



Freshman Women's Choir

Pop, Stage and Screen

Choral Music

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Objective/Learning Target:

The student will learn/review information regarding popular, stage, and screen music and their involvement in choral music



Warm Up

First sing your two favorite warm-ups that you miss most from school. Then, on a separate piece of paper, answer the following questions:

1. Have you ever wondered why we don't sing popular music for contest?
2. If you could choose, what song would you turn into a choral music piece?



Why Can't We Sing Something We Know!?!

We all love jamming out to songs we know on the radio, so why do we only get to use them in choir every so often? The reason we teach the history behind our pieces is because it is important for the art form of choral music to be preserved for what it is. We also want to provide the most well-rounded musical education we can. Without experiencing what we don't know, we can't grow as humans. The same goes for music. If we ignore what we don't know or understand, there is no way to grow as a musician.



Show Choir

There are school groups out there that specialize in learning, performing, and choreographing popular songs. They also costume themselves to match the music. They are called Show Choirs. Some programs spend the entire fall part of their year to devote to pop music. They find pieces that fit together to make a common theme. This is depicted in the show “Glee”. Most of these performances contain a set, a backing track (live band or not), and props. Here are some examples of show choirs: [Rock Bridge City Lights](#), [Joplin Show Choir](#)



Film Music

There are many movies that contain original music that we know and love. Many composers have created arrangements for every type of choral ensemble. These songs are exciting to hear at a choir concert from an audience member perspective because it is something they recognize. Here are a couple of examples of choral arrangements of film music.

[Remember Me](#)

[Into The Unknown](#)



Musical Theatre

On the same hand as popular music, there are many Broadway hits that have been made into choral arrangements. These are great ways to delve into musicals without having to do a full production. Some choirs do arrangements of choral highlights from musicals and do a quasi-show choir performance. Here are some examples of arrangements:

[Waitress](#)

[My Shot](#)



Pop Choral Arrangements

These songs/arrangements can be used in show choirs, but they actually can work as standalone choral pieces. Like film music, the audience recognizes it and enjoys hearing songs from this type of choral music.

[All Star](#)

[Take On Me](#)



Answer the following!

1. Pick your favorite film, musical, and pop song and see if there is a choral arrangement of it.
2. Is there a song that you would like to see your choir perform, but is not available?