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# Jazz Choir (Estetica) and Jazz Singers (VocalEase)

## PERMISSION FORM & STUDENT CONTRACT

Estetica and VocalEase are advanced, select ensembles that require dedication from every individual. In order to protect the best interest of all students and parents, please read and sign this document, and bring the signed section in by Friday, August 26.

### General

- VocalEase or Estetica are year-long commitments; all students are expected to stay in the course for the full year.
- All vocal jazz students will sing as part of Men's Choir, Women's Choir or Chamber Chorale, with one mandatory extra 4-hour rehearsal per month dedicated exclusively to classical literature/study.
- All singers are expected to study ensemble music on their own time, and come prepared to each rehearsal. During rehearsal, students are expected to maintain the highest level of concentration and focus, with superior music-making and dedication to individual as well as ensemble quality being the top priorities.

### Attendance & Calendar

- The vocal jazz groups are gravely impaired if any singer is not present because of the limited number of singers in each ensemble. Therefore, repeated unexcused tardies and/or absences at dress rehearsals and performances will not be tolerated and may result in that individual being dropped from the group.
- Students must attend four consecutive periods on the day of a performance. This does not include 8th period.
- A Performing Arts Calendar is available online at [www.lincolnperformingarts.com](http://www.lincolnperformingarts.com). All students considering participation in non-Lincoln activities need to double-check with Miss Katemopoulos PRIOR to signing up for the activity. This is simply to ensure that there will be no rehearsal/performance conflicts that are accidentally overlooked by the student, and protects the interests of all involved.

### Grades

- All singers are expected to adhere to the school GPA requirement of 2.0 and no more than 2 F's. ANY singer who does not maintain this GPA for two consecutive grading periods may be dropped from the group.
- If a student misses a rehearsal because of an AIM commitment, they may be taken out of a performance or tour, at the discretion of the director.

### Financial Commitment & Travel

- All singers are expected to purchase their own performance outfits. Students will be required to also purchase/rent performance outfits for the classical choirs.
- Tours are not mandatory. The vocal jazz groups may also travel to participate in vocal jazz festivals. All singers will be given fundraising opportunities to help subsidize travel costs.
- Students will be transported to performances either on foot or via private vehicle, school bus or public transportation, depending on the performance venue; this contract also serves as the permission form for transportation. If parents are not available to drive for local performances, licensed students with parental permission and completed district paperwork may be called upon to drive themselves (but will not be permitted to drive other students). For all performances outside the immediate Lincoln area, parent drivers or busing/public transportation will be used. This contract will serve as the year-long parental permission slip for all local performance field trips (notification of performance specifics will be given on a case-by-case basis online at [www.amkmusic.com](http://www.amkmusic.com)).
- All deficiencies must be cleared in order to perform or travel.

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DETACH HERE AND RETURN BY 8/26/11

### VOCAL JAZZ PERMISSION FORM & STUDENT CONTRACT 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

I have read, am in accordance with and will abide by the above paragraphs.

VocalEase / Estetica (circle one)

Student LAST Name

FIRST Name

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date