

Choir Parents/Guardians:

Roll Out the Red Carpet for the **2016 CABARET!!** – (And a little bit about Six Flags)

- What IS Cabaret?

- **Cabaret is our biggest fundraiser of the year!**
 - It's **Dinner and a Show**, held at the Franklin Room in Soulard. This year's theme is ***Roll Out the Red Carpet!*** Just in time for the Academy Awards, everything at this event is going to be related to Films. We will have choirs performing... solo and duet acts... a wonderfully catered dinner and dessert... lots of awesome auction items... raffles... 50/50 drawings... and more! (And for the adults we even have a cash bar!)
 - We had a great time last year, but this year is going to be **HUGE** and lots of **FUN!!** There are big plans in place to make this GCAA's event of the year!
- **Show Times**
 - Lower Academy Cabaret is on Friday, February 12th at 7pm (doors at 6pm)
 - Upper Academy Cabaret is on Saturday, February 13th at 7pm (doors at 6pm)
 - The Franklin Room in Soulard, 816 Allen Avenue
- (All students are **required** to participate for a grade.)

- Tickets

- **On Sale**
 - At... <http://gcaacabaret2016.brownpapertickets.com/>
- **Invite!**
 - If you have friends, business leaders, anyone that would be enjoy this fundraising opportunity, please have them join!
- **The sooner you buy, the better your seat!**
 - We assign seating based on the order in which you purchase.
 - We also do NOT sell tickets at the door, so please buy in advance!!
- **Buy a Table**
 - Get a whole table for your family and friends! If you buy a table of 8, it is the cost of 7 and we give you one seat FREE.
- **Go VIP**
 - Best seats in the house you get some extra treatment!
- **Can I buy my student a seat?**
 - Yes, you may! If you would like your singer to sit with you for the show instead of in our holding space, then you may purchase one for them. It will be your student's responsibility to keep an eye on the program and join their group prior to coming on stage.

- Auction Items

- **Please donate!**
 - If you or your business would like to donate auction items to fill our tables, please do so! I have attached a tax exempt letter to this email for your tax season purposes.
- **Any and All**
 - We need ANY and ALL auction items that you can find! We've had everything from Cardinals Tickets to free voice lessons to massage gift certificates to artwork to anything you can imagine!
- **Want to Help OVS?**
 - If you want to assist the choir boosters (OVS) in soliciting auction items from specific area businesses, please contact me!

- Choir Raffle Baskets

- **What are these?**
 - Each choir will assemble one basket to be raffled. We need everyone to contribute to these GIANT Baskets! Items can be brought to me at any time and OVS will assemble them for us.
- **Choir Assignments**
 - Foundations Choir and Camerata – FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

- Prep Choir and Concert Choir – CHOCOLATE LOVER
 - Advanced Middle School Choir – LOTTERY
 - A Cappella – GIFT CARDS GALORE
- **Attire**
 - **What to wear?**
 - ***Wear Your Hollywood Best*** – Dress to the 9's for the red carpet runway!
 - ***Movie Character*** – Come as your favorite movie role (please school appropriate and avoid horror film!)
 - If your student does not want to dress up, then they should wear their concert black.
 - Best Dressed Awards for BOTH Student ***and Audience Member***
- **Auditions**
 - For soloists and small groups who want to audition for Cabaret solo spots:
 - **When?**
 - Auditions are the January 12-14 from 3:45-5. Sign-Ups at Ms. Gage's room.
 - **What do I sing?**
 - Song of your choice but must be from a film, and you must be able to tell us what film. Be prepared to sing the whole song as you would in concert.
 - Memorized!
 - **How do we decide?**
 - In our decision making, 1st Priority goes to those who provide their own LIVE accompaniment (piano, guitar, or other instruments)
 - 2nd priority goes to those who provide their own sheet music in hand at the audition and our accompanist will play for them.
 - 3rd priority goes to those who do not bring their own accompaniment or sheet music, and it is assumed they are singing a cappella. (Exception is for any song that is SUPPOSED to be a cappella, as it was in the film. That would be considered 1st Priority)
 - CD tracks are not allowed, as Cabaret is supposed to be live music only!
 - **Engage!**
 - We will have wireless mics so that singers will be able to walk around the dining area as they sing during the show.
 - As a result, your audition should be engaging for Ms. Gage and Mr. Smith so they can see what you would be like in the show itself.
- **Six Flags**
 - Six Flags Competition is on **Friday, May 6th**. Permission slips will begin going out on this in the next couple weeks, and will be due in April. I wanted you to know the cost now, so that you can budget accordingly. For those with season passes, it is \$30. For those without season passes, it is \$60. This will include bus fare, the cost of the competition itself, and a GCAA Choir T-Shirt!

Sorry it was such a long letter, but this is important information you need. I will continue to send out this information in smaller chunks as the weeks go by!

Email me for questions ☺

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