



Rose Valley Chorus & Orchestra
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State Fair

Audition Announcement

Music by Richard Rodger • Lyrics Oscar Hammerstein II
Book by Thomas Briggs & Louis Mattioli
Stage Directors: Robert Moore and Julie Zaffarano
Music Director: Michael Stadnicki • Choreographer: Janice Streicher
Spring 2020

Audition Info

When: Sunday Oct 20, 2-4 PM Tuesday October 22, 7:30-9:30 PM
Call backs: Sunday evening Oct 27

Where: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 927 S. Providence Road, Wallingford.
Contact: Create your audition appointment on our website www.rvco.org
Questions may be sent to auditions@rvco.org

Performance Info

When: April 10, 15, 17, 18, at 8:00 PM
April 11, 18, 19 at 2:00 PM
Where: Strath Haven Middle School, 200 South Providence Road,
Wallingford, PA 19086-6334

Rehearsal Info

When: Sundays 7:00-9:30, Mondays 7:30-10:00, Wednesdays, 7:30-10:00
Beginning: Sunday, January 12, 2020

Where: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 927 S. Providence Road, Wallingford
Tech Week Dates: April 4-8 2020

State Fair Synopsis

In the Summer of 1946, the Frake family excitedly anticipates that Iowa State Fair. Melissa and Abel have “blue ribbon” hopes and their children, Margy and Wayne, are attending as young adults, bringing their dreams and cares in tow. Meeting newspaper reporter Pat and band singer Emily, they realize that life is more than the farm at home and the trip to the fair is more than a simple journey across the state. Entwined in this beautiful love story, *State Fair* reminds us how our lives can be changed by a rash decision, a chance meeting, or the unexpected.

State Fair features an Academy Award-winning score by Rodgers and Hammerstein, including “It Might as Well Be Spring”, “A Grand Night For Singing” and “Our State Fair”.

A little More Info....

Please see our website for complete audition information (www.rvco.org). Go to the website, auditions, and select the character. The audition reading materials are in PDF form and will be available for you to download. If time allows, you may audition for up to two roles.

For vocals prepare or a short (16 bar) section of a song a style similar to the show (bring copy for accompanist). You may use “It’s a Grand Night for Singing” available in both G and E flat on our website, in which case you do not need to bring a copy for accompanist. If you are auditioning for Emily, Margie, Wayne, or Pat, please prepare 16 bars of two contrasting selections that demonstrate your range and the style of the show.

You will also be asked to perform a short dance routine that will be available for preview through our website.

Download the audition form from our website, complete it, and bring it with you to your audition.

If you are cast in a minor role, you will also be part of the ensemble and perform in ensemble numbers wherever possible.

A chorus call will be sent at a later date for those who wish to join the ensemble.

State Fair Audition Selections

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Character	Description	Voice Part
Women’s Roles		
Emily Arden (25-35)	Sophisticated band singer	Mezzo-Soprano
Margy Frake (18-25)	Idealistic daughter of Melissa and Abel	Mezzo-Soprano
Melissa Frake (40-60)	Matriarch, wife, mom. Married to Abel. Has not forgotten what it’s like to be young	Alto
Eleanor (18-25)	Hometown girl with college on her mind. Dating Wayne.	Any
Vivian (18-25)	Dancer	Mezzo-Soprano
Jeanne (18-30)	Dancer	Mezzo-Soprano
Violet (8-12)	Daughter of Chief of Police (jitterbug)	Any
Mrs. Edwin Metcalf (40+)	Haughty Townswoman	Any
Men’s Roles		
Wayne Frake (18-25)	Son of Melissa and Abel.	Baritone
Pat Gilbert (20s-45)	Newspaper Reporter.	Tenor
Abel Frake (40s-60s)	Patriarch, husband, father, farmer	Bass
Gus (Any adult age)	Frake’s hired man	Any
Lem (any adult age)	Farmer/Quartet Singer	Tenor
Clay	Farmer/Quartet Singer	Bass
Hank	Farmer/Quartet Singer	Tenor
The Astounding Stralenko (any adult age)		Any
Charlie (any adult age)	Newspaper photographer	Any
Chief of Police (30s-60s)		Any

Any Gender		
Dave Miller (Any adult age)	Store Keeper	Any
Judges (any adult age)		Any
The Fairtones (any adult age)	Emily's backup singers	Varied
Featured Dancers		Any
Announcers and Barkers (any adult age)		Any

Any roles open after auditions will be assigned when rehearsals begin.

Vocal Ranges

