

Sioux Falls Jefferson High School
January 14, 2023

CAVALIER
Classic

VOCAL JAZZ

DIRECTOR HANDBOOK

Welcome & Thank You

Thank you for joining us for the Jefferson High School Cavalier Classic Vocal Jazz competition on Saturday, January 14, 2023. We will work very hard to make sure you and your students have a wonderful time at our school.

Please take a moment to read through this information. It is our hope that you find what you need regarding our event weekend. You may be contacted in the days leading up to the competition by students asking some questions about your team to make your home room a special home away from home for the day! We hope for good weather and look forward to seeing you soon!

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any immediate questions or suggestions for the future!

Directors: John Parezo (605-261-5025) & Rebecca Hiigel (605-681-4355)

Event Chairs: Jennifer Seifert-Brenna (218-329-1854) & Mike Brenna (218-329-3560)

Admission for Guests

Jazz Only Admission:

Adults - \$10.00 (age 11+)

Senior - \$5.00 (age 55+)

Children - \$5.00 (age 5-10 | Age 4 & under are free)

Show Choir & Vocal Jazz Admission:

Adults - \$15.00 (age 11+)

Senior - \$10.00 (age 55+)

Children - \$10.00 (age 5-10 | Age 4 & under are free)

Hand Stamps for Performers, Directors and Chaperones

All Participants will receive hand stamps. In order to gain admission to the performance center the performer MUST have a hand stamp. Directors will check in with hosts while the group remains on the bus. Hosts will stamp hands on the bus. Schools not arriving via bus will coordinate their arrival with their hosts to have participants stamped. Directors will be given a name badge and will not need a stamp. 1 chaperones wristband will be provided for every 10 students in attendance.

Concessions

Our parent group provides an excellent food court for competing schools and their fans. Please plan to eat at our event. We are a CASH only event. We will have an ATM available on site for your convenience. All directors are provided with a food pass for two complimentary meals throughout the day. Please do not bring food or beverages from outside our building into the school.

First Aid

Guests in need of first aid attention report to the info/volunteer desk near the front entrance or contact a member of our leadership team and they will assist.

Lounges

Directors & Bus Drivers will have a dedicated hospitality room. Please take advantage of snacks, drinks and a quiet hideout.

Homerooms

No food and drink are allowed in home rooms. Water in individual reusable water bottles is permitted, however, cases of disposable water bottles are not permitted. Home rooms must be left as found. We ask groups to clean home rooms before the awards presentations with the trash bag provided in your director packet. Damaged property will be billed to your school/district.

Adjudication

Three judges will adjudicate on a comprehensive ballot and one will provide a short workshop/critique following the group's performance on stage.

Judges will type comments that will be available immediately following awards.

This year's judging panel:

Vocal Jazz Luke Miller
Vocal Jazz Denise Perry
Vocal Jazz Ryan Person

Vocal Jazz Ballot:

Ensemble & Execution	
Intonation/Pitch Accuracy	10
Balance and Blend	10
Style (Groove, rhythm, feel)	10
Time	10
Dynamics and Phrasing	10
Tone Color	5
Articulation (Attacks, Releases, etc.)	5
Ensemble/Execution Total	60
Literature/General Effect	
Difficulty/Suitability for group	5
Staging/Interaction	5
Microphone placement/appropriate mic check	5
Literature/General Total	15
Grand Total	75

Judging Statement

We take the adjudication of our event *very* seriously. Below is the statement all judges are asked to agree to prior to the event.

The quality of the Jefferson Cavalier Classic depends on the integrity of its judging panel. You have been selected as

a judge for your expertise in the performing arts and outstanding reputation as an adjudicator and professional. It is your *personal judgment* that matters most. Please remember to put the students first as you represent this event.

As you fulfill your role this weekend please abide by the following:

- I will judge all choirs throughout the event objectively against the ballot. I will ignore all personal praises and/or criticisms of the work of adults associated with the respective choirs (i.e. directors, arrangers).
- I will not discuss the choirs or my opinions of their performances with other judges until the final ballots of the day have been collected.
- I will not post, publish, or announce any information or opinions regarding performances of the choirs through any means, including internet websites or social media until after final results have been released.

Awards

Vocal Jazz
Top 5 Placements
Outstanding Soloists
Outstanding Combo

Trophies will be awarded to the top 5 groups. Please have two of your students receive awards on stage for each awards ceremony.

Warm Up

Each group will have a 25 minute warm-up time in our orchestra room prior to your performance. Each group will be given 5 minutes following warm up to move from the warm-up area to the performance area.

Performance

Each vocal jazz ensemble performance will have a 30 minute time slot. This will include on-stage feedback from one of the judges.

Music

Please bring 3 copies of your music for the judges.

Sound

Choirs are strongly encouraged to send a representative to sit with the sound technician to assist with mic cues and solo needs. Hosts will lead representatives to the proper area following warm-up.

Auditorium Stage

The stage will be empty and will be set with 16 wireless microphones. Performers will enter from stage left and exit stage right through the garage door.