

Songfest Hosts

Becca Brackett
Cari Callen

Rachel Higgins
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Hosts are selected each fall by open audition. If you're interested in being a future host, we'd love to hear from you after Songfest 2019 closes. Audition information will be available on our website at the start of the fall semester.

MORE INFORMATION

Web pepperdinesongfest.com

Email songfest@pepperdine.edu

Phone (310) 506-6729

Ticket Sales Smothers Theatre Box Office
\$20 (\$10 w/student I.D.) (310) 506-4522
discounts for Wed 3/13 pepperdingsongfest.com/tickets

Video Orders Student Activities Office
\$45 Blu-Ray, \$35 DVD (310) 506-6729
checks payable to Reel Memories

Songfest Staff

Sam Parmelee *Director/Executive Producer*

Chris Stivers *Music Director*

Danielle Minke *Associate Producer*

Katie McNayr *Assistant Director*

Student Production Assistants

Brooke Gunderson Jessie Mandel

Caroline King

*Interested in forming or leading a Songfest group? Start thinking about it now!
Production for next year's show begins in late August 2019.*

SONGFEST 2019

Group Participant Information



The "Who, What, When, and Where" of Songfest

Songfest 2019 Performances

Tue March 12 – Fri March 16, 7:30 PM

Sat March 16, 2 PM and 7:30 PM

Smothers Theatre, Pepperdine University

Key Dates

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| Thu Feb 14 | Group Rehearsals Begin |
| Fri Feb 22 | Registration Deadline |
| Fri Feb 22 | Spring Break – Rehearsals Stop |
| Sun Mar 3 | Rehearsals Resume |
| Fri Mar 8 | Spacing Rehearsal |
| Sat Mar 9 | Rehearsals with Orchestra |
| Sun Mar 10 | Set Load-In |
| Sun Mar 10 | Rehearsals with Orchestra |
| Sun Mar 10 | Group Technical Rehearsals |
| Mon Mar 11 | Dress Rehearsal |
| Tue Mar 12 | Friends & Family Performance |
| Wed Mar 13 | Preview Performance |

Participating Songfest Groups

Alpha Beta Delta and Company*

Delta Psi Theta and GeedStorm*

Eta Theta Tau*

Gamma Ghkkkket Sigma and Friends*

Sigma Phi Epsilon and Alpha Phi*

**ALL students are welcome to join ANY student group!*

Questions? Lots More Info:

pepperdinesongfest.com

The Songfest Experience

For most, Songfest is an amazing and unforgettable experience. It provides memories and friendships that can last a lifetime, and it is more uniquely “Pepperdine” than just about anything else you might do during your years here at college.

Though it is a competition, Songfest is more importantly a showcase of our community to the public. It displays all that is best about Pepperdine and our students- creativity, resourcefulness, servant leadership, talent, teamwork, a humble sense of humor and fun, and an exciting group spirit that is impossible to find in any lone individual.

To keep Songfest the wonderful tradition it has become, and to help maximize the quality of the experience for everyone, please keep the following in mind:

- A great show depends on EVERY group. No group is more important than any other.
- Stay healthy. Get enough sleep. Drink plenty of water. Eat well. Take proper care of your body during this busy time.
- GO TO CLASS. Do your schoolwork during the day. Plan ahead!
- Mature time management is essential. Give up things like “going to the movies.” Do NOT give up “going to Humanities.” For a few weeks, Songfest may have to be your only social activity.
- Keep all show elements of Songfest secret. In the same way that no one likes a spoiled movie ending, Songfest is much more exciting to the viewer when everything remains a surprise.
- Support your fellow groups. Be gracious. Lend them encouragement and a helping hand when needed. Cheer them on, make each other better, and enjoy each other’s shows.
- Don’t lose perspective - HAVE FUN!!!!

Please don’t hesitate to contact any member of the staff if there is ever anything you’d like us to know about your experience this year.

Registration

All participants in Songfest 2019 must officially register online by 10 PM on Friday, February 22nd.

Among other things, registering will ensure that your name is properly presented in the program, that you receive all necessary Songfest communication, and that you are allowed to attend the dress rehearsal.

To register online, visit:

pepperdinesongfest.com

Group Rehearsals

Group rehearsals are scheduled nightly from 10 PM to Midnight at various on-campus locations. To find a group’s rehearsal location for a given date, please contact the group’s leaders or one of the Production Assistants.

Rehearsal Rules:

- NO FOOD OR DRINK in rehearsal rooms. Period.
- Before rehearsing, all students must sign a liability waiver.
- After rehearsals, leave the rooms configured exactly as you found them (unless directed otherwise).
- Leave none of your materials, trash, or debris behind.
- Do not erase any class material from boards.
- Do not touch or move any instruments.

Rehearsal Tips:

- Be present, and be on-time.
- Be prepared (come with rehearsal materials, etc.).
- Listen to your group leaders. They’ve worked very hard for many months to put your show together for you.
- Know when to be quiet and when to get crazy.
- Only ask questions at appropriate times (breaks, pauses, etc.).
- Have a patient and forgiving attitude- especially when you’re tired.
- Look for ways you can offer to help.
- Work hard, but keep perspective. It’s Songfest!

For further information, refer to the 2019 Production Guide and the 2019 Rehearsal Rules.

The Songfest Sweepstakes Award

During the final four performances, each student group is assessed by a panel of independent judges. These judges rate each group in five categories. The scores from all judges over all performances are tabulated at the end of Saturday’s closing performance. After any incurred penalties have been applied to all scores, the group with the highest point total is awarded the *Songfest Sweepstakes Award*. The five categories of assessment are:

- Music
- Choreography
- Set and Costume Design
- Theme
- Enthusiasm

Community is key. In each of these five categories, both the participation and performance of the entire group are much more important than those of any soloists, individuals, or small groups.

For complete Songfest rules and further judging details, refer to the 2019 Production Guide and the 2019 Judging Guidelines.