



LAGUARDIA ARTS

FIORELLO H. LAGUARDIA HIGH SCHOOL OF MUSIC & ART AND PERFORMING ARTS

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Dear Vocal Music Juniors and Seniors:

Who: Juries are **required** of all Vocal Music Majors in their Junior and Senior years.

In-person jury exams will be held on January 23, 24, 25, and 26.

Juries will only be offered in person.

What: Each student is required to perform two selections. One piece is to be sung in the Italian language, and the second piece must be in a different language of the student's choice. Musical Theater selections are acceptable if they are in the NYSSMA catalog (Level V or VI).

One of the pieces chosen must be from the NYSSMA catalog (Level V or VI); the [NYSSMA Manual can be found here](#). Music must be MEMORIZED. PDFs of both of your pieces will be uploaded to the Google Classroom Jury Submission Assignment Post; the PDFs of your sheet music **MUST** be in the correct keys.

Seniors may NOT perform the same pieces they sang for their junior year jury. Seniors who completed a jury during their junior year are not required to perform a NYSSMA Level V/VI piece.

The Google Classroom Codes are as follows:

Junior Vocal Juries 2023-2024: 5jqev27

Senior Vocal Juries 2023-2024: gwckmtv

All selections must be approved by the following teachers:

Juniors: Selections will be approved by your Voice 5 teacher.

Seniors: Selections will be approved by Ms. Ballard, Ms. Swerdfeger, Ms. Cascio, and Ms. Kirou.

When: Juries will be scheduled on four days during the Regents week on January 23, 24, 25, and 26.

The deadline for submitting the Jury Form is December 8th. On the form, you must indicate which Regents Exams you are taking in January so that your jury can be scheduled without a conflict. Please indicate on the form any potential conflicts you might have, such as surgery or college auditions. You **MUST** inform Ms. Ballard ASAP via email (JBallard@schools.nyc.gov) if any additional conflicts arise after you have submitted your form.

Where: 4th floor Vocal Rooms. There will be two adjudicators present at each jury. Students must arrive a minimum of one half-hour before their scheduled jury time. A warm-up space will be provided. Appropriate dress is required for the juries. Jeans, sneakers, and athletic wear are not permitted. **Dress professionally, as if you are going to an audition, job interview or a religious service.**

The jury schedule will be posted on the Google Classroom in early January. It is the student's responsibility to check their appointment and resolve any scheduling problems with Ms. Ballard before the jury date. Jury grades will be posted in a similar manner after all juries have been completed.

If you become ill or have another LEGITIMATE EMERGENCY excuse for POSTPONING your jury exam on the day it is scheduled, call 212-496-0700, ext. 2401, to leave a message for the jury coordinators.

Why: The experience of preparing and presenting a jury is a culminating LaGuardia experience that will prepare you for college and professional auditions and job interviews. It is an opportunity to get feedback from the faculty on your technical skills and musicality. **A passing jury is required to receive the music endorsement on your diploma and to be eligible for a graduation award.**

Sincerely,

The MUSIC DEPARTMENT



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