment during the Fall semester will be attendance and satisfactory performance in all mandatory out-of-class rehearsals and Christmas Concerts listed at:

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Spring Concerts:

The cumulative assessment during Spring semester will be attendance and satisfactory performance in all mandatory out-of-class rehearsals and Christmas Concerts listed at:

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20% Classroom Participation:

This category includes participation during warm-ups and all rehearsals.

Daily Expectations

- Students are expected to arrive on time with selected concert music and prepared to sing.
- Students are responsible maintaining all of their music in the order listed in the Table Of Contents. Random "B" Day Binder Inspection Days will be held. Students will receive JUG for not having all required music or a correctly filled out "NEED MUSIC" form in their binder. Each student is responsible for bringing their own Music Binder to ALL singing events including masses, away-from-school rehearsals and concerts.



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Requirements

Choir is a performance-based class. Students are **REQUIRED** to attend all classes and mandatory out-of-class rehearsals and concerts listed for Fall 2018 and Spring 2019. If a student cannot attend a mandatory out-of-class rehearsal or concert, contact must be made with the teacher and Dean Chad Broussard prior to the concert date if possible. Only **emergency** situations will be excused. Students who are excused from mandatory out-of-class rehearsals or concerts will need to complete a very extensive research paper on a topic approved by Mr. Farnum along with an extensive oral test in lieu of their performance grade for credit. If a student does not attend the mandatory out-of-class rehearsals and concerts and does not provide a legitimate excuse approved by Mr. Farnum and Dean Chad Broussard, the student will receive a **FAILURE** for the missed mandatory rehearsals and performances listed here: <http://nymetro-ems.com/choirclass/UPCOMING-PERFORMANCE-Events.pdf>

Optional signatures required:

Student signature and date

Parent/Guardian signature and date

Sincerely,

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Vocal Music/Choir Class #7140
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new Fordham Prep / SCA / AqHS Choir websites:

CHOIR CLASS - Fall-2018

http://nymetro-ems.com/choirclass_FALL-2018.html

<http://nymetro-ems.com/choirclass.html>

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Anthony Utobunwa-Nwachukwu	(B2) utobunwaa20@fordhamprep.org

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