

Totty Studio Showcase 2025: Student Paragraphs

Hello! My name is Anne Noonning. I will be singing Somewhere from “West Side Story.” Somewhere is a song of finding hope where hope is scarce, and the realization that things will work out in the end, whether in this life or the next. “West Side Story” is a true story of Heroes and Villains, originally based off of Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet. The song is sung by the heroes of the story, Maria and Tony, as they fight for their love and search for a time and a place where they can be together.

Hi! My name is Claire Kauffman, and I am a senior at Zionsville High School. Today I will be singing My Days from “The Notebook , Musical” with music and lyrics by Ingrid Michaelson. This song is very special to me. It shares a story of hope and strength and the good that comes with change. I believe that Allie, the character singing this song, is a hero. By pushing the boundaries and deciding to follow her own dreams she shows the same bravery and confidence of a hero. The touching melody mixed with such impactful lyrics create the perfect song and story to share. I am beyond thrilled to sing this song today and to be performing in this year’s Showcase. I would not be where I am today without Tamara. Enjoy the performance!

Hello! My name is Mia Reddig. O mio babbino caro is an aria from the 20th-century opera “Gianni Schicchi”, composed by Giacomo Puccini. In this piece, a young woman named Lauretta begs her father to let her marry the man she loves. Her heartfelt words capture the courage it takes to stand up for love and for her own future. By speaking her truth, Lauretta becomes her own kind of hero.

My name is Josephine Leppert. The song I am singing is Evil Like Me from the movie, “Descendants”. It is written by Andrew Lippa. The character signing this song is Maleficent. She is singing to her daughter, Mal, about how she wants her to follow in her evil footsteps.

My name is Katie Tedja. My song is Bridge Over Troubled Water composed by Simon and Garfunkel. It relates to heroes because it’s about someone going through a hard time and the sacrifices they made to persevere through that time in their life. I chose this song because I loved the message it conveyed and how people would play this when they were stuck in a similar situation.

My name is Jackson Coleman. I'm a junior at Zionsville Community High School, and today I'll be singing There Was a Mighty Monarch, composed by Beethoven. Its a rather ludicrous piece, humorously centered around a powerful monarch who tames and keeps a flea as a pet.

My name is Ivy Turnquist. My song is A Case of You and is written by Joni Mitchell. I consider this song to fit in the villain category because it is very somber and dark in the way Joni describes her relationships. The tone of the song is also very deep and sad as well.

Hello, my name is Lyla Susong and I will be singing World Burn for the showcase. This song is from the musical “Mean Girls”. The villain character Regina George sings World Burn while altering the “burn book”.

Hello! My name is Taylor Moss and I will be singing I Put a Spell on You first released in 1905 and composed by Screamin’ Jay Hawkins and Herb Slotkin. I chose this song because it makes me feel a little evil and villainous compared to songs I usually sing. Using my witchy powers, I hope I can put a spell on each and every one of you!

Hi, my name is Izzy Noblitt and I am singing Some Things are Meant to Be from “Little Women.” This resonates with me, as Beth and Jo are each others hero!

Hi! My name is Claire Daniels. Spread a Little Sunshine , from “Pippin”, is a bright, catchy song performed by Fastrada, Pippin’s devious stepmother. She sings it with a charming smile while secretly plotting to trick Pippin into murdering his father, King Charlemagne, to secure the throne for her son, Lewis. The song’s sunny vibe hides her dark intentions, perfectly illustrating the hero-villain theme of your vocal showcase by revealing how a villain can masquerade as a force for good, blurring the lines between heroism and treachery.

Hello, my name is Lorelai, and I will be performing No One Is Alone from “Into the Woods”! Something I really like about this song is how even when you’re going through hard moments, you will never be alone in what you’re going through. I would say this is more hero leaning as it may talk about loss, but it shows that you can get through the loss and overcome it!

My name is Hailey Rothrock and I am a current sophomore. I will be singing On My Own composed by Claude-Michel Schonberg. This song from Les Miserables fits into the heroes and villains theme because Eponine shows bravery by loving someone who doesn’t love her back and still wanting the best for him. Even though she’s sad and alone, she doesn’t turn mean or selfish, which makes her like a quiet hero. Enjoy!

My name is Eli Sloan and I will be singing “Hellfire” from the Hunchback of Notre Dame. It was composed by Alan Menken. I chose this due to its wide recognition of as one of Disney’s most famous Villain songs. Its powerful message and strong arrangement make it a favorite of mine. I hope you enjoy!

My name is Tula Heath. I will be singing Poor Unfortunate Souls from The Little Mermaid. This piece is composed by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman. I chose this piece because I knew I wanted to sing a villain’s song. Every time I think of a villain’s song, I think of Poor Unfortunate Souls. This song was the obvious choice, and I’m very glad I chose it!

Carrie-Ann Jordan. I love the saying, “Not all heroes wear capes.” It speaks to the extraordinary value and unparalleled impact that living with compassion and wholeheartedness has on humans. To me, some of the traits that align with being a

hero are living with compassion and generosity towards another, operating with honesty and integrity at the core, choosing to be kind in words and actions, and being present with unyielding love and support. I'll Be Here With You is an homage to the heroes who inspire me: my husband Christopher, daughter Iris, & son Solomon. This song is for them.

My name is Stella Hall, and I will be singing My New Philosophy from "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown". This song was composed and arranged by Andrew Lippa. I chose this song for recital because it has got me out of my comfort zone and opened me up to new types of acting. This song is about a character named Sally Brown who is usually a good student but one day decides to be a little mischievous and follow her own rules. While she is a hero in sticking up for herself and her future classmates, she is also a little bit of a villain when she decides to misbehave. I hope you enjoy listening to me perform this wonderful song.

Hi! My name is Billy Zabilka, I chose "Grow for Me" because I thought this song would be the perfect tone for my voice. I also am a huge fan of the song and I thought that it would be a great idea to sing this song for the concert. Even though Seymour kind of has a hero vibe, he turns out to be a villain since he starts feeding people to the plant and killing people. That's why the song "Grow for Me" fits in with the Hero/Villain theme.

My name is Brandon Klykken, and I am singing "Mr. Cellophane" from "Chicago The Musical" written by John Kander and Fred Ebb. I chose this piece to perform because it fits well with the heroes and villains theme by adding the element of a victim, much like in the musical when the character's wife cheats on him after 7 years! Enjoy the performance!

My name is Ozzy Heath and I decided to sing This World Will Remember Me, composed by Frank Wildhorn. I chose this song because I thought it would fit my voice nicely and it sounded super fun to sing. This fits the theme as Clyde Barrow is one of the most infamous criminals in history.

My name is Clara Keiper, and my showcase song is called Only Hope. It is composed by Jon Foreman and from the film "A Walk to Remember". This song represents a hero because the woman who sings it is battling with an illness, but still pushes through for love. I chose this song because it is very different to anything I've sung before. I enjoy the gentle effect the song has on its listeners.

Hello! My name is Lillian Heibult and I will be singing Wind Beneath my Wing from the movie "Beaches". It was composed by Jeff Silbar and Larry Henley. This song is known as being emotionally charged, and its lyrics shed light on the unseen heroes in our lives.

My name is Ella Okereke, and the song that I picked from the showcase is "I'm Not That Girl" from Wicked. My song follows the heroes and villains theme because it symbolizes the heartbreak and loss of help that Elphaba, the villain of the story, felt when she

wasn't chosen by her love interest. She sings about the appearance of the girl he chose and compares herself to her, deeming herself unworthy of his love. Ultimately, this song leads her to her spiral where she abandons her home, and the song truly embodies the feeling of being picked last.

Hi, I am Gavin Tedja and I will be signing make a man out of you by Donny Osmond. I chose this song because it is about soldiers getting ready for war against villains called the huns. And the song really shows all of the intensity of the preparation of war.

My name's Jesse Acton, and I am singing "Close Every Door", from Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber. The reason I am doing this song and why it fits into the heroes and villains theme is the fact I've always seen Joseph as a hero in the way he stays true to his values and sees the light through our situations. I have also always looked up to Donnie, Osmond and been a "hero" to me.

Neil Acton will be performing "Out There" by Alan Menken, a powerful hero's song from the musical The Hunchback of Notre Dame. As a devoted fan of the show, Neil is especially drawn to its rich emotional themes and inspiring music. This piece, in particular, resonates with him for its message of hope, longing, and the desire to break free and explore the world beyond.

My name is Clara Keiper, and my showcase song is called Only Hope. It is composed by Jon Foreman and from the film "A Walk to Remember". This song represents a hero because the woman who sings it is battling with an illness, but still pushes through for love. I chose this song because it is very different to anything I've sung before. I enjoy the gentle effect the song has on it's listeners.

Hello! My name is Lillian Heibult and I will be singing Wind Beneath my Wing from the movie "Beaches". It was composed by Jeff Silbar and Larry Henley. This song is known as being emotionally charged, and its lyrics shed light on the unseen heroes in our lives.

My name is Marianne Moss. I will be singing Villains Aren't Born (They're Made) by Peggy Lee Owens. This song represents a villain because it illustrates how certain things one experiences can cause them to feel betrayed, leading to them becoming a Villain. I chose this song because it contrasts the other kinds of songs that I have sung.

Hello, my name is Corbin DeVol. The song i will be singing is "I Love Betsy" from "Honey Moon in Vegas" by: Jason Robert Brown. I have chosen this song because, a good friend of mine Ozzy Heath recommended it to me for an audition piece. I ended up loving it so much that i wanted to sing it for all of you. So thanks Ozzy and please enjoy!

My name is Chloe Giles and I will be singing "Mo Ghile Mear" arranged by Samuel Jennings, english lyrics by The Cheiftains. "Mo Ghile Mear" or "My Gallant Darling" is a traditional Irish folk song that has had many different iterations, meanings, and

arrangements over the years. The original poem, written by Sean Clarach Mac Domhnaill sometime in the mid 1700s, is thought to be a lament for Prince Charles Edward Stuart, the last of the Stuart family with a serious claim to the British throne, upon his fleeing to France after leading an unsuccessful rebellion. It is a song of longing, misplaced faith, and heroes fallen from grace.