

INFORMATION FOR BRIO RE-AUDITIONS 2010

Please take the time to seriously consider your ability to commit to these expectations as well as Attendance concerns.

Brio Expectations:

1. **Rehearsal/Performance Schedule:** Brio rehearses from 7:00 to 9:00 during the school year. Two retreats as well as two Sunday afternoon rehearsals are scheduled each year. Small Group Lessons are held twice each year. Tour Rehearsals will be scheduled each Spring. Additional rehearsals or sectionals may be scheduled as needed for special events. Brio performs 3 major Concerts, one Tour, as well as several Community Performances each year. Brio members will uphold the attendance policy and **will not ask for special treatment.**
2. **Financial Commitment:** Tuition will be \$550.00 for Brio members. In addition, there is a \$20.00 Annual Supply Fee. Ladies Uniform is a full length dress, pearl necklace and pearl earrings which will be ordered in August. The approximate cost is \$95.00. Ladies will also need to purchase black hose and black 1 ½ inch character shoes. Tour is an additional cost – see below
3. **Tour:** Because Brio was created as THE touring choir for Allegro, **singers must commit to Tour.** This is a financial and time commitment for the parents and the singers! Commitment to Brio means the singer is mature enough to help raise money if needed for Tour. International Tour is currently slated for the year 2011. Projected Regional Tours cost around \$500-\$700, National Tours cost \$1200-\$1500 and International Tours cost \$3500-\$4000. We encourage Brio members and families to take advantage of every fundraiser, have garage sales, work, do odd jobs etc.

It is an international touring year. In June 2011 we will be traveling to ITALY! We will also submit an audition to sing at the National ACDA convention in Chicago.

- Approximate cost of 2011 Tour: \$3400-\$3900 which includes Italy and Chicago (\$175-\$200)
- Dates: We will depart for Italy on either June 5, 6, or 7 for a weeklong tour.
- If we are accepted to sing at the National ACDA convention in Chicago, we will be gone for one night/two days sometime between March 10th and 14th. We will know by July 1 if we are accepted.
- *Nonrefundable \$200 Italy deposit is due on June 1.
- *Shadow Tour will be created if we have 20 or more parents/family members.

*We will have more detailed information about tour, costs, etc this spring!

4. Brio is expected to learn 20-30 pieces of music in a year. Our ability to learn all of our music is directly affected by inconsistencies at rehearsal. These inconsistencies are caused by tardies, absences and a failure to come to rehearsal prepared. Brio rehearsals are not the time to learn notes. Brio members will find 60 to 90 minutes per week to work on music at home. Brio members will come to rehearsal prepared and ready to work. Brio members will memorize music on time. Brio members understand that they are part of a “team” and that their voice and presence is essential for the overall success of the choir.
5. Brio members will keep current on Allegro assignments, monthly newsletters, updates, and the Allegro schedule.
6. Brio members will be leaders to the younger choirs.

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Attendance Concerns:

The Attendance Policy will remain the same for next year (all absences over one need to be made up) Please take into consideration the following regarding your ability to commit to Brio:

1. Jobs: Did you have to miss rehearsals or retreats due to your work schedule? Do you work for a flexible employer that will work with your Allegro schedule?
2. Sports: Reflect on conflicts between Allegro and your sport this past year or compare the sports calendar to the Allegro calendar for conflicts.
3. Co-Curricular Activities: Reflect on conflicts that occurred with Allegro in the past. Do you anticipate similar conflicts or if the level of conflicts will change?
4. Extra Curricular: Yes, there are only 24 hours in a day and 7 days in a week!!! Do you have the time required to be exceptional in Allegro?
5. Academics: Academics are top priority. How are your time management skills? Procrastination is not a reason to miss a rehearsal or a performance.

A Special note to our Upcoming Seniors: We recognize that this is an exceedingly busy time for you. It is an exciting time in your life so enjoy every minute. We obviously want you to stay in Allegro for your senior year; however, your voice and your leadership in rehearsals and performances are **ONLY** effective when you are present. Please thoughtfully consider your participation in Allegro and know that we will respect your decision!

How to prepare for your re-audition:

1. Sign up for the Re-Audition at the check-in table
2. Consider your schedule for the upcoming year and be ready to discuss your schedule with Christy.
3. Prepare and bring a copy of one of your pieces to sing for Christy.
4. Have parents sign this form stating your family understands the Brio commitment – especially regarding Tour. Bring signed form to your audition

****My parents and I have read and understand the commitment Brio entails.***

Singer PRINTED NAME _____

Singer Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____