



2025-26 Central Wisconsin Jerry Ensemble Auditions

Sunday, August 17th (2-5PM) & Monday, August 18th (4-7PM), 2025 | The Grand Theater, Wausau

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 *Chicago*, season preview and events at The Grand, special events at the Wausau Conservatory of Music, community events, the annual Jerry Ensemble Cabaret on the stage of the historic Grand Theater, the annual Jerry Awards Show in Madison, and more.

Rehearsal/Performance Expectations

Rehearsals are held two to four times a month from 1-4PM on Sunday afternoons at the Wausau Conservatory of Music. Members of the Central Wisconsin Jerry Ensemble are expected to attend all rehearsals and scheduled performances, with minimal excused absences. A full schedule of rehearsals and performances will be distributed at the first rehearsal in the fall.

Audition Information

Auditions will be held on Sunday, August 17th from 2-5PM and Monday, August 18th from 4-7PM at The Grand Theater in Wausau. Students should plan to attend either on Sunday OR Monday, and sign up for **one (1)** hour-long time slot. Students may also submit audition videos virtually if they are unable to audition in-person.**

1. **Prepared Piece:** Students should prepare one full song in the style of musical theatre that fits and showcases their voice to perform as part of their audition. Students must audition with an instrumental backing track, which they should provide in advance either as an mp3 or a YouTube link.
2. **Assigned Piece:** Students will receive an additional musical selection via email the week prior to auditions. They should learn this selection and prepare to perform it as a part of their audition.
3. **Dance Audition:** Students will also be taught a short dance combination that will be performed in a small group during each audition time slot.

** = All three parts of virtual auditions (prepared piece, assigned piece, and dance audition) must be received by 7PM on Monday, August 18th in order to be considered.

Sign up using this [form](#) (also found on The Grand's website) by **Wednesday, August 13th**. To learn more about the Central Wisconsin Jerry Ensemble, visit The Grand's [website](#). Please email Katy Lang at katelang2013@gmail.com or Marshall DeLonay at Dancintildawn721@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.