



VOCAL MUSIC

Be prepared to:

- Sing a major chord (using *Do, Re, Mi, Fa, So, La, Ti, Do* when you sing it).
- Sing the first verse of “America” (*My Country ‘Tis of Thee*). Lyrics below.
- Sing one prepared song of your choice. An accompanist will be provided.
- Sight-sing a simple four measure melody.
- Hand in a written essay/statement (5-7 sentences long) explaining why you want to attend *School of the Arts*. **BE SURE TO WRITE ABOUT WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOCAL MUSIC!**
- Hand in a *Teacher Recommendation Form* from a past or current teacher.

What you need to bring with you:

- A copy of the sheet music for your prepared song.
- Your written essay/statement about why you want to attend *School of the Arts*.
- Your completed *Teacher Recommendation Form* (this may be mailed directly to SOTA AUDITIONS)

LYRICS TO ‘AMERICA’ (first verse only)

My country, ‘tis of thee,
sweet land of liberty,
of thee I sing;
land where my fathers died,
land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring!

CHECKLIST FOR YOUR AUDITION:

- I know how to sing major scales by heart and have practiced them.
- I know the first verse of “America” by heart and have practiced it.
- I have selected a song of my choice and have memorized and practiced it.
- I have practiced for sight-singing.
- I have written my statement of why I want to study Vocal Music at *School of the Arts*.
- I have had one of my teachers fill out the *Teacher Recommendation Form*. My teacher has mailed this form directly to SOTA AUDITIONS through the district mail.