Stage Door Unlocked's

GUIDE TO WSMA'S SOLO & ENSEMBLE MUSICAL THEATRE LIST

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BREAKING DOWN THE LIST

Below is the list of current Solo & Ensemble songs divided out in various ways. Depending on the performer you have, you may find that the skills they have are better suited for one style of song over the other. You may, also want to use this breakdown as a way of finding songs to help students explore other techniques you feel they may need to add to their skill set. The divisions used in this breakdown are our suggestions and may not always be applicable to each student. This list is just a starting point, it is suggested to do the appropriate research for each song to truly know the sounds and performance traditions of each piece.

EVENT 1311 - MUSICAL THEATRE SOPRANO / ALTO SOLO

Songs Requiring Strong Legit Head Voices:

- All Songs from Soprano V1 EXCEPT: "Bill" from Showboat
- All Songs from Soprano V2 EXCEPT: "I Hate Men" from Kiss Me Kate
- "Waiting for My Dearie" from Brigadoon
- "Before I Gaze at You Again" from Camelot
- "In My Life" from Les Misérables
- "Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again" from Phantom of the Opera
- "How Lovely to Be a Woman" from Bye Bye Birdie
- "One Boy" from Bye Bye Birdie
- "I Have Dreamed" from The King & I
- "The Light in the Piazza" from The Light in the Piazza
- "Vanilla Ice Cream" from She Loves Me
- "Follow Your Heart" from Urinetown
- "The Beauty Is" from Light in the Piazza
- "The Girl in 14G"
- "Take Care of This House" from 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
- "He Was Tall" from Cinderella
- "On the Steps of the Palace" from Into the Woods
- "I Have a Love" from West Side Story

Songs for Sopranos Who Belt:

- "I Hate Men" from Kiss Me Kate
- "In His Eyes" from Jekyll & Hyde
- "How Many Tears" from Martin Guerre
- "Unexpected Song" from Song & Dance
- "Christmas Lullaby" from Songs for a New World
- "Home" from Beauty and the Beast
- "A Quiet Thing" from Flora, The Red Menace
- "Your Daddy's Son" from Ragtime
- "The Girl in 14G"

- "Thank Goodness" from Wicked
- "I Don't Need a Roof" from Big Fish
- "Beyond My Wildest Dreams" from Little Mermaid
- "Raining" from Rocky

Songs for Very Strong Belters:

- "Don't Cry for Me Argentina" from Evita
- "People" from Funny Girl
- "Another Hundred People" from Company
- "On My Own" from Les Misérables
- "As Long as He Needs Me" from Oliver!
- "Shy" from Once Upon a Mattress
- "Gorgeous" from The Apple Tree
- "Don't Rain on My Parade" from Funny Girl
- "Someone Like You" from Jekyll & Hyde
- "I'd Give My Life for You" from Miss Saigon
- "You Don't Know this Man" from Parade
- "The Past is in Another Land" from Aida
- "I Know the Truth" from Aida
- "Heaven Help My Heart" from Chess
- "I Want to Go to Hollywood" from Grand Hotel
- "Gimme Gimme" from Thoroughly Modern Millie
- "The Wizard and I" from Wicked
- "The Girl in 14 G"
- "Live Out Loud" from A Little Princess
- "Good Morning Baltimore" from Hairspray
- "Woman" from The Pirate Queen
- "Not for the Life of Me" from Thoroughly Modern Millie
- "Thank Goodness" from Wicked
- "I Don't Need a Roof" from Big Fish
- "Beyond My Wildest Dreams" from Little Mermaid
- "Raining" from Rocky
- "Pulled" from The Addams Family
- "You Learn to Live Without" from If / Then
- "Astonishing" from Little Women
- "I Just Wanna Be a Star" from Nunsense
- "Disneyland" from Smile
- "Perfect Relationship" from Bells Are Ringing

Songs for Less Experienced Musical Theatre Singers:

- "Many a New Day" from Oklahoma!
- "Far from the Home I Love" from Fiddler on the Roof
- "Waitin' for My Dearie" from Brigadoon
- "How Lovely to Be a Woman" from Bye Bye Birdie

- "Shy" from Once Upon a Mattress
- "A Change in Me" from Beauty and the Beast
- "I'm Not That Girl" from Wicked
- "I Can Hear the Bells" from Hairspray
- "There's a Fine Fine Line" from Avenue Q
- "Mix Tape" from Avenue Q
- "The Life I Never Led" from Sister Act
- "I Know Things Now" from Into the Woods
- "Reflection" from Mulan
- "Stepsister's Lament" from Cinderella

Songs Traditionally Requiring Accents:

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- "Simple Joys of Maidenhood" from Camelot (British Suggested)
- "Show Me" from My Fair Lady (British Required)
- "I Could Have Danced All Night" from My Fair Lady (British Required)
- "Green Finch and Linnet Bird" from Sweeney Todd (British Suggested)
- "Without You" from My Fair Lady (British Required)
- "Moonfall" from The Mystery of Edwin Drood (British Suggested)
- "Poor Wand'ring One" from The Pirates of Penzance (British Required)
- "Waitin' For My Dearie" from Brigadoon (Scottish Suggested)
- "Before I Gaze at You Again" from Camelot (British Suggested)
- "In His Eyes" from Jekyll & Hyde (British Suggested)
- "In My Life" from Les Misérables (British Suggested*)
- "How Many Tears" from Martin Guerre
- "Wishing You...Here Again" from Phantom of the Opera (British Suggested*)
- "Home" from Beauty and the Beast (British Suggested*)
- "As Long as He Needs Me" from Oliver! (British Cockney Required)
- "Hold On" from Secret Garden (Irish Required)
- "Someone Like You" from Jekyll & Hyde (British Suggested)
- "Princess" from A Man of No Importance (Irish Required)
- "I Can Cook Too" from On the Town (New York Suggested)
- "A Hundred Easy Ways..." from Wonderful Town (New York Suggested)
- "I Just Wanna Be a Star" from Nunsense (New York Suggested)
- "I'm Going Back" from Bells Are Ringing (French Required at Times)

Songs Traditionally Requiring Character Voices:

Note: While character voices are not required for these roles, it does show an appropriate understanding of the character. Most of these songs were written with the character voice in mind and as a result, students may find them easier to sing using these sounds. It is suggested to listen to multiple cast recordings or professional production videos to find a voice that the student can do to appropriately serve the piece.

- "People" from Funny Girl (Forward Resonance ala Streisand)
- "Adelaide's Lament" from Guys and Dolls
- "A Trip to the Library" from She Loves Me
- "Don't Rain on My Parade" from Funny Girl (Forward Resonance ala Streisand)
- "My New Philosophy" from You're a Good Man ...
- "There's a Fine Fine Line" from Avenue Q
- "I'm Going Back"
- "Mix Tape" from Avenue Q
- "Somewhere That's Green" from Little Shop of Horrors
- "Perfect Relationship" from Bells Are Ringing
- "I'm Going Back" from Bells Are Ringing
- "Stepsister's Lament" from Cinderella

Songs Whose Sheet Music May Differ from the Cast Recording:

- "Much More" from The Fantasticks
- "In My Life" from Les Misérables
- "In His Eyes" from Jekyll and Hyde
- "Home" from Beauty and the Beast
- "Don't Cry for Me Argentina" from Evita
- "Send in the Clowns" from A Little Night Music
- "Johnny One Note" from Babes in Arms
- "On My Own" from Les Misérables
- "My New Philosophy" from You're a Good Man ...
- "I Can Hear the Bells" from Hairspray
- "Somethings Are Meant to Be" from Little Women
- "Thank Goodness" from Wicked
- "Good Morning Baltimore" from Hairspray
- "On the Steps of the Palace" from Into the Woods
- "Princess" from A Man of No Importance
- "I Have a Love" from West Side Story
- "I Have Dreamed" from The King & I
- "Make Believe" from Showboat

Songs Originally Sung by Characters of a Specific Ethnicity:

Note: While these songs appear on this list for anyone to sing, it is important to do character research and make sure that the performer is appropriate for these roles. Just as some students may not be appropriate for certain songs based off of voice type, it is important to respect the story of these characters and tell their story with honesty. Students who do not fit a particular character's identity may struggle telling their story in an honest way. As WSMA has said in the updated rules, students must play the role in character, so it is advised that you help them find the most appropriate song for them. If a student of a different ethnicity chooses to explore one of these characters, it is advised to avoid altering their appearance to look like the ethnicity of the character through the use of make up or wigs as some people may feel that is offensive. It is also suggested that they explore the cultural significance of the story, so they understand why the ethnicity of their character is so important to the story. Please use your best judgement in these situations to allow the students to be truly successful in their performances.

- "Love, Look Away" from Flower Drum Song (Asian)
- "Something Wonderful" from The King & I (Asian)
- "Your Daddy's Son" from Ragtime (African American)
- "I'd Give My Life for You" from Miss Saigon (Asian)
- "The Past is Another Land" from Aida (African)
- "Hit Me With a Hot Note" from Sophisticated Ladies (African American)
- "I Have Dreamed" from The King and I (Asian)
- "Reflection" from Mulan (Asian)

EVENT 1321 - MUSICAL THEATRE TENOR / BASS SOLO

Songs Requiring More Legit Sounds - Tenor:

- All Songs from SMTA Tenor Volume 1
- "Anthem" from Chess
- "This is the Moment" from Jekyll & Hyde
- "Jasper's Confession" from The Mystery of Edwin Drood
- "A Bit of Earth" from Secret Garden
- "I'm Martin Guerre" from Martin Guerre
- "Old Red Hills of Home" from Parade
- "Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes" from The Gondoliers
- "Hey There" from Pajama Game
- "Who Am I?" from Les Misérables
- "Love to Me" from The Light in the Piazza
- "A Man Can Go Quite Mad" from The Mystery of Edwin Drood
- "It's Hard to Speak My Heart" from Parade
- "This Is Not Over Yet" from Parade
- "I'll Be There" from The Pirate Queen

- "Maria" from West Side Story
- "Something's Coming" from West Side Story
- "Foolish to Think" from A Gentleman's Guide...
- "Passeggiata" from The Light in the Piazza

Songs Requiring More Legit Sounds - Baritone:

- All Songs from SMTA Baritone Volume 1
- "Empty Chairs at Empty Tables" from Les Misérables
- "Stars" from Les Misérables
- "Joey Joey Joey" from The Most Happy Fella
- "Lonely Town" from On the Town
- "All At Once You Love Her" from Pipe Dream
- "Ilona" from She Loves Me
- "Once In love with Amy" from Where's Charley?
- "If I Can't Love Her" from Beauty and the Beast
- "Make Them Hear You" from Ragtime
- "Lullaby of Broadway" from 42nd Street
- "I've Come to Wive it Wealthily" from Kiss Me Kate
- "Good Thing Going" from Merrily We Roll Along
- "Fate" from Kismet
- "As Some Day it May Happen" from The Mikado
- "If I Sing" from Closer Than Ever
- "It's Love" from Wonderful Town

Songs That Require a Mix (^) or Falsetto (+):

- "On the Street Where You Live" from My Fair Lady (^)
- "The Only Home I Know" from Shenandoah (^ +)
- "Younger Than Springtime" from South Pacific (^)
- "Johanna" from Sweeney Todd (^)
- "Not While I'm Around" from Sweeney Todd (^ +)
- "A Bit of Earth" from The Secret Garden (^ +)
- "Corner of the Sky" from Pippin (^)
- "Who Am I?" from Les Misérables (^ +)
- "Love to Me" from The Light in the Piazza (^ +)
- "Mama Look Sharp" from 1776 (^)
- "Sorry Grateful" from Company (^)
- "Passeggiata" from The Light in the Piazza (^ +)
- "Maria" from West Side Story (^ +)
- "Foolish to Think" from A Gentleman's Guide... (^)
- "Proud of Your Boy" from Aladdin (^)
- "I'm Alive" from Next to Normal (^ +)
- "Her Voice" from Little Mermaid
- "Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat" from Guys and Dolls (^ +)
- "How Glory Goes" from Floyd Collins (^ +)

- "Some Girls" from Once On This Island (^ +)

Songs with Classical Musical Theatre Belt Type Sounds:

- "On the Street Where You Live" from My Fair Lady
- "You've Got to Be Carefully Taught" from South Pacific
- "Younger Than Springtime" from South Pacific
- "This is the Moment" from Jekyll & Hyde
- "I'm Martin Guerre" from Martin Guerre
- "A Bit of Earth" from Secret Garden
- "Tango Tragique" from She Loves Me
- "The Old Red Hills of Home" from Parade
- "Who Am I?" from Les Misérables
- "If Ever I Would Leave You" from Camelot
- "C'est Moi" from Camelot
- "Marry Me a Little" from Company
- "Dulcinea" from Man of La Mancha
- "Impossible Dream" from Man of La Mancha
- "Lost in the Stars" from Lost in the Stars
- "Some Enchanted Evening" from South Pacific
- "This Nearly Was Mine" from South Pacific
- "Empty Chairs at Empty Tables" from Les Misérables
- "Stars" from Les Misérables
- "Ilona" from She Loves Me
- "If I Can't Love Her" from Beauty and the Beast
- "Make Them Hear You" from Ragtime
- "Lullaby of Broadway" from 42nd Street
- "I'll Be There" from Pirate Queen
- "I Confess" from Footloose

Songs Requiring a Contemporary Belt Sound:

- "Corner of the Sky" from Pippin
- "Go the Distance" from Hercules
- "I Can't Stand Still" from Footloose
- "How Glory Goes" from Floyd Collins
- "Endless Night" from The Lion King
- "Dancing Through Life" from Wicked
- "Me" from Beauty and the Beast
- "This is Not Over Yet" from Parade
- "I Think I Like Her" from Summer of 42
- "Lost in the Wilderness" from Children of Eden
- "Take a Chance on Me" from Little Women
- "She Cries" from Songs for a New World
- "Proud of Your Boy" from Aladdin
- "Memphis Lives in Me" from Memphis

- "Santa Fe" from Newsies Broadway
- "Her Voice" from Little Mermaid
- "Who I'd Be" from Shrek
- "Build a Wall" from Shrek
- "Beethoven Day" from You're a Good Man...
- "Some Girls" from Once On This Island

Songs with a Pop / Rock Style Belt:

- "I'm Alive" from Next to Normal
- "Enjoy the Trip" from Bring it On
- "Boy Falls from the Sky" from Spiderman: Turn Off the Dark
- "I Only Want to Say" from Jesus Christ Superstar
- "One Song, Glory" from RENT

Songs for Less Experienced Musical Theatre Singers:

- "I Believe in You" from How to Succeed...
- "Miser Cellophane" from Chicago
- "Shipoopi" from The Music Man
- "Camelot" from Camelot
- "Ten Minutes Ago" from Cinderella
- "Lucy Be a Lady" from Guys and Dolls
- "Gaston" from Beauty and the Beast
- "Where Was I When They Passed Out Luck" from Minnie's Boys
- "The Sadder But Wiser Girl" from The Music Man
- "Lucky to Be Me" from On the Town
- "Put on a Happy Face" from Bye Bye Birdie
- "Proud of Your Boy" from Aladdin

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- "On the Street Where You Live" from My Fair Lady (British Suggested)
- "Kansas City" from Oklahoma! (Oklahoma / Southern Required)
- "Johanna" from Sweeney Todd (British Suggested)

- "Not While I'm Around from Sweeney Todd (British Cockney Suggested)
- "This is the Moment" from Jekyll & Hyde (British Suggested)
- "Jasper's Confession" from the Mystery of Edwin Drood (British Suggested)
- "A Bit of Earth" from Secret Garden (British Suggested)
- "I'm Martin Guerre" from Martin Guerre (British Suggested)
- "Giants in the Sky" from Into the Woods (British Suggested*)
- "Who Am I?" from Les Misérables (British Suggested*)
- "A Man Can Go Quite Mad" The Mystery of ... Drood (British Suggested)
- "Camelot" from Camelot (British Suggested)
- "C'est Moi" from Camelot (French Required)
- "How to Handle a Woman" from Camelot (British Suggested)
- "If Ever I Would Leave You" from Camelot (British Suggested*)
- "Oh ... Beautiful Mornin" from Oklahoma! (Oklahoma / Southern Required)
- "I Am the Very Model" from Pirates of Penzance
- "I Got Plenty O' Nuttin" from Porgy and Bess (Southern Required)
- "When I Was a Lad" from HMS Pinafore (British Required)
- "Dulcinea" from Man of La Mancha (Spanish Required)
- "Empty Chairs at Empty Tables" from Les Misérables (British Suggested*)
- "Stars" from Les Misérables (British Suggested*)
- "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face" from My Fair Lady (British Required)
- "The Surrey ... Top" from Oklahoma! (Oklahoma / Southern Required)
- "If I Can't Love Her" from Beauty and the Beast (British Suggested*)
- "Me" from Beauty and the Beast (British Suggested*)
- "As Some Day Make it Happen" from The Mikado (British Required*)
- "If I Were a Rich Man" from Fiddler on the Roof (Russian Suggested)
- "Passeggiata" from The Light in the Piazza (Italian Required)
- "I'll Be There" from Pirate Queen (British Suggested*)
- "Foolish to Think" from A Gentleman's Guide... (British Suggested*)
- "Santa Fe" from Newsies Broadway (New York Suggested)
- "The Streets of Dublin" from A Man of No Importance (Irish Required)

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- "Kansas City" from Oklahoma!
- "Not While I'm Around" from Sweeney Todd
- "Reviewing the Situation" from Oliver!
- "Gaston" from Beauty and the Beast
- "Wonderful" from Wicked
- "Purpose" from Avenue Q

- "If I Were a Rich Man" from Fiddler on the Roof
- "I'm Not That Smart" from 25th Annual...
- "Build a Wall" from Shrek
- "Who I'd Be" from Shrek

Songs Whose Sheet Music May Differ from the Cast Recording:

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- "Go the Distance" from Hercules
- "Corner of the Sky" from Pippin
- "Endless Night" from The Lion King
- "Dancing Through Life" from Wicked
- "Beethoven Day" from You're a Good Man...
- "Sorry Grateful" from Company
- "Gaston" from Beauty and the Beast
- "Wonderful" from Wicked
- "Try Me" from She Loves Me
- "Maria" from West Side Story
- "Lost in the Wilderness" from Children of Eden
- "Boy Falls from the Sky" from Spiderman: Turn Off the Dark
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Songs marked with* have a historical tradition of being played by Caucasian performers. As a result, this production has a history of perceived racism. Please use your best judgement when assigning these pieces.

- "A Wand'ring Minstrel I" from The Mikado*
- "Endless Night" from The Lion King

- "Lost in the Stars" from Lost in the Stars -
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- "I Got Plenty O Nuttin" from Porgy and Bess "As Someday It May Happen" from The Mikado* -
- "Make Them Hear You" from Ragtime
 "Some Girls" from Once On This Island