

**LINCOLN SOUTHWEST “SHOWDOWN”**  
**SHOW CHOIR INVITATIONAL**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**  
***Elevation, Elegance & Express Show Choirs***

Southwest High School  
7001 South 14<sup>th</sup> St  
Lincoln, NE 68512

East’s “Southwest Showdown” Home Rooms  
TBA

**INFORMATION and EXPECTATIONS:**

- Thursday evening, students should *triple-check* that ALL costume pieces are properly hung up and in their garment bags to be ready for use on Saturday. NO WRINKLY SUITS OR DRESSES!
- Students should plan on staying at Southwest High School for the entire day. Students are not to leave (even with parents) without director approval. Students who have spoken with Mr. Rickert or Mr. Epperson in advance about leaving for part of the day with their parents *must* provide Mr. Rickert or Mr. Epperson with a note and check-out *in person with Mr. Rickert or Mr. Epperson* before departing.
- At the end of the day, students will only be allowed to leave once East’s homerooms are cleaned and the U-Haul trailer is properly loaded for departure by *all* show choir members.
- Part of being a quality competitive show choir is how we appear and act off-stage. We want to appear as professional as possible, and will dress accordingly for the day. Men should be in dress slacks & shoes along with a dress shirt (ties are not discouraged) or a nice sweater. Women should dress in appropriate professional attire. No t-shirts, jeans, sweats, etc. We want to “dress for success” and represent East very well.
- Please keep in mind that as you watch other groups perform, that you are watching someone’s brother or sister, son or daughter, friend, etc. and that they have worked hard to prepare for their performance. Please refrain from negative comments directed toward groups on stage (or really any show choir or other school). Take mental notes of what each group does well and what they need to work on. We can discuss those comments in class and work to improve our own shows.
- Remember not to wander the halls half in/half out of costume. Also refrain from eating food or drinking beverages that can stain while in costume. We need these costumes to last the entire season!!!
- **ADMISSION:** Rates are \$10 for children (5-12 years of age) and Senior Citizens (62 and over) and \$12 for adults. Children younger than school age are admitted free. A Family Package is available for \$30, which admits 2 Adults and up to 2 Children/Senior Citizens. These prices are good for admission to the *entire competition*. There will not be separate charges for the day and night portions.
- **CONCESSIONS:** There are a variety of concessions available for purchase in the Southwest cafeteria. Please support the fundraising efforts of our friends at Southwest by eating at the competition site.

The complete Southwest Showdown schedule may be found on Mr. Epperson’s Website at:

<http://wp.lps.org/bepers2/files/2016/02/Southwest-Showdown-2016-Schedule.pdf>

**FRIDAY**

4:00 pm

Express, Elegance, and Elevation members & show band members load U-Haul with show choir equipment at Vocal Music Room Door (#24). Changing racks, drum set, number line, keyboards, amps, keyboard stands, cords, etc.

**SATURDAY**

8:45 am

Please make sure you have *everything* you will need for the day (BLACK SOCKS, EARRINGS, costume pieces, number line, band music and instruments, etc.)  
ARRIVE and UNLOAD – Elegance women will go the homeroom to *finalize* their hair-curling and make-up process. Express & Elevation members will unload the equipment from the U-Haul and bring all show choir-related equipment to the homeroom.

9:15 am ELEGANCE changes into costume; Elevation & Express listen to morning groups  
9:40 am *Epperson will give final instructions to Elegance in their homeroom. Band and Crew will depart for the warm-up area*

9:50 am ELEGANCE DEPARTS FOR WARM-UP  
9:55 am ELEGANCE WARM-UP  
10:20 am ELEGANCE "TO STAGE"

**10:25 am ELEGANCE PERFORMANCE**

10:50-11:15 am ELEGANCE CRITIQUE & WORK-SHOP  
11:20 am *Epperson will meet with Elegance back in the homeroom for further instructions*  
11:30 am Express & Elegance Lunch at Southwest (Make sure you have money!)

**11:45 am ELEVATION changes into costume**  
**12:10 pm Rickert will give final instructions to Elevation in their homeroom. Band and Crew will depart for the warm-up area**

**12:20 pm ELEVATION DEPARTS FOR WARM-UP**  
**12:25 pm ELEVATION WARM-UP**  
**12:50 pm ELEVATION "TO STAGE"**

**12:55 pm ELEVATION PERFORMANCE**

**1:20-1:45 pm ELEVATION CRITIQUE & WORK-SHOP**  
1:50 pm *Rickert will meet Elevation back in the homeroom for further instructions*  
2:00 pm Watch other groups (Lincoln Northeast & Millard West)  
2:45 pm **EXPRESS changes into costume**  
3:10 pm *Epperson will give final instructions to Express in their homeroom. Band and Crew will depart for the warm-up area*

3:20 pm **EXPRESS DEPARTS FOR WARM-UP**  
3:25 pm **EXPRESS WARM-UP**  
3:50 pm **EXPRESS "TO STAGE"**

**3:55 pm EXPRESS PERFORMANCE**

4:20-4:45 pm **EXPRESS CRITIQUE & WORK-SHOP**  
**4:45 pm DAYTIME AWARDS**  
5:00 pm *Epperson will meet with Express back in the homeroom for further instructions (Dinner before or after performance, depending on order)*

6:00 pm Finalist #1  
6:25 pm Finalist #2  
6:50 pm Finalist #3  
7:15 pm Finalist #4  
7:40 pm Finalist #5  
8:05 pm Finalist #6  
~ ~ ~ **After finals performance (before finals awards, if possible): EVERYONE loads equipment into the U-Haul trailer and cleans homeroom**

8:30 pm Big Red Singers Exhibition Performance  
**8:55 pm FINAL AWARDS**  
9:30 pm Show choir members return to East, unload the U-Haul trailer and ensure the equipment is well organized in the choir room.  
Go Home and Sleep!

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