

WESTVIEW CHOIR

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Vocal Ensemble (Bella Voce)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Classical Vocal Ensemble is a course for advanced choral musicians. Advanced choral and vocal techniques will be taught. A variety of classical, popular, cultural and musical theater repertoire will be studied and performed. Music theory and music vocabulary skills are further developed. This is an elite performance class and students are expected to participate in all choral activities. Outside time is required. Activities will include school and community performances. The Classical Vocal Ensemble will represent the school at District and state levels in adjudicated festivals.

This is a yearlong course. Students must audition in the spring term for the following year. Recommended classes include Beginning Choir and Concert Choir. This course meets the PUSD "Fine Arts" graduation requirement & UC/CSU "F" or "G" requirement.

PHOTO GALLERY

	
<p style="text-align: center;">Spring Concert 2014 <i>Peace, Love and Harmony</i></p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Choral Magic Competition 2014 1st Place Division – 1st Place Overall</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Bella Voce 2014-15</p>	

WESTVIEW CHOIR'S MISSION STATEMENT

The Westview Choral Department is devoted to honoring the pursuit of excellence in music education through:

- intensive daily attention on proper choral technique
- cultivating a true understanding of fundamental musicianship skills
- providing positive, varied and challenging musical experiences in class, on stage and during field trips

- the development of essential life skills like dedication, discipline, leadership, self-confidence, creativity and teamwork

WORKLOAD EXPECTATIONS

Active participation in class rehearsals is expected; this is where the majority of our learning occurs. Students are expected to practice their music daily as homework. Students might expect homework once a week (i.e. practice logs, lyric analysis, composer research, etc.). There are mandatory after school rehearsals prior to concerts. Performances, festivals and field trips may occur after school, weekends, and during school. Events are scheduled and published in advance. To view our current schedule, go to www.westviewchoir.com.

FAVORITE CHOIR HIGHLIGHTS:

- 2 Fall Cabaret Performances, 2 Winter Concerts, 1 Festival Concert, 2 Spring Pops Concerts at Westview
- An unforgettable trip to **New York** where we sang at the world famous **Carnegie Hall**. We also saw Cinderella on Broadway, visited the 9/11 Memorial, took a Water Taxi Tour to see Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty and the Brooklyn Bridge, met a Rockette, spent hours in rehearsal with Dr. Jefferson Johnson and we made memories we will never forget!
- Workshops and performances at Disneyland
- A **free** field trip to see the opera, *Pagliacci*, at the San Diego Opera
- Singing the National Anthem at PETCO Park before a Padres Game
- Hosting the annual SAN DIEGO WOMEN'S CHORAL FESTIVAL
- Honor choir experiences, solo and small ensemble opportunities and choral festivals
- A large variety of repertoire including spirituals, jazz, pop with choreography, musical theater, classical, and barbershop, a capella and more

IDEAL STUDENT BACKGROUND

Students in Classical Vocal Ensemble should love exploring music and performing a variety of . Students entering Classical Vocal Ensemble should already have a good understanding of the following: basic choral technique (good vocal tone quality and support) and intermediate musicianship skills (able to read music with simple rhythms and melodies).

- Recommended Courses include Beginning Choir and Concert Choir
- Pre-requisite: audition during the spring term

COURSE STATISTICS & DATA

Year	Quarter	Class Size	# of Students 80% or higher	# of Failing Students	Ave Grade % (Grade)	Ave. Grade % without Failing Students
2013-2014	1	38	89.5%	1	3.68	3.78
2013-2014	2	37	100%	0	3.95	3.95
2013-2014	3	35	100%	0	3.94	3.94
2013-2014	4	36	100%	0	3.97	3.97
2014-2015	1	36	100%	0	3.97	3.97
2014-2015	2	36	97.22%	0	3.89	3.89

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

Choir is great for people that love music and singing; it teaches you to take a very intimate part of yourself and blend it with people who are just as passionate. (*Diandra Almasco, Class of 2015*)

The workload is minimal and singing is an applicable social skill. (*Chris Phu, Class of 2015*)

The environment, repertoire, and musical experience alone makes this class everyone's favorite. (*Alex Zaheer, Class of 2015*)

I joined choir for a fun way to finish high school, but I got a lot more out of it. (*Christopher Frost, Class of 2015*)

Choir has taught me so much more than just how to sing. Choir has taught me how to be confident in myself and to stand up for what I believe in. (*Allyson Croteau-Worley Class of 2014*)