

Locopalooza Show Choir Invite



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Locopalooza 2018

Altoona High School - 711 7th Street West, Altoona, WI 54720

We are very excited to have your show choir attending this year's Locopalooza! If there are any unanswered questions after reading this information, please contact Mr. Justin Ranek, Vocal Music Teacher at Altoona High School: Phone number (715) 839-6031 Ext. 451 or e-mail jranek@altoona.k12.wi.us. We look forward to your arrival at Locopalooza on Saturday, January 27, 2018.

I) Check In Procedures

- a. All directors should check in upon arrival at the information/registration table set up at the side entrance of school off of the driveway. You will be provided with an information packet at that time.
- b. All student members should have their hands stamped before they get off the bus. Wristbands will be in your director's packet for directors and chaperones. We provide 1 wristband for every 10 students. All other wrist bands must be purchased. Altoona students will be assigned to meet and escort your group to your homeroom. They will assist you throughout the day.

II) Rules

- a. The Altoona High School "Locopalooza" Show Choir Invitational is a divisional competition with open class finals. Schools with 400 or more students will compete in Class AA. Schools with fewer than 400 students or prep groups have the option of competing in Class A or AA.
- b. Choirs are free to render any type of performance they wish. There is no maximum or minimum number of songs a group must perform. Music need not be given to the judges.
- c. Directors may be on stage with their group to direct if they wish.
- d. Any type of student-comprised instrumental accompaniment may be used. An adult keyboard player is permitted. The award for the outstanding backup combo will be presented to a combo comprised of all *student members only*.
- e. To avoid congestion and keep the contest running smoothly, **ALL Equipment (drums, instruments, props)** should be brought on from the stage right door and removed to stage left.
- f. The preferred entrance is on stage right, however, once the preceding choir has completely left the area, performers may enter either side, but must exit stage left. (Larger props may need to be brought in stage through outside doors. **Please ensure that larger props can still fit through a standard single door.**)
- g. Choirs are allotted a **maximum of thirty (30) minutes** on the performance stage. After the performance, choirs will be critiqued in the Middle School music room. If a show choir exceeds the time limit, **10 points will be deducted** from their overall score.
- h. No special lighting requests will be granted. House lights will be off, and the stage will be well lit during the performance.
- i. No one will be permitted to enter or leave the gym once a group has begun its performance.
- j. For the safety of all, no form of fire, firearm, pyrotechnics, dry ice or chemical fog machines are allowed (water based is permissible) on stage. If there are any questions as to what may be used, please contact Mr. Justin Ranek.

III) Equipment

- a. Your equipment will be stored in the Altoona upper Middle School gym. You will be escorted to this area which is located to the right of the unloading area. Also, we will have adults and students available to help you unload and move large equipment/props if you need assistance. NO equipment may be stored in the hallways, and **10 points will be deducted** from the group's overall score if this rule isn't followed.
- b. Equipment Provided:
 - i. Piano
 - ii. Bass Amp (if needed)
 - iii. Keyboard Amp (if needed)
 - iv. Sound System (complete with 5 wireless mics, monitor speakers and PA)
 - v. Music Stands
 - vi. Power Strips

IV) Performance

- a. At your designated time, your homeroom hosts will escort you to the upper gym to get your instruments before going to the warm-up room. If more time is needed, your crew may continue to bring props and other equipment down the hall to the pre-staging area, which is located at the end of the hallway, while your group is warming up. Once the preceding choir is on stage, your props and equipment will be brought down to the staging area. When the group ahead of you has cleared the stage, you will enter with your equipment and your group members. After the performance, equipment goes back to upper gym and members will go to the middle school band room for critique. No equipment, props or clothing racks will be allowed in critique room.

V) Critique

- a. Each team will be critiqued in the preliminaries. You can view your video critique in the middle school choir room. No props, equipment, instruments or costume racks will be allowed in the critique room. You may leave them in the hallway outside the critique room until your critique is finished.

VI) Performance Stage

- a. The performance platforms rest on a stage 40' by 32' and are elevated 32" off the main floor. On the performance stage, you will have four (4) rows of plats, 32' wide and 16' deep.
- b. **Set Stage**

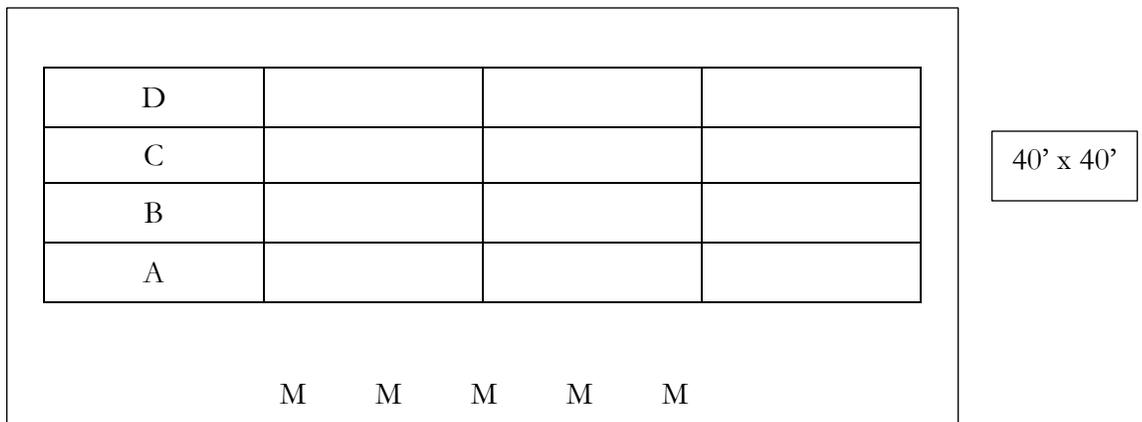
There will be 8 feet of unrestricted dance space on the stage in front of the "set stage". There will be 8 feet of space behind the "set stage". The "set stage" will consist of a series of risers in 4 rows- each a different height off the stage.

"A" RISERS: There are four sections of "8" inch high risers. Each section is 4 feet deep and 8 feet long.

"B" RISERS: There are four sections of "16" inch high risers. Each section is 4 feet deep and 8 feet long.

"C" RISERS: There are four sections of "24" inch high risers. Each section is 4 feet deep and 8 feet long.

"D" RISERS: There are four sections of "32" inch high risers. Each section is 4 feet deep and 8 feet long.



VII) Stage Crew

- a. Stage crew will sweep and set up staging for your performance. Stage Manager will judge on best stage crew. Crews must be comprised of all students to qualify for best stage crew.

VIII) Directors

- a. If you make finals, your judge's sheets and flash drives will be available after the show. You may pick them up in the teacher workroom that is near the commons. If you do not make finals, you can pick up your judges packet as soon as your room is cleaned and cleared.

IX) Bus Unloading and Parking Information

- a. ALTOONA PERSONNEL WILL ASSIST YOU AND GIVE DIRECTION
 - i. Buses should pull into the school driveway. Performer drop off is at side of school. Equipment is unloaded at Upper Gym. All buses should park in the Truck Aline parking lot off of Hwy 12. The bus drivers will be chauffeured back to the school. Cars may park in the back parking lot or on the side streets. DO NOT load/unload buses at the front of the school.

X) Ticket Information

- a. Tickets for the show will be available at the door.
- b. Ticket Prices:
 - i. \$12.00 for Daytime Preliminary Only
 - ii. \$12.00 for Evening Finals Only
 - iii. \$16.00 for ALL DAY PASS Includes: Daytime Preliminary and Evening Finals
 - iv. Five and under are FREE
 - v. Programs are \$4.00

XI) Concessions

- a. The Loco Café will be open in the high school commons from 8:00 am – 10:00 pm (or until food is gone). Our parent group has worked hard to provide a varied and delicious menu for you to enjoy. Because this is a major portion of our fundraiser, we ask that no food be carried in.

XII) Homerooms

- a. Each school is provided a homeroom with student hosts. Each school is asked to provide adult chaperones for the homerooms. When no adult is in the homerooms the homerooms will be locked. With the exception of water, NO FOOD or BEVERAGES will be allowed in homerooms.
- b. We ask that performers NOT change in the bathrooms. Our bathrooms are very small and we wish to keep them open for the public. We ask that everyone change and put on make-up in their homerooms.

XIII) Videotaping

- a. Videotaping will not be allowed by parents or others as it is a breach of copyright permissions.

XIV) Photography

- a. No flash photography is allowed during performances.

XV) Security

- a. Please do not leave large amounts of cash or other valuables in the homerooms. We will have security personnel on duty patrolling the hallways and parking lot. The homerooms will be locked while you perform and when there isn't an adult from your school in the homeroom.
- b. The Altoona Show Choir Parents reserve channels 1-10 for our use. Walkie-talkie type devices are NOT to be used on the premises by anyone because of the possible interference of communication by Altoona parents, sound and video personnel.

XVI) Miscellaneous

- a. Our health room, located in the commons area, will be our Command Central! A First Aid station and lost and found will be located here. You may come to this area to have any questions or concerns answered.

XVII) Award Presentation

- a. The following will be used for the presentation of awards:
 - i. Each director is asked to choose TWO students to represent their group in the presentation.
 - ii. All students selected as representatives are to remain in costume for the presentation.
 - iii. After the early competition, these representatives from each school will be asked to come forward to the performance area.

- iv. At that time, all groups will be acknowledged for their participation. The following awards will also be presented:
 1. Best Female Soloist, Best Male Soloist, Best Combo, Best Stage Crew*, Best Costume**, Spirit Award**, People's Choice Award**
 - a. * Judged by stage manager and stage hands;
 - b. **Judged by non-professional specialty judges
 2. The top three- (3) groups in Class A will then be announced. Then, the top six (6) groups over-all will be announced. These six (6) teams will advance onto finals.
 3. After the finals performance, the awards will be presented as follows:
 - a. Fifth Runner-Up, Fourth Runner-Up, Third Runner-Up, Second Runner-Up, Best Vocals, Best Choreography, First Runner-Up, Grand Champion

XVIII) Scoring

- a. Scores will be based on the cumulative score of all judges. We have a total of five judges for the day. Three judges will score the preliminaries. The fourth and fifth judges will serve as the critique judges. For finals, all five judges will be involved with ranking the top six teams.
- b. Enclosed you will find copies of the sheets being used by the judges.

XIX) Directions

- a. The Altoona High School's address is: 711 7th Street West, Altoona, Wisconsin 54720
- b. **From the South**
 - i. From Interstate 94-Take US Highway 53 (exit #70) North to Eau Claire. From US Highway 53-Take US Highway 12 East to Altoona. From US Highway 12-Take Tenth Street Left into Altoona. Go approximately .3 miles on Tenth Street-Turn Right onto James Avenue. Take James Avenue 3 blocks- Turn Left onto Seventh Street. Turn Right into the school driveway.
- c. **From the East**
 - i. From US Highway 12-Take Tenth Street Right into Altoona. Go approximately .3 miles on Tenth Street- Turn Right onto James Avenue. Take James Avenue 3 blocks-Turn Left onto Seventh Street. Turn Right into school driveway.
- d. **From the North**
 - i. From US Highway 53-Take Highland Avenue Left into Altoona. From Highland Avenue-Head East- Highland turns into Spooner Avenue. Go approximately 1.5 miles on Spooner Avenue-Turn Right onto Tenth Street. Take Tenth Street to Bartlett Avenue-Turn Left onto Bartlett Avenue Take Bartlett Avenue to Seventh Street-Turn Right onto Seventh Street. Turn Left into school driveway.
- e. **From the West**
 - i. From Interstate 94-Take State Highway 37/85 (exit #65) North (Right) to Eau Claire. From State Highway 37-Take US Highway 12 East (Right) to Altoona. From US Highway 12-Take Tenth Street Left into Altoona. Go approximately .3 miles on Tenth Street-Turn Right onto James Avenue. Take James Avenue 3 blocks-Turn Left onto Seventh Street. Turn Left into school driveway.

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