

ELITE

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March 29th, 2025



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2025

Welcome to Brandon Show Choir ELITE

2023 Judges:

Zack Bjornsen
Anne Chapman
Scott Thorne

Awards:

*In lieu of participation awards, each school will receive an outstanding performer award.

*There will be an award ceremony during lunch for Middle School/Jr. High groups.

*A final award ceremony will be held at the end of the day to recognize all high school groups and categories.

*[Click Here](#) to view the rubric used for this contest.

***Scoring method:** [Condorcet Method](#) is used for all award categories.

*We are not offering solo competition for 2025. (We plan to do that in the future.)

Middle School/Junior High: Unless specifically requested by the directors, Middle Schools and Junior High schools will compete in the same categories. This means that Middle School/Junior High can include grades 6-9 depending on how the school is divided.

Timing-By this time in the season, we feel confident that your load in/load out procedures are well rehearsed. In addition, the Brandon Amphitheater will most likely be your easiest load in/load out experience with ample space to do whatever is needed. Therefore, we do not intend to time and only ask that you be respectful and responsible with the time given. If you foresee any reasons that your performance with load in/load out would exceed 30 minutes please let us know so that we can plan to help you in any way possible.

Awards Presented

Middle School/Junior High (6-9)

Division Awards-Condorcet

OVERALL:

Captions (Overall)-Condorcet

Best Vocals
Best Visuals
Best Overall Production

Overall-Condorcet

4th Runner-Up
3rd Runner-Up
2nd Runner-Up
1st Runner-Up
Grand Champion

High School (9-12)

Division Awards-Condorcet

OVERALL:

Captions (Overall)-Condorcet

Best Vocals
Best Visuals
Best Production

Overall-Condorcet

4th Runner-Up
3rd Runner-Up
2nd Runner-Up
1st Runner-Up
Grand Champion

Tickets

[CLICK HERE](#) or send this link to parents to purchase tickets online.

\$25

Options for purchase include:

- Online Presale
- At the gate cash or credit card

Current Live Schedule:

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the most up-to-date current live schedule.

(This is a live document and if the schedule changes you can refer back to here for an update).

Logistics

Tour the Facility:

[CLICK HERE](#) to take a tour of the **Brandon Amphitheater**.

*There will be 400 seats in the area right in front of the stage.

A section will be reserved for patrons of the currently performing group.

[CLICK HERE](#) To view a tour of the **Warm-Up Room** and the walk through the **HALL of FAME to the STAGE!**

Weather:

We are praying for great weather and the vital areas of the event are completely covered and protected from rain including the performance area, equipment loading dock, warm-up room, directors lounge, judges area, and sound booth. Our intentions are to proceed forward with this competition as long as it is safe even if there is some rain just like any other professional event.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view what the loading dock and performance area would look like if there were to be any rain.

Equipment Trucks Loading & Unloading:

If you have a lot of equipment then we would prefer that you come Friday night before the event begins to unload.

The loading dock is connected to the stage. Therefore, we must keep the loading dock quiet during performances. We have an incredible group of parents and students that will help you as needed but we must make sure that loading and unloading do not cause any disruptions or noise for the currently performing group.

We are not saying that it is impossible to load/unload during the event, but we are saying that if your load/unload process is deemed to be too noisy then you will be asked to pause until the currently performing group's performance is complete. There is ample parking space further away from the stage area for assembly, but we must keep the actual loading dock quiet during performances.

Homerooms

We are excited to welcome you to our upcoming show choir competition! While we are unable to provide dedicated homerooms, we are committed to ensuring you have the amenities you need for a smooth and enjoyable experience at the Brandon Amphitheater.

Changing Areas and Facilities:

We have designated two spacious restrooms exclusively for performers to use throughout the day for changing and other needs.

In addition, we are providing two 20x20 tents to serve as supplemental changing areas for your opening outfit preparations. One tent will be designated for male performers and one for female performers.

These tents will be available to your group 30 minutes prior to your scheduled warm-up time to facilitate outfit changes. Please plan accordingly.

Storage Tents:

We will also provide multiple parent-donated tents where you may store personal items throughout the day. While these tents will offer convenience, you will be responsible for keeping track of your belongings.

Please note that Rankin County School District, Brandon High School, Brandon Show Choir, The City of Brandon, and any associated staff, faculty, parents, students, or volunteers are NOT responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items. We encourage you to take appropriate precautions to secure your valuables.

Our goal is to create a welcoming and memorable experience for all participants. We look forward to hosting you at the Brandon Amphitheater and can't wait to see your performances light up the stage!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Sound & Lighting

We are pleased to be using Big Noise Productions for this event. We will have 5 solo mics on mic stands across the front that may be moved as needed.

If you plan to bring a PA for your band please be prepared to provide a line out so that we can boost your band in the house PA if needed. The use of plugging your band in the house is up to you. You may have someone at the house mixing console helping us make that decision together so that your group(s) sounds their best.

FORMS THAT NEED TO BE FILLED OUT

Please fill out each of the following forms ASAP. The sooner you send them in, the sooner we can be better prepared for you. **Please have them completed no later than Wednesday, March 19th 2025.**

1. Damage Waiver

You will sign this in person upon arrival.

2. Copyright Waiver

You will sign this in person upon arrival.

These two forms are the same ones on the website that I emailed you. There is no need to fill them out twice:

3. [Director School Form](#)

4. [Group Form](#)

When you first arrive:

Upon arrival, please proceed directly to the Amphitheater to check in at the registration desk. Your students should remain on the bus while you check in at the clearly marked registration desk at the main gate of the Amphitheater. After signing the two waivers and completing the welcome and registration process, students will be directed to unload the bus and enter the Amphitheater. 'Fans' will be available to assist you and your students as you unload.

Food:

There will be a concessions area with food for sale including some of the following options:

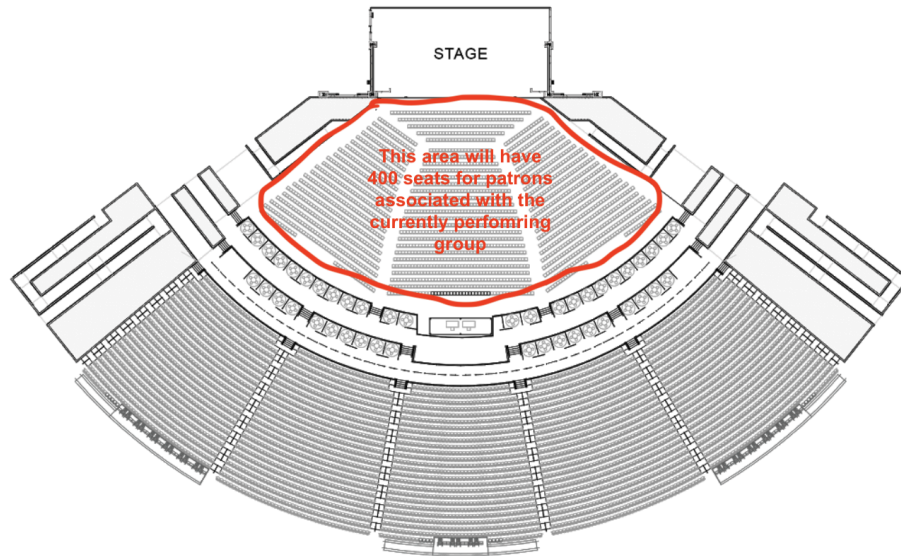
- Pizza
- Chicken Tenders
- French Fries
- Burgers
- Hot Dogs
- Sausage Dogs
- Pop Corn
- Assortment of Candy
- Soft Drinks
- Water

MAPS

[Click Here](#) for directions to the **Brandon Amphitheater**



CAPACITIES



Contact info

Brandon Show Choir Executive Directors:

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Crew Director:

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ELITE Parent Coordinator

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For general competition questions

ELITE Treasurer

Stacey Carter (elitetrez@gmail.com)

For questions regarding invoices and other expenses

Loading Dock Manager

John Fain (601)-813-2500 text preferred.

For questions related to loading and unloading equipment