IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY 2024 MUSICAL THEATRE PRODUCTION AUDITION INFORMATION PACKET



Main Cast: 5TH - 8TH Grade Students Rising Stars: 3RD & 4TH Grade Students

PERFORMANCES:

Thursday 2/29/24 - 7 PM Friday 3/1/24 - 7 PM Marian University Auditorium

AUDITIONS:

Monday, December 4 from 4:30 - 7:00 Tuesday, December 5 from 4:15 - 6:45 (in 30 min time slots)

Read Through: Monday January 8, 2024 3:15 - 5:00

Rehearsals: Monday - Thursday, 3:15 - 5:00

Rising Stars Rehearsals: Thursdays in February, 3:15 - 4:15 PM

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians.

November 2023

Thank you for your interest in participating in the musical theater production at Immaculate Heart of Mary. The dates for the performances are **Thursday & Friday February 29 & March 1, 2024 at 7 pm** at Marian University.

Before auditioning, please consider all of the following:

- 1. **DATES:** Please double check family, school, and extra-curricular calendars against the rehearsal calendar at the end of this packet. If you have a conflict with a performance and the week prior, you should not audition. If you have a few rehearsal conflicts here and there, you can still audition, but please note them on the audition form.
- 2. **FEES**: There is will be a Production Fee. More information will be provided after auditions.
- 3. **TIME COMMITMENTS**: Producing a successful musical is very rewarding, but it requires a lot of hard work and dedication. Theater is just like any team sport: all the players are important and when one performer is missing, it affects everyone. Before auditioning for the show, please make sure that you are aware of the large commitment involved in participating in this production:
 - Main Cast Rehearsals will be on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 –
 5:00 PM. There may be Principal Role rehearsals on occasional Fridays from 3:15 5:00
 - Schedule: Performers must attend all of their scheduled rehearsals, however, please note that not all students will be needed for each rehearsal. A student's individual rehearsal schedule will be based on the role that he or she is playing in the production. Cast members will receive a detailed rehearsal schedule before Monday 1/8/24 at the Read-Through. All of the possible rehearsals are listed at the end of this packet.
 - Absences: Please note that <u>2 unexcused absences from rehearsals will result in removal from</u> the show.
 - Excused Absences Include: Illness, family emergencies, anything the school would consider an excused absence, and any dates/times listed as conflicts on the Audition Form or discussed with the director at minimum of a week in advance of the rehearsal date and agreed upon with the Director's approval.
 - Unexcused Absences Include: Any full rehearsals missed that are NOT due to illness, family emergencies, and those dates communicated on the Audition Form/Contract. Tech Week: During the final week (Tech Week) the rehearsals will be at Marian University and will be longer for the cast: 3:00 7:00 pm.
 - During Tech Week, all conflicts from February 26 March 1 will be considered <u>unexcused</u>.
 Please notify all coaches of this anticipated schedule conflict before auditioning.
 - **Times:** I am a big stickler on times I will always do my best to start on time and let the kids out on time.
 - Conflicts: Please include on your audition form ALL anticipated absences using the possible rehearsal times at the end of this packet for reference.
 - 4. **SPORTS & OTHER EXTRA-CURRICULARS:** I believe in the well-rounded student who experiences several different activities including sports, dance, music, martial arts, gymnastics, etc. I also know that many of these commitments require extra time and may conflict with each other.

Near the end of this packet is a rehearsal calendar that has all of the possible dates and times for rehearsals. Please use this schedule to help you indicate all anticipated conflicts on the audition form. For example, if the student already takes dance or has swim practice at 4:00 pm every Wednesday, be sure to indicate that on the audition form.

Time is one of our most important resources, and I will respect everyone's time by offering a detailed rehearsal schedule well in advance of rehearsals. In addition, I will always strive to release them from rehearsal on time. In return, I ask that for the few months of rehearsals, the cast's time is respected as well. Family emergencies and illnesses will happen and are out of our control. Students may join other activities that have conflicting times with rehearsal, and I am usually willing to compromise on most conflicts with adequate communication (students may be able to leave rehearsal a little bit early and be a little bit late to their next activity.) My request is that the actual performance/tech week is treated as a priority and the other conflicts shared with me before auditioning for the show. Please take the rehearsal schedule into serious consideration when planning family activities.

5. **IHM Guidelines:** IHM leaders have developed guidelines to address student participation in the Musical and other extracurricular activities. These guidelines, which can be accessed on the Resources page of MySchool are to ensure that parents, students, coaches, and the Musical all have a clear and agreed-upon understanding so that students and parents can make informed decisions about participation in multiple extracurricular activities.

While we hope the Guidelines provide clarity, it is impossible to foresee and avoid every potential conflict. Ongoing and early communication will be essential so that everyone has a positive and enriching experience. If you have questions about the Guidelines, please contact your PTO Presidents, Myra Mariani and Molly Chavers.

A full copy of the Guidelines can be found on the IHM Schoology page. Please read them carefully. Here are the parts relevant to the musical:

- 3. Casting Decisions and Placement on CYO Teams.
 - A student's participation in multiple Extracurricular Activities may be taken into account when making casting decisions for the Musical.
 - Placement on CYO teams will be based on the best efforts of the Coordinator and Coaches to match skill and competition levels to foster the positive experience and development of the student athlete. Considerations may be made, including but not limited to increasing team size, to hedge the risk of multiple Extracurricular Activity conflicts interfering with the ability to field a full team for competitions and/or otherwise impact the experience of their teammates.
 - The Director of the Musical will independently determine which role is the best fit for a student considering many factors, including the student's participation in multiple Extracurricular Activities, if applicable.
 - During the audition and evaluation process students and parents must be transparent about potential and actual conflicts.
 - The Director may have a conversation with a student and his/her parents if a potential or actual conflict could impact a student's participation in a principal role of the Musical.

- Principal Role Choice: The Principal Roles in this production are:
 - Elle Woods
 - Emmet Forrest
 - Professor Callahan
 - Warner Huntington III
 - VivienneKensington
 - Secondary Characters (will have more rehearsals than most, but not as much as Principal Roles)
 - Margot, Serena, Pilar, Kate, Brooke Wyndham, Paulette, Enid

I ask that your child not accept a Principal Role in the musical if they cannot make it the top priority among other activities. If they would like to audition for a Principal Role in the musical, please initial that part in the audition form and contract. Also, please know that if another activity is a priority to them, we will understand and be okay with them choosing that over the musical. We just ask that we are informed as soon as possible. We would like to give priority to those who would like the musical to be their priority.

On the audition form, you can indicate whether or not you and your child agree with the following statement:

"I am auditioning for a Principal Role (Elle, Emmet, Prof Callahan, Warner, Vivienne) in the musical and understand that grades are my first priority. If cast in a Principal Role, I may participate in other activities but I will choose to make the musical my top priority among other extracurricular activities."

- 6. **BEHAVIOR:** Although the rehearsals for this musical occur during after school hours, students must still comply with standard school policies for behavior. Failure to behave in an appropriate manner during the rehearsal and production period will potentially result in removal from the show. At IHM, we "R" Respectful, Responsible, and Reverent.
- 7. **AUDITIONS:** Students will be expected to sing an excerpt from a song from the show, dance a short routine, and will read from the script. More detailed information is outlined on the following pages. More information can be found on page 4.
- 8. **RISING STARS** (3rd and 4th **Grades**) **MORE INFORMATION:** There will be separate info for the Rising Stars on my website www.mcduffeemusic.com

All of these materials can be found on the website: www.mcduffeemusic.com

We look forward to seeing you on Dec 4th and 5th!

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POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR IHM SCHOOL MUSICAL

• If a student is going to be absent from a rehearsal, please email and/or text Emily McDuffee at emily@mcduffeemusic.com/ 317-345-5817 or through Remind

- Text @LBIHM24 to 81010 to be added to the Remind list for this show https://www.remind.com/join/lbihm24
- At IHM we "R" Respectful, Responsible, and Reverent
- Questions regarding costumes, lines, rehearsal should be directed to Emily McDuffee and Kelsee Hankins; questions regarding all else can be directed to Kathleen Bigelow and Haley Gilroy.
- Be sure payment is turned in prior to the first rehearsal.
- If a cast member or Rising Star is ill, please refer to the IHM Handbook under "sick" policy at school and after school activities

AUDITION PROCEDURE

The Audition Form & Contract must be completed before the audition date. This can be found online at https://forms.gle/nggKJmw3fjHj3h3FA This link can also be found at www.mcduffeemusic.com

The auditions for *Legally Blond Jr.* will occur on **Monday and Tuesday 12/4 and 12/5** in 30 minute time slots in the IHM Bosco Center. Sign up times can be chosen on SIgnUPGenius: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044EAFAF2FA1FE3-46182674-ihmlegally#/. This can be found directly at https://forms.gle/ngqKJmw3fjHj3h3FA and at www.mcduffeemusic.com. Parents are asked to wait outside during auditions.

This audition will include three portions:

1. VOCAL AUDITION –All students auditioning for will <u>individually</u> sing an excerpt from the musical with provided accompaniment. They will be singing in front of the other 7 kids in their group. The songs listed below are options from which they may select for their audition. The audio samples may be heard on my website https://www.mcduffeemusic.com/ihm-2024-auditions

<u>Song Audition Options:</u> -- The students should sing one of the following songs. Sheet music can be found at the end of this packet. Audio examples of these songs can be found on my website. Students If they are auditioning for the roles of Elle, Brooke, VIvienne, Sorority Sisters (Margo, Serena, Pilar, Kate), Emmet, Warner, Callahan, or Grandmaster Chad, they should prepare the song listed for that character. If they have no role preference, they should choose whichever song they feel the strongest and most confident on.

Girl Roles	Boy Roles	Any Gender Roles
 Elle Woods: So Much Better Brooke Wyndham: Whipped Into Shape VIvienne Kensington: Legally Blonde Margo, Serena, Pilar, Kate: What You Want 	 Emmett Forrest: Chip On Your Shoulder Warner: Serious 	 Professor Callahan: Whipped Into Shape Grandmaster Chad: What You Want Any Role: OMG You Guys

- **2. DANCE AUDITION** There will be a recording of the choreography posted on the website on the evening of Sunday, November 26. Although perfection would be nice, we are not looking for perfection, but in performance-ability: Can they move with confidence in the right direction and still smile? And we are looking for who the strong dancers are so that they can be featured in certain numbers. A video of this dance will be available to watch on www.mcduffeemusic.com
- **3. SCRIPT READING AUDITION** All students will read lines from at least one scene from the script. This is called a "cold reading" they may not get to see these lines in advance. This is to see how well they can quickly interact with others and make bold character choices.

The final cast list will be posted on the website at www.mcduffeemusic.com and at IHM by December 8th, 2023.

PLOT SUMMARY

(from Musical Theater International's website)

At the Delta Nu sorority house, word is out that **Elle Woods** is going to dinner to get engaged to her beau, **Warner Huntington III** (*Omigod You Guys* - we will be singing "OMG You Guys"). **Margot, Serena and Pilar** lead the other **Delta Nus** to the mall, where Elle is having trouble choosing the right dress for the occasion. Later at dinner, just when Elle is sure **Warner** is going to propose, he breaks up with her, explaining that, with his departure for Harvard Law School, it's time to get serious (*Serious*). Devastated, Elle locks herself in her room. Twelve days later, the Delta Nus finally get Elle to emerge (*Daughter of Delta Nu*). Elle realizes the only solution to her heartache is to get into Harvard Law and prove to Warner she's serious enough for him (*What You Want* - featuring **Grandmaster Chad**). Sorority sister, **Kate**, helps Elle study for the LSAT and, after several attempts and a lot of hard work, Elle's application comes before Harvard Admissions. **Lowell, Winthrop and Pforzheimer**, three Harvard admissions coordinators, decide to admit Elle after a very extravagant song and dance (which she submits in lieu of a personal essay), citing love as her main motivation.

On the first day of class, Elle meets her fellow first-year law classmates, **Aaron, Padamadan and Enid**, as well as Warner, who is shocked to see her on campus. **Callahan** (the most feared teacher at Harvard) kicks Elle out of class for being unprepared, at the suggestion of classmate **Vivienne Kensington**. Callahan's TA, **Emmett**, tries to console Elle, but her mood only worsens when Warner confesses to Elle that Vivienne is his new girlfriend. Elle finds the nearest salon and meets **Paulette**, who commiserates with her situation (*Ireland*).

Afterward, Elle runs into Vivienne, who invites her to a costume party. Elle attends, hoping to see Warner, but is dismayed to discover she is the only one who wore a costume — much to Vivienne's delight. On the way home, Elle meets Emmett, who tells Elle how hard he's worked to get where he is and encourages her to do the same (*Chip on My Shoulder*).

Time is passing quickly at law school, and Elle is working harder than ever, eventually winning her first court case in class and receiving a recommendation to apply for Callahan's internship. With her newfound confidence, Elle helps Paulette win her dog back from her estranged boyfriend, **Dewey**.

Back at Harvard, Warner and Vivienne win two of Callahan's coveted internship positions, and Warner proposes to Vivienne on the spot, right in front of Elle. Before her heart can break, Emmett shows her the internship list, and Elle is ecstatic to discover her name is on it as well (*So Much Better*).

The interns quickly jump into the case of fitness video guru, **Brooke Wyndham**, who is accused of killing her wealthy husband. After watching her fitness video (*Whipped into Shape*), the interns meet her at a correctional facility, where she refuses to give her alibi to anyone but Elle, thanks to their Delta Nu sisterhood (*Delta Nu Nu Nu*). In confidence, Brooke shares with Elle that she was getting liposuction the day her husband was killed, so there is no way she could be guilty, but no one can know because her fitness empire would be destroyed. The other interns demand that Elle give up Brooke's alibi, but Elle refuses to go against her Delta Nu pledge.

Back at the salon, Paulette has eyes for the UPS delivery man, **Kyle**, but isn't confident enough to go after him. Elle teaches her a guaranteed move to win any guy's affections — the Bend and Snap (*Bend and Snap*), but when Paulette tries it, she accidentally breaks Kyle's nose.

Elle returns to the case, but Callahan has a different agenda and tries to kiss her... just as Vivienne returns, unnoticed. Elle rejects Callahan's advances and is fired. Defeated, she prepares to go home, convinced she was only ever seen as a joke, even though Emmett asks her to stay, finally realizing that he is in love with her (*Legally Blonde*). Elle stops by the salon to say goodbye to Paulette, but Vivienne — who witnessed what happened to Elle in Callahan's office and finally understands her — convinces her to keep fighting. The entire salon rallies behind Elle as she heads back to the courtroom (*Legally Blonde – Remix*), where Brooke fires Callahan and hires Elle to continue her defense.

Everyone is present to witness Elle's first day in court, including Paulette and Kyle (now a couple), Margot, Serena, Pilar and the other Delta Nus. Brooke's stepdaughter, **Chutney**, takes the stand to testify that, when she got out of the shower, she witnessed Brooke standing over her father's body, covered in blood. When asked what she had been doing earlier that day, Chutney reveals she had gotten a perm, and Elle realizes a flaw in Chutney's alibi — she couldn't possibly have showered the same day as receiving a perm, or her hair would be flattened. Since her perm is still intact, she has obviously lied about her alibi. Under some intense questioning from Elle, Chutney accidentally reveals that she killed her father, mistaking him for Brooke. Elle wins the case, and Brooke is set free. Warner tries to propose to Elle, but she gently refuses, having gained her independence and a desire to be the best she can be (*Find My Way*).

Three years later, Elle is made valedictorian of her class and, in her commencement speech, she proposes to Emmett, who accepts. Everyone celebrates their legally blonde friend and heroine, Elle Woods (*Finale*).

AVAILABLE ROLES (In order of appearance):

* Indicates a Principal Role

Margot, **Serena and Pilar** (Secondary Characters) are Elle's trio of best friends and Delta Nu sisters. Actors must have lots of energy as well as solid singing and acting abilities.

- * Elle Woods may appear like a typical blonde California sorority girl, but don't count her out. She is hardworking, optimistic and tenacious. Actor must have an earnest, loveable spirit and solid performing skills.
- * Warner Huntington III is Elle's ex-boyfriend and caught between his former life with Elle and his newfound serious East Coast life with Vivienne. Actor must be able to sing and act well.

Kate (Secondary Character) is a featured Delta Nu sister - the academic of the bunch.

Grandmaster Chad is a frat boy who raps in the song *What You Want*. Could be played by an energetic girl.

Winthrop, Lowell and Pforzheimer are three admissions officers of Harvard Law School who eventually admit Elle into the program after some critical evaluation.

Aaron Schultz, Sundeep Agrawal Padamadan and Enid Hoopes (Enid is a Secondary Character) are three featured law students with academic credits that would intimidate anyone.

- * Emmet Forrest has had to work hard his entire life to get into Harvard Law School, and nothing is going to come between him and becoming a partner in Callahan's law firm, except maybe his surprising love for Elle.
- * **Professor Callahan** is the most-feared professor at Harvard Law School. Actor must be able to convey authority and strength.
- * **Vivienne Kensington** is the very opposite of Elle, if judging only by demeanor. She comes from a very conservative East Coast background and is everything that Warner needs to make a serious move to become a lawyer.

Paulette (Secondary Character) is a bold character whose self-esteem needs a little boost now and then.

Whitney is Vivienne's law school friend and partner in mischief when it comes to bringing down Elle.

Dewey is Paulette's brash ex-husband who lives in a trailer and holds her dog captive.

Brooke Wyndham (Secondary Character) is a famous fitness video guru on trial for killing her husband. Actor must be able to sing, dance, and act.

Kyle is the UPS delivery man who Paulette has her eyes on each time his job brings him to the salon. Cast a great actor who may have an Irish Jig in his back pocket.

Chutney Wyndham has a really bad perm and an even worse attitude. She is Brooke's unhappy stepdaughter who is actually guilty for killing her father and framing Brooke.

Featured Ensemble Characters:

Gaelen, Judge, Jet Blue Pilot, Saleswoman, Store Manager, Prison Guard, Bookish Client and Sabrina

Ensemble

The ensemble roles consist of Waiters, Delta Nus, Frat Boys, Greek Chorus, Students and Inmates.

Full list of Roles:

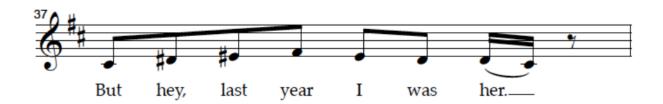
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Gaelen	Emmett Forrest	Sabrina	Ensemble Roles:
Kate	Aaron Schultz	Prison Guard	Waiters, Delta Nus, Frat
Elle Woods	Sundeep Agrawal	Kyle	Boys, Harvard Law
Saleswoman	Padamadan	Kiki the Colorist	Students, Video
Store Manager	Enid Hoopes	Cashier	Performers, Inmates,
Warner Huntington III	Vivienne Kensington	Stylist	Salon Patrons, Salon
Grandmaster Chad	Professor Callahan	Bookish Client	Workers
Winthrop	Paulette	Judge	

ALL POSSIBLE REHEARSALS

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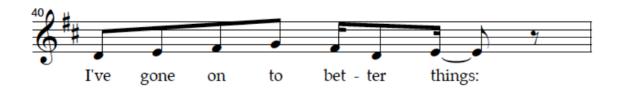
Elle's Audition Song: So Much Better





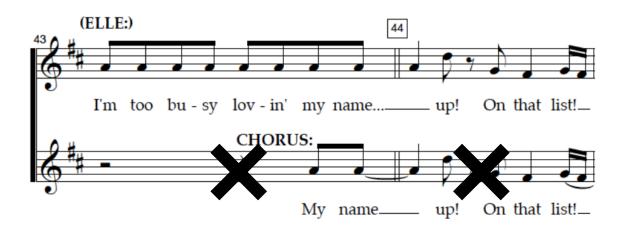


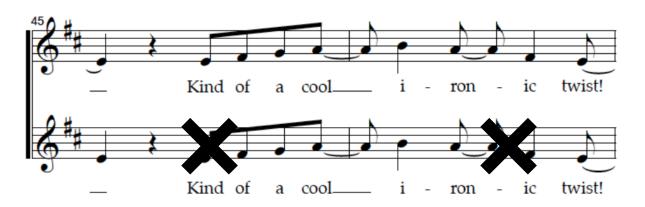




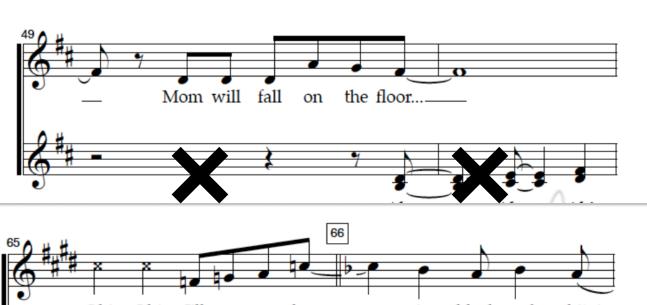




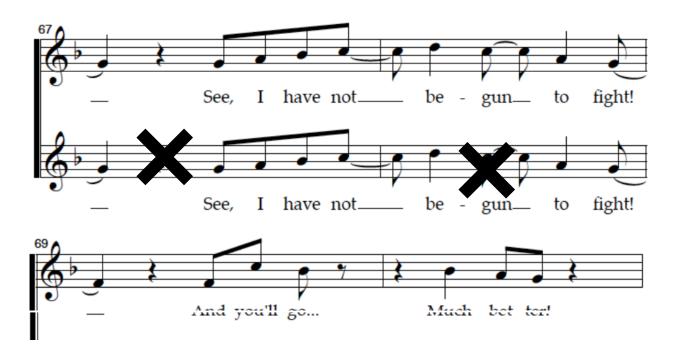




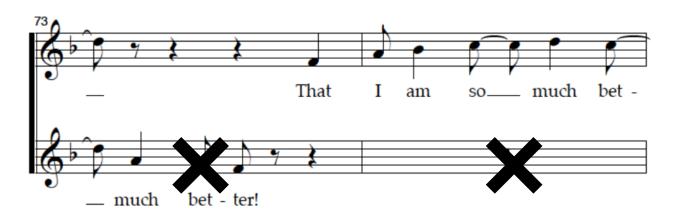


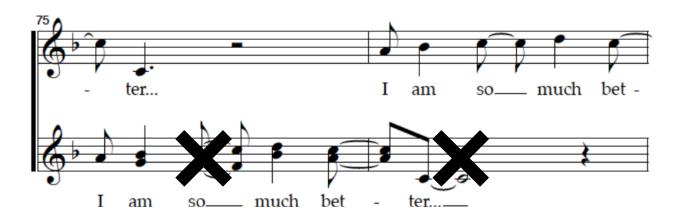


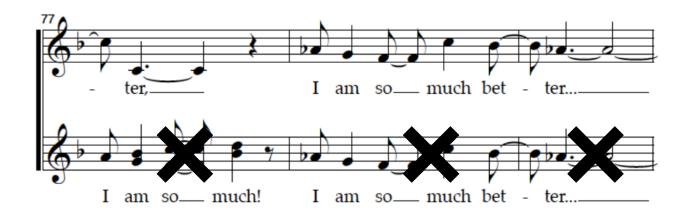
















Brooke Wyndham: Whipped Into Shape

(Meet BROOKE WYNDHAM. She holds up a jump rope.)

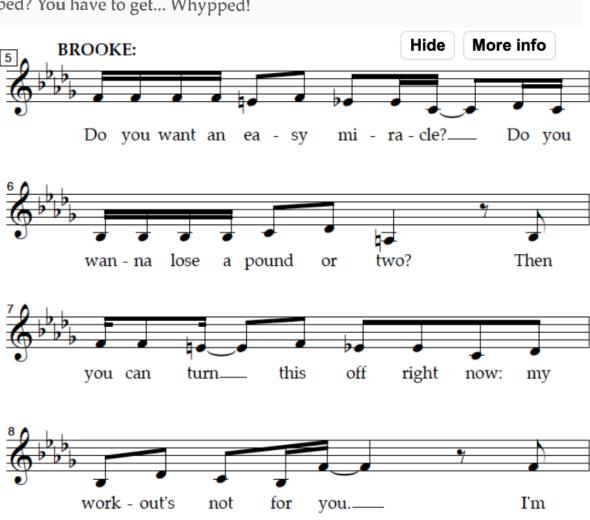
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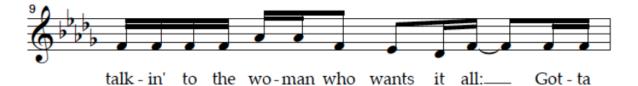
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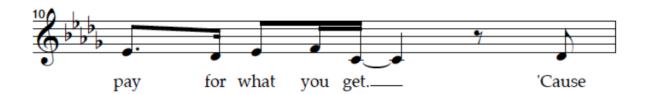
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BROOKE: So grab your CardioWhyp 5000TM... 'Cause if you want to get

ripped? You have to get... Whypped!



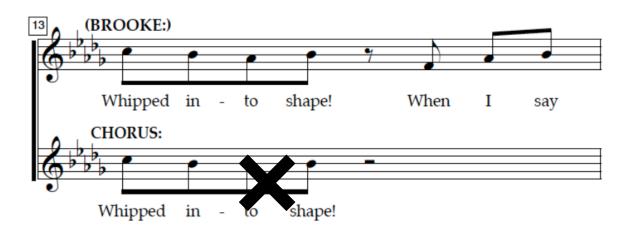


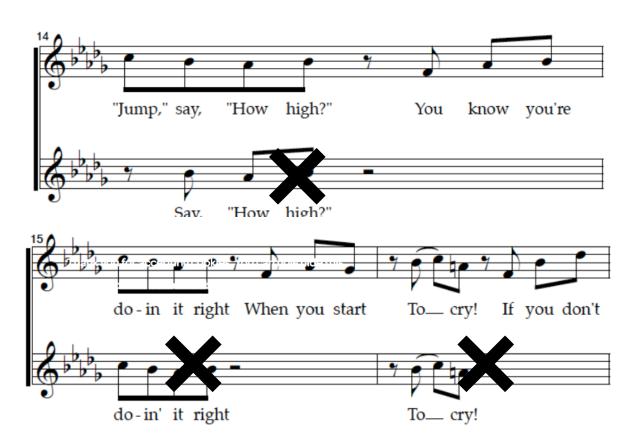






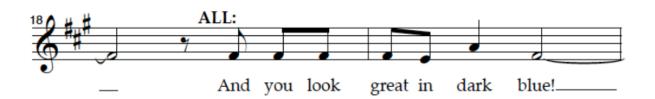




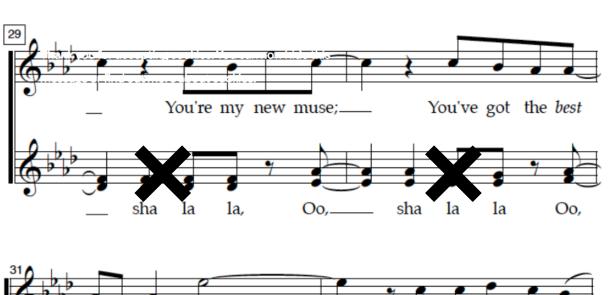


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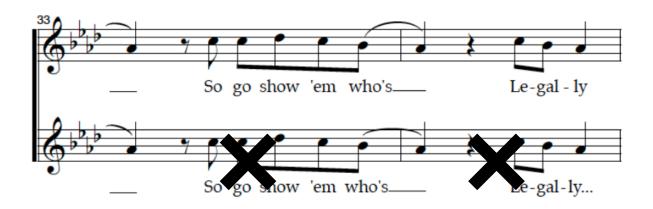


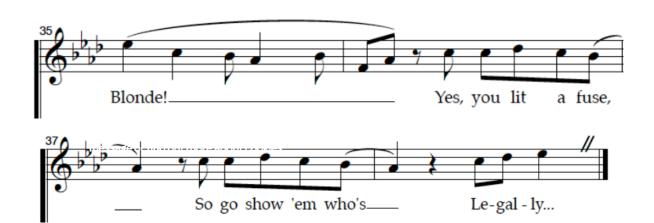




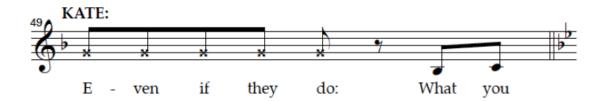








Margo, Serena, Pilar, Kate: What You Want



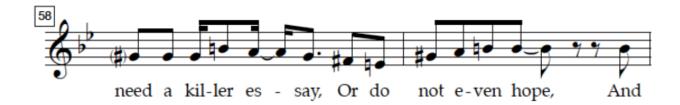










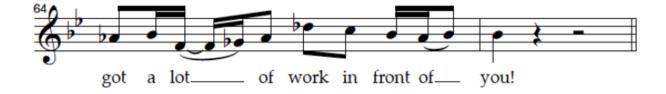








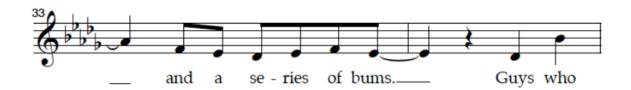
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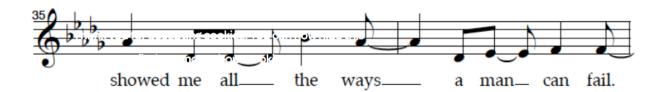


Emmett Forest: Chip On My Shoulder

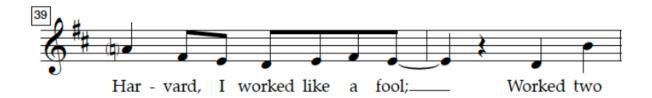




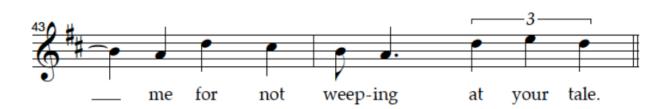






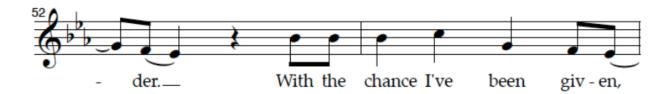






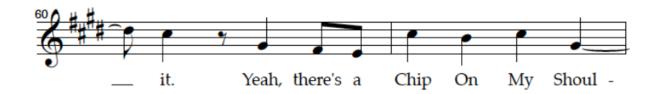


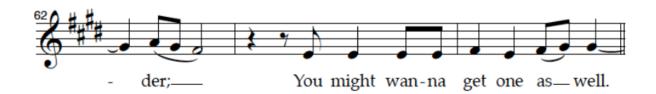






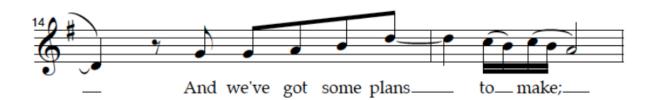




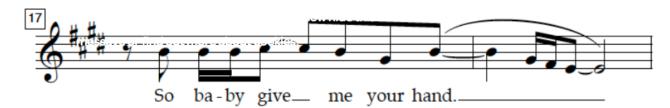


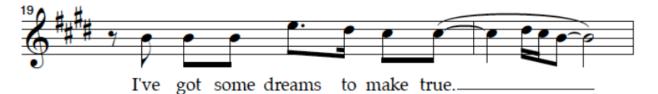
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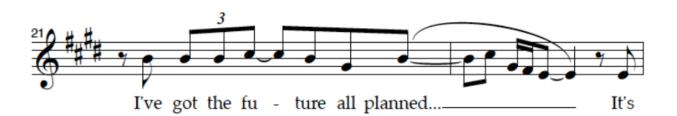








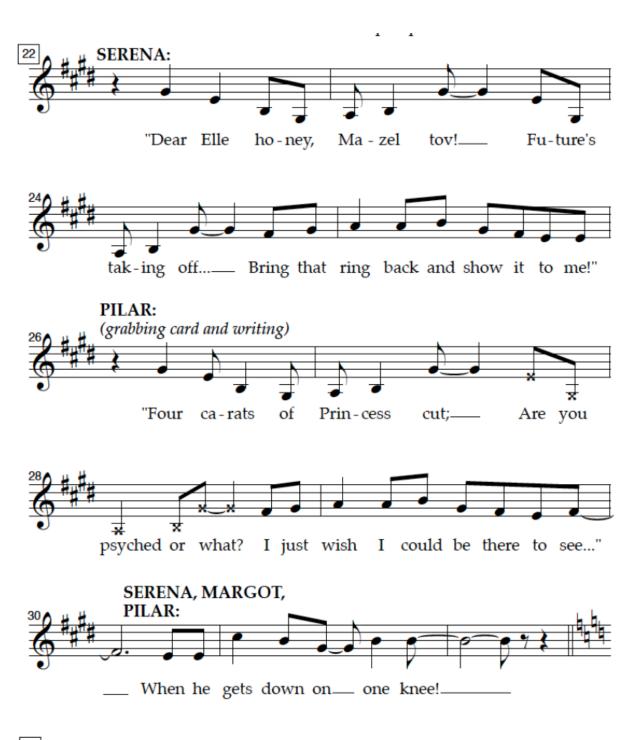








Any Role: OMG * we are changing all the "Oh My God" to OMG

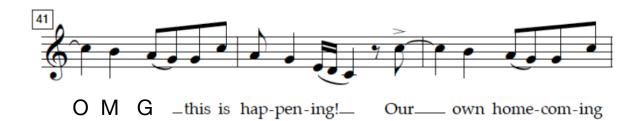


O M G ...O M G you guys!__ Looks__ like Elle's_gon-na



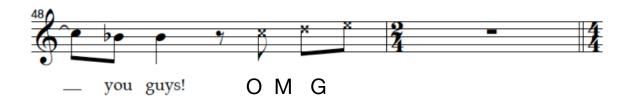


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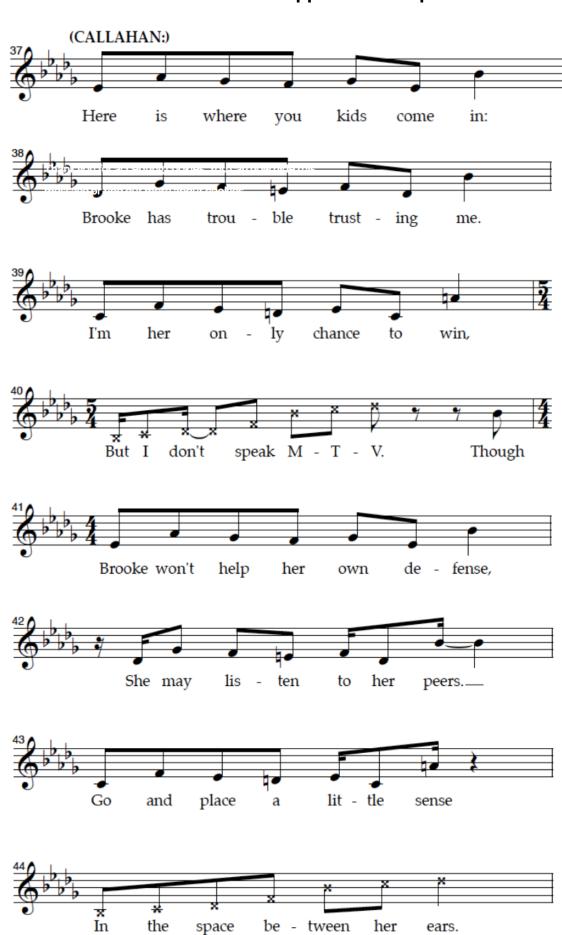








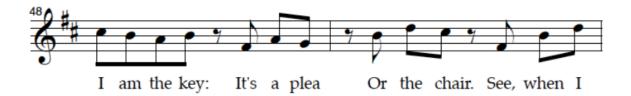
Callahan: Whipped Into Shape

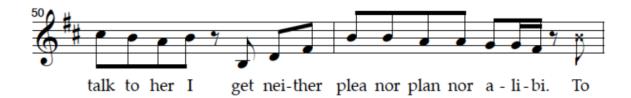






Whipped In-to Shape. If there's a brain in that hair, Tell it that









Grandmaster Chad: What You Want



What u want, u wan-na be groov-in, bump-in, shake da room?



_What u want, u wan-na be prov-in' sum-pin', and ta whom?



_What u want, u wan-na be wond'-rin' where ya youth is gone?

