



## Central Wisconsin Jerry Ensemble Auditions

Video Auditions Due Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020

The Central Wisconsin Jerry Ensemble is the premier performance group representing Overture Center's Jerry Awards in the North Central region of the state, featuring students from participating schools and theater organizations. Selected students will build their technical performance skills through regular rehearsals and unique performance opportunities. Students will greatly build their musical theatre repertoire, gain performance experience, and form bonds with student performers from across the region. All students entering grades 9-12 at Central Wisconsin schools and organizations that participate in the Jerry Awards are eligible to audition!

### Performances:

The Central Wisconsin Jerry Ensemble puts on numerous performances at The Grand, across Wausau, and beyond, including: pre-show performances at The Grand Theater for touring Broadway shows like *RENT* and *Jersey Boys*, season preview and kickoff events at The Grand, The Wausau Conservatory of Music's Christmas Cabaret, community events like Marketplace Thursdays and Woodchucks games, the annual Jerry Ensemble Cabaret on the stage of the historic Grand Theater, the Jerry Awards Nominees Celebration at The Grand, and the annual Jerry Awards Show in Madison.

### Rehearsal/Performance Expectations

Members of the Central Wisconsin Jerry Ensemble are expected to attend all rehearsals and scheduled performances, with minimal excused absences. Rehearsals are held two to four times a month from 2:00-4:00 PM on Sunday afternoons in Wausau. In-person rehearsals are expected to begin in fall of 2020; ensemble members will be given a start date once we have determined it is safe to hold rehearsals. Zoom or socially-distanced outdoor rehearsals may be held prior to in-person rehearsals. A detailed schedule will be distributed at the first rehearsal.

### Audition Information

\*To ensure the health and safety of both students and staff, all auditions for the Central Wisconsin Jerry Ensemble will now be virtual. Students will submit videos of each portion of their audition: their prepared piece, the piece provided by the directors, and their dance audition. Students will be contacted by Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> with audition materials and upload instructions.

1. **Prepared Piece:** Students should prepare one full song in the style of musical theatre to perform as part of their audition. This can be recorded either with a backing track or a cappella.
2. **Assigned Piece:** Students will receive an additional musical selection from Katy Lang via email by Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. They should prepare, record, and submit this selection as part of their audition.
3. **Dance Audition:** Along with their assigned piece, students will receive a video of a short dance combination. They should record and submit a video of themselves doing the combination as well.

**All three videos MUST be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>** in order to be considered.

Sign up using this [form](#) (also found on The Grand's website) by **Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**. To learn more about the Central Wisconsin Jerry Ensemble, visit The Grand's [website](#). Email Katy Lang at [klang@grandtheater.org](mailto:klang@grandtheater.org) or Marshall DeLonay at [dancintildawn721@gmail.com](mailto:dancintildawn721@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns.