



Music Direction Apprentice

The Music Direction Apprentice will explore how music supports storytelling, character, and emotion in theatrical performance. Under the mentorship of a qualified music director, staff member, or experienced alum, this apprentice will gain hands-on experience in musical preparation, rehearsal support, and vocal leadership for school productions.

Throughout the program, the apprentice will:

- Learn the fundamentals of music direction, including score study, conducting basics, and rehearsal organization.
- Assist in teaching vocal parts and harmonies to the cast during rehearsals.
- Help with music preparation, such as organizing scores, marking cuts, and preparing practice tracks or reference recordings.
- Collaborate with the director, choreographer, and sound team to ensure musical elements align with staging and storytelling.
- Organize and participate in vocal warm-ups, ensemble rehearsals, and performance preparation under mentor supervision.
- Gain an understanding of how musical choices enhance emotion, pacing, and character relationships within a production.

This apprenticeship emphasizes musicianship, professionalism, and teamwork. Apprentices must be able to follow direction carefully, manage rehearsal responsibilities, and dedicate time outside of school and rehearsal hours for music preparation and performance support. A spirit of humility, patience, and curiosity is essential — effective music direction comes from listening, collaboration, and care for the ensemble.

This is not a leadership position, but a learning opportunity for students eager to deepen their understanding of musical theatre, develop rehearsal and teaching skills, and support the creative process through music.