



2026-27 Central Wisconsin Jerry Ensemble Auditions

Sunday, August 30th (1-5PM) & Sunday, September 13th (1-5PM), 2026 | Wausau Conservatory of Music, 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 *Beetlejuice*, 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 approximately two times a month between 1-4 PM 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 30th from 1-5PM and Sunday, September 13th from 1-5PM at the Wausau Conservatory of Music in Wausau. Students should plan to attend either on August 30th or September 13th, and sign up for **one (1)** hour-long time slot. ***If students are not available for either date and timeframe, please contact Lyssa Edwards at ledwards@grandtheater.org.***

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. **Students must email their backing track to Lyssa Edwards at ledwards@grandtheater.org by no later than Wednesday, August 26th.**
2. **Assigned Piece:** Students will receive an additional musical selection from Lyssa Edwards 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.

Sign up using this [form](#) by **Wednesday, August 26th**. To learn more about the Central Wisconsin Jerry Ensemble, visit The Grand's [website](#). Please email Lyssa Edwards at ledwards@grandtheater.org with any questions or concerns.