

## East High School Vocal Music

The music department at East High School in Denver, Colorado, is one that can encourage and inspire young people to love, learn and experience all types of music. This is done in a wonderful environment with the support of other students, and dedicated teachers. The department's focus is on the education of reading, understanding and performing music, as well as the enjoyment of harmonizing with others. A student's individual talent is developed through exposure to various styles of music (classical, jazz, gospel, multicultural) and through varied performance opportunities (solo, small group, large group). Students in all choirs perform in four major concerts each year. The Vocal music department offers beginning women's choir (Contora), beginning men's choir (Men's Ensemble), intermediate women's choir (Seraphim), vocal jazz ensemble (Angelaire X), mixed concert choir (Honors Choir X), and AP music Theory every other year (2009-10, 2011-12 etc.). Honors Choir and Angelaire are offered as accelerated credit (X-credit) classes.

### Vocal Music Classes

**Beginning Choir** (Contora and Men's Ensemble) Beginning Level Choir for girls and boys. Emphasis is placed on basic vocal technique as well as basic note reading and musicianship. All ninth graders are strongly encouraged to take this class to prepare them for the higher level choirs. Open to students in all grades 9-10, no audition is necessary.

**Seraphim:**(Intermediate Women's ensemble). - Auditioned choir for Girls, the next level after Beginning Choir. Students receive extensive vocal technique instruction and more advanced musicianship training. Students experience two and three and four part. Offered to girls in grades 10-12, audition is required.

**Angelaire X** - (Auditioned upper level choir). Student must exhibit advanced technical and vocal skills to be in this group. Students perform many styles of music with an emphasis on vocal jazz. Students are challenged with a large number of performances and very difficult literature. Offered to students in grades 11 and 12, audition is required.

**Honors Choir X:** (Auditioned upper level choir). Honors choir is the preeminent ensemble in the East High Choir department. Students are exposed to a wide variety of music styles ranging from Gospel to Classical. Advanced note reading and musicianship skills are taught. This is a performing choir which represents East High School in performances in the community throughout the year. Offered to students in grades 11 and 12, audition is required.

**AP Music Theory:** This class is a college level music theory course. Students cover the equivalent of the first year of college music theory. Students are exposed to ear training, four part writing, music analysis and composition. At the end of the course, there will be the option of taking the AP exam. Students receiving a passing score may receive college credit for the course.