

# Manteno Magic Show Choir

Thank you for your interest in the Manteno High School “Magic” Show Choir. You never achieve anything in life unless you are willing to take a chance on yourself. While obviously everyone who applies will not be selected, the group will be chosen from those willing to take a chance. Please note, ALL FORMS are due by **Friday, May 26th**.

Listed on the next page are some tips that might help you in any audition you may have. We hope they will help you prepare for a successful audition. Good luck to everyone trying out! We appreciate your enthusiasm and interest in auditioning for the Manteno “Magic” Show Choir!

Sincerely,

Mr. Sean Hoffmann  
Director of Choral Activities  
shoffmann@manteno5.org

## **Included in the packet:**

1. General Information
2. Combo/Crew Applications
3. Singer/Dancer Audition Information
4. Audition Procedures
5. Vocal Selection

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## General Guidelines

The show choir year lasts throughout the school year, beginning with Summer Activities starting in June and ending in April with the annual Show Choir Gala. As an extension of Manteno High Schools' Music Program, **each student in Magic (crew, combo, singer/dancer), must be enrolled in a Manteno High School Music Ensemble (band or choir).**

Magic begins rehearsing in July/ August before school starts and resumes rehearsals during the school year. After school rehearsals begin in August on Monday and Wednesday nights. There will also be one Saturday rehearsal a month during the months of September, October, November, as well as multiple rehearsals over Winter Break. Absences from rehearsals will result in removal from the group. All competitions are on Saturdays and take the entire Saturday and are held during the months of January-March. All competitions are mandatory.

## Show Choir Fees:

Total student fees are nonrefundable and are:

Singer/Dancer - \$550.00 + \$100 Volunteer charge\*

Combo - \$250.00 + \$100 Volunteer charge\*

Crew - \$150.00 + \$100 Volunteer charge\*

A \$75 Activity Fee (separate from the Booster Fees) is due to the MHS Office before our first performance (Oktoberfest). Crew members do not have to pay this fee.

## Financial Assistance

Show Choir Financial Assistance is available by applying through the Manteno Show Choir Boosters. Partial or full assistance can be given if approved by the Show Choir Booster Board.

## Fundraisers

Each year, we host many fundraisers to keep the costs down and help students pay for their show choir fees. Examples include individual fundraisers such as our annual Cheesecake Sales and Main Event Ad sales. These fundraisers go directly to the student's account. Other fundraisers such as Bundt Cake Sales, Spooktacular, Main Event, and Show Choir Bingo go to the General Fund to help students.

## Application/Audition

To apply to be a part of Manteno Magic as a Combo, Crew, or Singer/Dancer, please visit our website ([www.mantenoshowchoirs.com/magic](http://www.mantenoshowchoirs.com/magic)) and fill out the appropriate application and prepare for the audition as seen on the next page of this packet.

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## Singer/Dancer Audition Information

1. All vocal and choreography auditions are closed to persons not trying out for Magic.
2. All auditions may be taped for use in reviewing and making final selections. A photo will be taken of you for our reference. Look your best!
3. Students auditioning will sign up for a vocal audition time on the date listed. During the vocal audition, students will sing the pre-selected songs included in the packet. A brief interview may be included during the vocal audition. All audition times are filled on a first come, first served basis.
4. All students must turn in their application NO LATER THAN May 26th.
5. Music audition pieces and practice tracks are located in this packet and may be downloaded/viewed at: [www.mantenoshowchoirs.com/magic](http://www.mantenoshowchoirs.com/magic)
6. **Vocal Auditions - MHS Music Room** - A selection is available for you to learn, practice and perform. Boys and Ladies will be required to sing this as their audition piece. You may select between two different keys, one high & one low. You will sing in front of the judging panel, alone, before your dance group enters for the Choreography Audition.
7. **Choreography Auditions - MHS Music Room** - A video will be available for you to learn from. You will be evaluated based on your attention to detail and overall performance. All students auditioning will dance in small groups and perform the routine two to three times, possibly more. Wear appropriate clothes you can move in.
8. If you have a school-related conflict that will cause you to be late for any of the above sessions, please submit the conflict IN WRITING (i.e., an email) prior to the first day of auditions.
9. If you are a previous member or Show Choir and have an **outstanding balance** of any Show Choir Fees or School Fees, you are not allowed to audition. Please have that taken care of ASAP so you may audition.
10. The group roster will be posted on our website at [www.mantenoshowchoirs.com](http://www.mantenoshowchoirs.com) as soon as the group is finalized. There will be a required Magic Meeting for the new group on Monday, June 5th at 6:00pm in the MHS Commons. General information about the group, parent involvement, fees, and schedules will be addressed.

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## Statement of Commitment

I, \_\_\_\_\_ desire to be a member of the 2023-24 Manteno Magic Show Choir. I understand that membership in Magic requires that I maintain a good academic standing and a good attendance record at school. I understand that I must attend required rehearsals and performances, both in and out of school, and that missing these will negatively impact my standing. **I understand that if I miss the allotted absences, I will no longer be a member of the ensemble.**

I understand that I am required to pay a Show Choir Member Fee as set by the Manteno Show Choir Boosters and that this is a financial commitment I must honor. Total student fees are nonrefundable and are:

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Finally, I understand that as a member of Magic, I will be expected to always be a good representative of Manteno High School and of the MHS Music Department, as my behavior and attitude reflects not only on me, but on those whom I represent.

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***I have read and understand this commitment statement; I accept my position in Magic and have included my Acceptance Fee of \$50.***

*Student Signature, Date*

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*Parent/Guardian Signature, Date*

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## **Manteno Magic Show Choir**

Dear Teacher,

The student named would appreciate your candid assessment of the applicant's abilities. The questions ask for your sense of this student's social and academic skill development. This form provides one way of getting to know the student and is used in our assessment process.

Please consider filling out the Magic Teacher Recommendation Form for this student using the link provided below.

<https://shorturl.at/gkmuS>

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