

Vocal Showcase Program

Skye Boat Song

Traditional Scottish Folk Song

This is a Scottish folk song from the 19th Century. It tells the story of how Prince Charles Edward Stuart was whisked away, as a baby, from Scotland to the Isle of Skye to avoid capture during the Jacobian uprising.

Wellermen

New Zealand Sea Shanty

The Wellermen were merchant-mariners from New Zealand in the 19th century. The Wellermen would sail out to whaling ships to sell sugar, tea, rum and other goods to whalers. “Tonguin” refers to butchering the tongue – the last step in butchering a whale. This song was a Tik Tok sensation in 2020.

Siyahamba

South African Folk Song

This is a South African hymn that became popular in the 1990’s – just before the end of apartheid. Singing traditional African music was an act of defiance against racism and oppression.

Tue Tue

Ghanaian Folk Song

This is a folk song from Ghana, in West Africa. The translation is roughly, “Sorry, sir. This small boy has made you fall flat.” It’s a bit of a silly song, but technically, it was one of the most challenging ones we learned this year.

Rattlin’ Bog

Irish Folk Song

This is an Irish folk song. It is an accumulative song, like the 12 days of Christmas, where each verse adds new words to remember, so it becomes a kind of game to see who can remember all the things in the bog!

intermission

For this project, students prepared a piece of their own choosing to sing as a solo for this concert.

Girls Like You

Maroon Five

Connor, soloist

Into The Unknown

From Disney’s Frozen

Sami, soloist

King

Lauren Aquilina

Kaniska, soloist

Don’t Start Now

Dua Lipa

Myryam, soloist