# **Private Voice Instruction**

## Each week, your lesson includes:

- \* Vocal exercises for your specific needs.
- \* A variety of repertoire picked for your voice type.
- \* Diction coaching.
- \* Access to Masterclasses, Auditions, and Competitions.
- \* Two voice recitals.
- \* Audition Preparation for Mid-State, All-State, and Governor's School for the Arts.
- \* Audition Preparation for Actors: (Music cuts, contrasting pieces, transition to monologue).
- \* Audition Preparation for Music Programs: (Art Songs, Foreign language songs, and contrasting pieces).
- \* Ear Training and Sightsinging lessons.
- \* Basic Music Theory.
- \* Alignment and exercises for posture and tension release.
- \* Lending Library of Resources.
- \* Proper Breathing exercises.

Private Lessons begin August 25, 2025.

Read Info in this packet and Register online (StewartsCreekChoirs.com) by Friday, August 22.



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She is a graduate of Belmont University, where she received her Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance and minored in German Studies. During her time at Belmont she performed with the Belmont University Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Jeffrey Ames, and the Belmont Opera Theatre.

Some of her favorite performances include Rapunzel (Into the Woods), Johanna (Sweeney Todd), and Cinderella (Into the Woods). Anna graduated from Stewarts Creek in 2018 and was a member of Bel Canto and Chorale.

## Private Voice Instruction - Information and Registration

### **Purpose of Voice Lessons**

The SCHS private voice lesson program exists as a means for all students to better their musical skills by working with a trained vocal music teacher. The skills practiced in lessons allow for the student to excel as a musician in and out of their ensembles with the considerable work beyond the classroom that private lessons provide. In lessons students will:

- Learn exercises to use for daily vocal growth and improvement;
- Prepare repertoire (Solos, Audition Music, Ensemble Music, etc);
- Receive vocal coaching from their private instructor;
- Obtain a further grasp on musical concepts that can be readily applied in and out of the classroom;
- Practice sight reading strategies and learn new approaches and tips.

#### **Tuition**

41 minute lesson \$41 per lesson
20 minute lesson \$25 per lesson

- All payments will be given directly to teachers. They will tell you to whom to write checks or if/how credit card payments might be accepted.
- Students will not receive lessons that are not paid for; in other words, you must pay for your lesson before they show up. If a teacher is unable to make the lesson, that payment will be automatically applied to the next lesson (see below).

#### **Scheduling and Attendance Policies**

- Lessons are taught once a week during a student's choir period, theater period, lunch, ICU, or before/after school.
- **Students** must give notice of at least **24 hours in advance** if they are to miss a lesson. The teacher or choir director may make exceptions due to sudden illness or emergency. The student must communicate this to the teacher directly. If this is not able to be done, the student must then communicate with the choir directors.
  - Excused absences will be made up or credited. These consist of, but are not limited to, school sponsored trips, sickness (with proper notice), in-school testing, school change of schedule, or choir director's discretion.
  - Excused absences will only be granted for school-related absences (field trip, altered schedule), but the
    student is required to let their teacher know in advance of this absence so the teacher can move
    another student into their slot. Failure to let her know in advance of school-related absences will result
    in forfeiture of that lesson.
  - Unexcused absences will not be made up or credited. These consist of, but are not limited to, forgetting a lesson, un-notified absence(s), or choosing to do a different activity (such as in-school ball games, social activities, etc.). Choir director and voice teacher have the final say on what is unexcused. You still must pay for unexcused absences.
  - Tardiness by a student does not result in the voice teacher being obligated to extend any lesson beyond the scheduled ending time or reschedule lost time.
- **Teachers** will give notice of at least **24 hours in advance** of missing a lesson. Lessons missed by a teacher will be rescheduled or credited.

- Students may be dropped by a voice lesson teacher (with choir director approval) for excessive absences, non-payment, failure to make satisfactory progress, or unacceptable behavior.
- Enrollment in private voice lessons is a year-long commitment.

#### **Parent Responsibilities for Student Success**

- 1) Assist your child in having the necessary music and materials they need to have success in voice lessons.
- 2) **Identify** opportune practice times and **monitor** those practice times on a consistent basis (Recommended time for beginning students is 15-20 minutes a day). The outside-of-lesson practice makes the voice lesson an even more valuable and enjoyable experience for both student and teacher.
- 3) **Encourage** the following of a regular **practice schedule**.
- 4) **Observe** the practice of your student on occasion as an expression of interest and support.
- 5) Attend your student's performance opportunities.
- 6) Contact choir director and/or voice teacher if you have any questions concerning your student.

#### **Student Responsibilities for Student Success**

- 1) Practice and Prepare for each and every lesson thoroughly by using practice guidelines and provided materials.
- 2) **Follow** a regulated practice **routine** that includes physical and vocal warm ups and exercises, sight reading, solo material, audition material, and music for your ensemble(s).
- 3) Be on time.
- 4) **Notify** your teacher AT LEAST 24 hours in advance if you must be absent from a lesson.
- 5) Come **prepared** for all lessons with your folder, music, necessary lesson CDs, and other materials.
- 6) Understand what is acceptable for absences deemed "excused" and "unexcused" for lessons.
- 7) Participate in solo performance opportunities provided by your voice teacher and choir director(s).

#### To Register

- 1) Complete the Voice Lesson Registration Form at www.StewartsCreekChoirs.com by Friday, August 22.
- 2) Make sure you've complete the Student Information Form at www.StewartsCreekChoirs.com.
- 3) Lessons will begin 8/25/2025. We'll email the lesson schedule the weekend prior to this date.