

#### Get ready, SIJ—your spotlight awaits!

This school year, we are bringing a full season of music, movement, and magic to St. Isaac Jogues! SIJ SINGS offers both after-school extracurricular choir programs and a competitive show choir/musical theatre team, SIJ Showstoppers. This year, the Showstoppers will take their talents to Universal Studios to compete in the National Performing Arts Festival (NPAF)! Read on to learn more!







# **What's Happening This Year?!**

SIJ SINGS will offer two full terms of programming with three afterschool choir divisions, as well as one audition based competition ensemble:

SIJ SINGS - Girls K - 3

Meets Tuesdays from 3:15 - 4:15 pm

SIJ SINGS - Girls 4 - 8

Meets Tuesdays from 3:15 - 4:15 pm

SIJ SINGS - Boys K - 8

Meets Wednesdays from 3:15 - 4:15 pm

In our after-school choirs, the fall term kicks off with a joyful unit of Praise & Worship music —perfect for our performance at the Feastival! Then, we'll dive into a festive Christmasthemed musical, showcased at our holiday concert in December. In the spring, get ready for a high-energy concert featuring a mix of popular songs, all tied together by a fun theme or genre (to be announced soon!).

#### **SHOWSTOPPERS**

(Audition-Based: All Grades: Open to SIJ Students & Community)

Meets Tuesdays from 4:30 - 6:00 pm Select Sundays from 5 - 7pm

For students looking for a next-level performance experience, Showstoppers combines musical theatre and show choir in one powerhouse group! Rehearsals build toward an exciting travel opportunity to the National Performing Arts Festival in Orlando, FL in February 2026. The group will preview a sneak peek of their set at the December concert, and perform the full competition show in spring. Consistent attendance all year is a must. Showstoppers are highly encouraged to also participate in After-School Choir to keep those skills sharp!

## FALL 2025 AT A GLANCE:

#### **KEY DATES:**

Friday, September 12 - Welcome Party & Orientation (Parents Attend)
Tuesday, September 16 - Auditions for SHOWSTOPPERS (<u>Sign up to audition here</u>)

Girls K - 3: 3:15 - 4:15 pm

Tuesday, September 16
Tuesday, September 23
Tuesday, September 30
Tuesday, October 7
Tuesday, October 14
Sat, Oct 18 - Feastival
Tuesday, October 21
Tuesday, October 28
Tuesday, November 4
Tuesday, November 11
Tuesday, November 11
Tuesday, November 18
(No Rehearsal 11/25)
Tuesday, December 2
Tues, December 9

Girls 4 - 8: 3:15 - 4:15 pm

Tuesday, September 16
Tuesday, September 23
Tuesday, September 30
Tuesday, October 7
Tuesday, October 14
Sat, Oct 18 - Feastival
Tuesday, October 21
Tuesday, October 28
Tuesday, November 4
Tuesday, November 11
Tuesday, November 11
Tuesday, November 18
(No Rehearsal 11/25)
Tuesday, December 2
Tues. December 9

Boys K - 8: 3:15 - 4:15 pm

Wednesday, September 17
Wednesday, September 24
Wednesday, October 1
Wednesday, October 8
Wednesday, October 15
Sat, Oct 18 - Feastival
Wednesday, October 22
Wednesday, October 29
Wednesday, November 5
Wednesday, November 12
Wednesday, November 19
(No Rehearsal 11/26)
Wednesday, December 3
Wed, December 10

SHOWSTOPPERS 4:30 - 6pm

Tuesday, September 23
Tuesday, September 30
Tuesday, October 7
Tuesday, October 14
Sat, Oct 18 - Feastival
Tuesday, October 21
Sunday, October 26, 5-7pm\*
Tuesday, October 28
Tuesday, November 4
Sunday, November 9, 5-7pm\*
Tuesday, November 11
Tuesday, November 11
Tuesday, November 18
(No Rehearsal 11/25)
Tuesday, December 2
Tuesday, December 9

#### **Christmas Concert:**

Friday, December 12, 3:15 - 5:30pm (Final Rehearsal @ SIJ)
Sunday, December 14, Concert Day (10:00am - 1pm Rehearsal;
3:30pm & 5pm Performances @ BAM)

BAM reserves the right to alter the schedule as deemed necessary. For concert and other performance days, students should reserve the whole day in case of schedule changes.



# **Spring 2026 AT A GLANCE:**

Girls K - 3: 3:15 - 4:15 pm

Tuesday, January 6
Tuesday, January 13
Tuesday, January 20
Tuesday, January 27
Tuesday, February 3
Tuesday, February 10
Tuesday, February 17
(No Rehearsal 2/24)
Tuesday, March 3
Tuesday, March 10
Tuesday, March 10
Tuesday, March 17

Girls 4 - 8: 3:15 - 4:15 pm

Tuesday, January 6
Tuesday, January 13
Tuesday, January 20
Tuesday, January 27
Tuesday, February 3
Tuesday, February 10
Tuesday, February 17
(No Rehearsal 2/24)
Tuesday, March 3
Tuesday, March 10
Tuesday, March 17

Boys K - 8: 3:15 - 4:15 pm

Wednesday, January 7
Wednesday, January 14
Wednesday, January 21
Wednesday, January 28
Wednesday, February 4
Wednesday, February 11
Wednesday, February 18
(No Rehearsal 2/25)
Wednesday, March 4
Wednesday, March 11
Wednesday, March 18

#### SHOWSTOPPERS

4:30 - 6pm

Tuesday, January 6
Tuesday, January 13
Tuesday, January 20
Sunday, January 25, 5-7pm\*
Tuesday, January 27
Sunday, February 1, 5-7pm\*
Tuesday, February 3
Sunday, February 8, 5-7pm\*
Tuesday, February 10
Sunday, February 15, 5-7pm\*
Tuesday, February 17
FEB 19 - 23 NPAF
(No Rehearsal 2/24)
Tuesday, March 3

#### **Spring Concert:**

Friday, March 20, 5 - 8pm (Dress Rehearsal @ BAM)
Saturday, March 21, Concert Day
(12:30pm Call; 2 & 3:30pm Performances)



Tuesday, March 10

Tuesday, March 17

\*Sunday rehearsals will be held at the BAM Building (520 N Cass, Westmont). Some Sundays may be cancelled if not needed.

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## **Program Expectations:**

We're so excited to sing with you! To make the most of this experience, students are expected to attend all rehearsals, performances, and events listed on the calendar (which you'll get by the first rehearsal).

In rehearsals, we'll build vocal skills, learn music theory basics, and polish fun choreography—all leading up to a high-energy final concert each term (tickets go on sale about a month before).

## **Registration:**

## **After-School Choirs:**

- Tuition: \$295 per term
- Includes: Materials, rehearsal and performance participation, and performance accessories.
- Additional Notes: Students will need to provide a simple costume base (generally a white shirt and black bottoms).

## **Showstoppers:**

- Tuition: \$395 per term
  - Students participating in both Showstoppers and After-School Choir, please add \$50 per term (total: \$445)
- Includes: Materials, rehearsal and performance participation.
- Additional Costs:
  - Competition and travel-related expenses (outlined on the next page)
  - Costumes (outlined on the next page).
- Auditions:
  - Tuesday, September 16
  - o Sign Up to Audition Here
  - Students should prepare the Star Spangled Banner or any song of their choice
  - Bring sheet music for the accompanist
- Additional Notes: Commitment to both terms is required to participate in Showstoppers.

## **Payment Options:**

- Families may pay the full tuition at registration or in monthly installments. Showstopper tuition will be collected after auditions.
- Sibling discount: \$25 off for each additional child in the same family (use promo code SIJ-SIBLING during registration).
- Tuition is non-refundable and non-transferable.
- Register here or by scanning the QR code:

# SHOWSTOPPERS - TRIP TO ORLANDO, FL! February 19 - 23, 2026

Last year, the SIJ Showstoppers took the stage in Louisville, KY at the National Youth Theater Experience — and the adventure continues! This year, we're thrilled to take our journey to the next level as we head to the electrifying NPAF at Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida. Get ready for an unforgettable experience!

#### **The National Performing Arts Festival:**

Held at Universal Orlando Resort, the National Performing Arts Festival brings together talented student performers from across the country for an unforgettable experience. This four-day event offers a dynamic mix of professional training and thrilling performance opportunities. Students will participate in adjudicated performances where they'll receive feedback from industry professionals, attend hands-on masterclasses and workshops, and experience inspiring showcases by other schools and programs. It's a chance for young artists to grow, collaborate, and shine—all while enjoying the magic of Universal's world-class theme parks!

#### **Estimated Costs:**

Travel and competition related expenses are additional costs not included in tuition. Estimated competition expenses include:

- Trip Cost: The trip will be arranged by World Strides Travel and will include 4 night hotel stay, breakfast each morning, one group dinner, park tickets, and competition entrance fees. Estimated per-person costs for the World Strides Travel components of the trip will range from \$1,350 to \$2,100, with pricing varying based on room occupancy—more roommates means a lower cost per person.
- Additional Costs:
  - Flights: Booked through BAM's group reservation (TBD)
  - Costumes (~\$150/performer)
  - Showstopper Jacket (~ \$125/jacket)
  - Additional Meals & Excursions (on your own)

Please note these costs are preliminary estimates and may fluctuate. Each student must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or designated chaperone.

Watch a <u>video recap</u> from last year's NPAF festival to see what it's all about!

