

Jaguar

a cappella

AUDITION PACKET

Spring 2023

THE GROUPS

Shades of Blue (Varsity)

Shades of Blue is the premier contemporary a cappella group at Bradley High School. This group is open to students of all grades from any Bradley choir. **Shades of Blue is a co-curricular group.** This group meets daily 8th period Monday - Friday and will also have one or more after school rehearsal per week. Students must have a period free in their schedule. If accepted, students will be added to **Chamber Ensemble**. (It is a requirement that students are also in a curricular choir). Students accepted will also be expected to attend Jaguar A Cappella Camp in July. Performances will be varied throughout the school year including major performances at Hilliard Idol and Jaguar A Cappella concerts. Shades of Blue also competes each year in the International Championship of High School A Cappella which runs from January through April and records their own music. **Next year Shades of Blue will be traveling to Orlando, Florida to perform at the National A Cappella Convention over spring break.** Shades of Blue is directed by Mr. Witt, Ms. Burkett, and Ms. Schott



Questions? Email: Jeremy_Witt@hboe.org

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THE GROUPS

ECHO (JV A)

ECHO is a mixed a cappella group and is open to students of all grades enrolled in any Bradley Choir. Students who attend Tolles may also audition even if they cannot be in a curricular choir. All rehearsals will be after school. Students accepted will also be expected to attend Jaguar A Cappella Camp in July. Performances will be varied throughout the school year including major performances at Hilliard Idol and Jaguar A Cappella Concerts. Students in ECHO are expected to work on music outside of rehearsals and come to rehearsals well prepared. ECHO may compete in the International Championship of High School A Cappella which runs from January through April. **Next year ECHO will be traveling to Orlando, Florida to perform at the National A Cappella Convention over spring break.** ECHO is directed by Mr. Witt.



WAVE (JV B)

WAVE is an a cappella group open to students of all grades enrolled in any Bradley Choir. Students who attend Tolles may also audition even if they cannot be in a curricular choir. All rehearsals will be after school. Students accepted will also be expected to attend Jaguar A Cappella Camp in July. Performances will be varied throughout the school year including major performances at Hilliard Idol and Jaguar A Cappella Concerts. Students in WAVE are expected to work on music outside of rehearsals and come to rehearsals well prepared. WAVE may compete in the International Championship of High School A Cappella which runs from January through April. **Next year WAVE will be traveling to Orlando, Florida to perform at the National A Cappella Convention over spring break.** WAVE is directed by Ms. Schott.



A U D I T I O N P R O C E S S

Solo Audition

Solo auditions will occur the first two scheduled audition days (**March 21st + 22nd 2023**). March 21st will be at Memorial for current 8th graders. March 22nd will be at Bradley for current high school students. You will have a scheduled 3 minute audition slot where you will sing a pop song **a cappella**. Audition sign ups will be available on sign up genius. Students will be asked to sing one verse and one chorus of their song (approx. 1 minute) however, you may be asked to sing more of the song (a 'pop song' includes almost every style of music excluding classical and musical theater). Auditionees are encouraged to pick music they listen to in their free time and a song that best showcases their voice. Students will receive an email notifying them if they are receiving a callback audition.

**Middle School Solo Auditions will be Tuesday March 21st from 3pm-4:30pm
Memorial Middle School Choir Room**

**High School Solo Auditions will be Wednesday March 22nd from 3pm-4:30pm
Bradley High School Choir Room**

Callback Audition

Callbacks will occur after the solo auditions (**Friday March 24th, 2023**). Students will be notified by email about callbacks. Due to the nature of putting together three groups of voices, it is a requirement to attend callbacks for the full duration to be placed in a group. Those who have received a callback will have one full day to prepare a song provided by the directors. **Students should learn the part specified by the directors in the callback email** (Some students may be asked to learn multiple parts). Sheet music as well as learning tracks will be provided and students are encouraged to work together to prepare. It is an expectation that you come to callbacks knowing your part extremely well. You are not required to have the song memorized, but you should know it well enough that you only need to glance at the music. Following the callbacks, the directors will announce a list of those students who have made each group.

PLEASE READ: What we are looking for in your audition: Strength of voice, tone quality, pitch, dynamics, range, confidence, emotion, and "stage presence". We are also looking to put together groups with a good **balance** of voices that will **blend** together. Please understand that if you do not make it, there are many factors that go into choosing people for an a cappella group.

**Callback Auditions will be Friday March 24th from 3pm-5pm
Bradley High School Choir Room**

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COMMITMENT

Rehearsal Commitment

Shades of Blue - Rehearsals are every Monday - Friday 8th period and Monday's 7-9pm

ECHO + WAVE - Rehearsals are Monday's 5:30pm - 7:00pm

As a member of a Jaguar A Cappella group there are attendance requirements. You will **not** be allowed to miss more than **one** unexcused rehearsals per semester. School sports, activities, and performances are excused absences, as described in the school handbook. Exceeding one unexcused absence during a school year will affect your eligibility for membership in a group. Please email the director 24 hours or more before the rehearsal as to your absence, and the reason for your absence. If you are sick, please notify the director even if you missed school. It is your responsibility to find out from someone in your section what you missed and get any rehearsal notes and information.

Financial Commitment

Fees: Participation in Jaguar A Cappella runs throughout the school year and is much like a three season sport. Due to this, we have fees to cover the cost of what we do throughout the year. The fees for participation in Shades of Blue are **\$250** and ECHO/WAVE are **\$175**. This fee covers the cost of purchasing arrangements for the group, t - shirts, food, performance equipment rentals, supplemental staffing, and clinicians. For example, each arrangement costs between \$400-\$800 dollars. **Fees are due at the INFO Meeting for students on May 22nd 2023** (Please make checks payable to Hilliard Music Boosters).

INFO Meetings 2023

If accepted into a group, we will hold informational meetings for students on **May 22nd, 2023**. Fees are due for all members at this meeting. Cash or checks (made payable to Hilliard Music Boosters). The fees for participation in Shades of Blue are **\$250** and ECHO/WAVE are **\$175**. The camp fee (\$75) can be paid at this meeting or on the first day of camp in July.

Meeting times -

ECHO + WAVE 2:45pm-3:45pm

Shades - 4:00pm-5:00pm

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JAGUAR A CAPPELLA CAMP

We are very excited for Jaguar A Cappella Camp 2023! This year we are again devoting an entire week to kick off the year for all four Jaguar a cappella groups. This week will run Monday through Friday during the day. We will learn music, play games, have group bonding, learn from clinicians, and end the week with a mini-concert for family and friends!

Who: All FOUR Jaguar A Cappella groups. Shades of Blue, ECHO, WAVE, and Blue Notes!

What: An amazing week of bonding, singing, learning, and having fun!

When: July 10th - 14th (9am - 4pm) including a concert on Friday afternoon!

Where: Bradley High School

Food: Students should pack their own lunch Monday - Thursday. Friday's lunch will be provided as well as snacks and water throughout the week!

Cost: The cost for camp is **\$75**. Checks can be made payable to Hilliard Music Boosters. This cost covers snacks, water, lunch for Friday, clinicians during the week, equipment costs, and activities.

You do not want to miss this week!

July 10th - 14th

SOLO AUDITION

SIGN UP GENIUS

Current 8th Graders - Tuesday March 21st
Current 9th-11th Graders - Wednesday March 22nd



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I, _____ commit to be at every rehearsal **on time** during
(print your name)
the 2023 - 2024 school year. I commit to work hard at every rehearsal and practice, learn, and
memorize music outside of rehearsal. I also understand the **financial responsibilities** of fees
and performance outfits for being in a Jaguar A Cappella group.

(sign your name)

(Parental or guardian signature)

A U D I T I O N E E I N F O R M A T I O N

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email (school emails only): _____ Grade: _____

Student ID # _____ Voice Part: _____ T - Shirt Size: _____

I am auditioning for (circle one or both) **Singing** and/or **Vocal Percussion**

I am willing to accept a spot in ANY group (circle one) **YES** or **NO**

If accepted to Shades of Blue, do you have 8th period free? **YES** or **NO**

Students accepted into Shades of Blue must have a period free in their schedule

Explain why you would like to be a part of Jaguar A Cappella: _____

Please list any extra curricular activities you are involved with or plan to join in the coming school year (please include practice/meeting times) : _____

Any other information about you that is relevant to your audition?

(For Director use only - This is how you will be evaluated)

AUDITION EVALUATION FORM

Name: _____

Voice Classification: S1 S2 A1 A2 T B1 B2 VP (beatbox)

Song Title: _____

Vocal Performance:

Strength of Voice: 1 2 3 4 5

Tone Quality: 1 2 3 4 5

Intonation: 1 2 3 4 5

Dynamics: 1 2 3 4 5

Range: 1 2 3 4 5

Visual Performance:

Confidence: 1 2 3 4 5

Interpretation: 1 2 3 4 5

Emotion: 1 2 3 4 5

Stage Presence: 1 2 3 4 5

General Feedback & Comments:

Callback: Yes or No