

SAMPLE PACKET

This packet was destined for

You!

and the talented singers of

YOUR HIGH SCHOOL

Good luck!

COLORADO ALL STATE CHOIR AUDITION

Before reading this, please familiarize yourself with the "Audition Procedures" available at www.aschoir.com

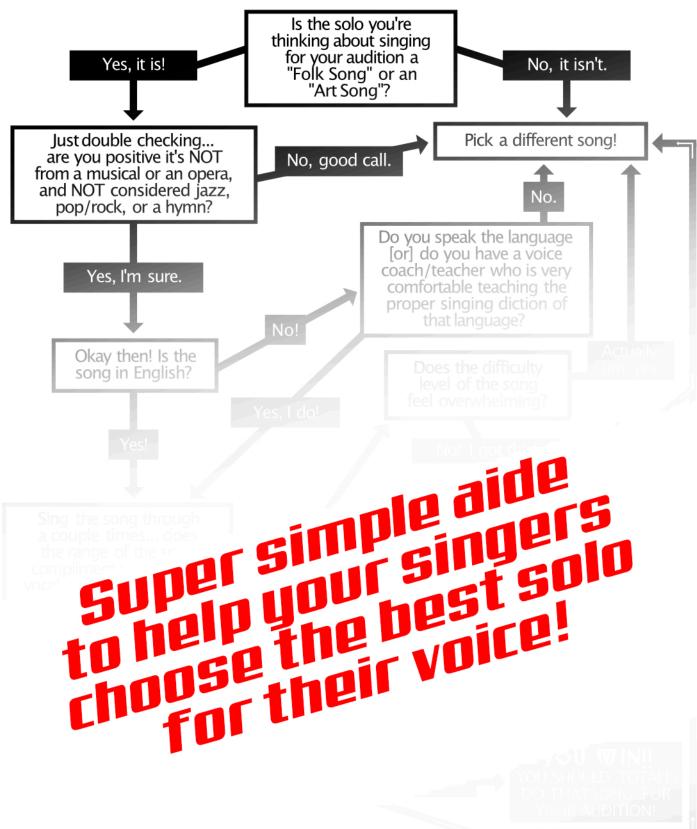
SOLO AUDITION

- As it says in the Audition Procedures, be sure to choose an appropriate solo. Nothing even close to pop, musical theater, jazz, or a hymn. If you have to ask yourself, "Hey self... it's me, you. Are you sure this song's style/genre is appropriate for the Colorado All State Choir audition?" then just assume it's not.
- Choose a song you like, but remember that there are dozens of "right" songs for you. Just be sure the range of the song covers your vocal sweet spot (corresponding with your voice part).
- If that super high "money note" isn't consistently in tune and/or causes your voice to crack or wobble even just 20% of the time, then you've chosen a song that's too high for you. Just avoid the risk and choose something else.
- To get accepted into All State Choir, your song doesn't have to be overly difficult, flashy, or in a foreign language. Choose a song that shows off your strengths, try to connect with the song's poetry on an emotional level, and make sure it is pleasantly singable in its published key. Then sing the snot out of it.
- Force yourself to practice singing your solo in slightly uncomfortable (but supportive) situations many times before the audition. Sing it for your choir class, your parents, your friends, a non-music class/club/sport, etc... though it may feel slightly awkward, it's the best way to practice reckoning with nervous energy. Plus, you'll probably get lots of positive feedback and encouragement if you choose the right peeps to sing for.
- By definition, the first time you sing through or perform a song will almost always be the worst one (#MindBlown). The ninth time will be infinitely better, and the fifteenth even better than that. Make yourself go through a bunch of informal performances so you can get to the gooder ones sooner. And for the love... DON'T NOT perform it before the audition!
- Raise your cheekbones and eyebrows a little while you're singing... just trust me on that.
- · If your song is sad, look generally sad. If it's happy, look happy. Along with dynamics, phrasing, and text stress, judges often interpret facial expression as "musicality". Boom, I just got you 4 more points. You're welcome!
- Unless you are extremely comfortable singing in a foreign language or you have lots of one-op-one training by ex-





Super Simple All State Audition Sold Decision Flowchart



SOLFEGE BRAINWASHING EXERCISES

Exercise 1: Singing in Thirds

Try it as a canon by offsetting each entrance by one measure. Or, in the second system, the sopranos and tenors can jump up to "Mi, Do, Re, Ti..." to sing in parallel thirds with the altos and basses.



Exercise 2: Stepwise and Fast!

How fast can you go accurately without it falling apart?

- Challenge A: Try it as a canon having each section start offset by 2 beats. Buckle up!
- Challenge 2: Try to omit one (or two?!) solfege syllable(s) from an entire run-through!



INTERVAL PERFORMANCE / IDENTIFICATION



ASCENDING

Perfect 4th Perfect 5th minor 6th

minor 3rd

PIOCONDING				
Interval	Solfege	Song Option #1	Song Option #2	Opt #3 / Your Ideas!
Major 2nd "M2"	Do 1 Re	"Hap <u>py Birth</u> -day"	" <u>Ru-dolph</u> the red nosed reindeer"	
Major 3rd "M3"	Do ↑ Mi	"Oh When the Saints"	" <u>Kumba</u> ya"	Major Triad
Perfect 4th "P4"	Do T Fa	"Here Comes the Bride"		
Perfect 5th "P5"	Do 1 Sol			
Major 6th "M6"	Do ↑ La			
Major 7th "M7"				
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(as well as 20 Mp3 audio tracks to facilitate interval ID in your choir class)

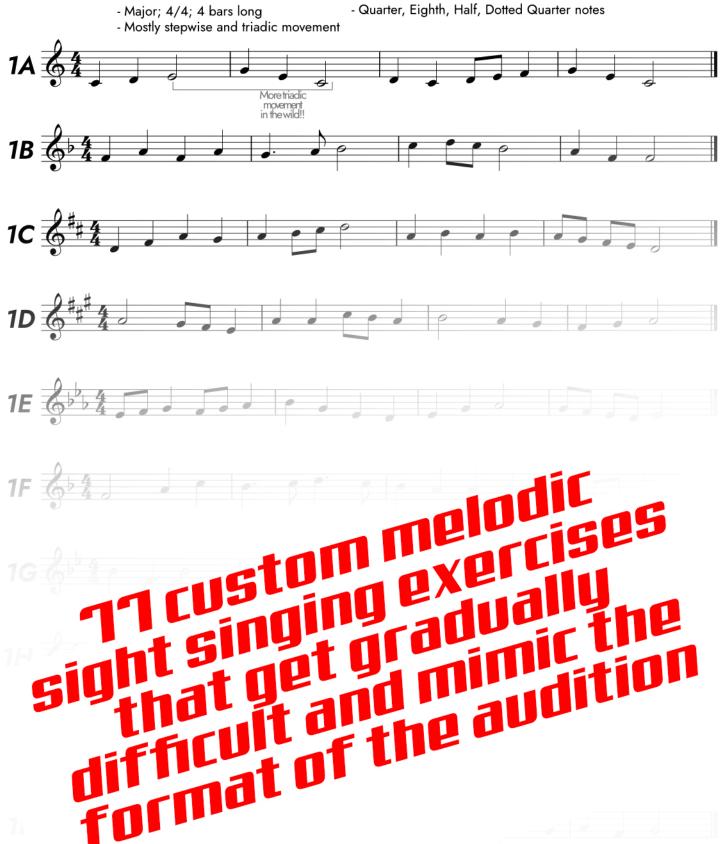
Octave/

Perfect 8th

minor 7th

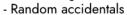
MELODIC SIGHT SINGING: LEVEL 1

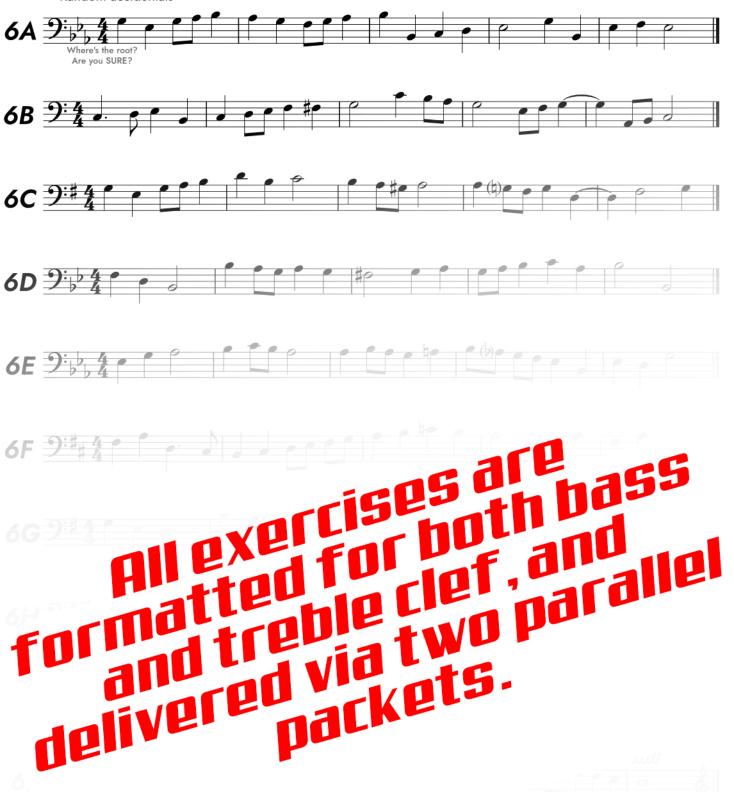
- Quarter, Eighth, Half, Dotted Quarter notes



MELODIC SIGHT SINGING: LEVEL 6

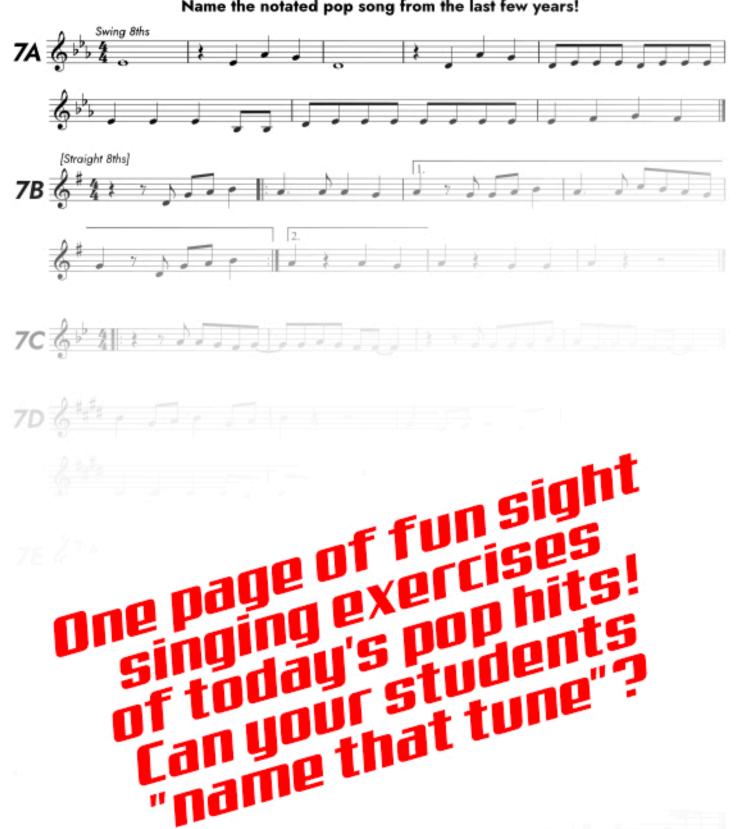
- Really freaking hard!!
- All mean intervals and applicable rhythms are fair game
- 5 bars long
- MAY NOT START OR END ON TONIC!! AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH





MELODIC SIGHT SINGING CHALLENGE

Name the notated pop song from the last few years!



RHYTHMIC SIGHT READING

Part 1 - Easy Difficulty

- Quarter, Half, Eighth, Dotted Quarter/Eighth, Eighth-note Triplet, and some fancy ties and rests.

