

What Is V-show?

V-show is Maine South's variety show... hence the "V". It is a long-standing tradition that many in the local community look forward to every year. Mostly it is a way for us to show the community the many talents and diverse interests Maine South has to offer. It's a grand effort of literally *hundreds* of students all working together to highlight Maine South's most unique and talented students.

Act Information

Acts are the heart and soul of this whole show. Acts can be really anything *you* want to show off, as weird or basic as you want go ahead and audition with it. There is nothing to lose in auditioning!!! While the directors will guide you through this process most of the work is put on *you* to make your act the best you can be.

- Every act must have an "act captain" to be the primary communicator with the directors
- Time for acts will be limited to 3.5 minutes
- If you plan to have music in your act you can either use a recording or, what we recommend, use our incredible stage band to accompany you (all of the transposing, composing, and technical things will be handled by us and the AP music theory students)
- Copies of the lyrics, if any, *must* be submitted with the audition
- You may audition with two songs but only one will be used for the show
- Every member of your act *must* be in the audition itself, all rehearsals, tech rehearsals, and performances
- **AUDITIONS ARE IN PERSON! Please follow the steps below:**
 - Sign up for a generalized time slot and, and the act captain must fill out the [audition form using this link](#) or by scanning the QR codes located throughout the school.
 - Auditions are on Sunday, September 13th in the choir room (you can arrive here by entering the building through the auditorium doors). They take place from 12-5pm. You will sign up for either a beginning slot, middle slot, or end slot.
 - Towards the end of the week before auditions, you will be contacted by a V Show director with an exact 5 minute audition time slot within the time frame you selected

- When you arrive at your audition, you will check in with a V Show director in the auditorium lobby. When it's your time, they will escort you to the choir room
- After arriving in the space and setting up whatever you may need, the act captain (or anyone from the group) will SLATE. This is an introduction to your act:
 - *(this does not count as part of the 3 minutes)*, please be sure to tell us your name(s), name of your act, and WHO YOUR ACT CAPTAIN IS. This is the person who will most communicate/liase with the student directors.
- The act itself CANNOT exceed 3 minutes. You must have the actual cut of whatever you're doing. You cannot cut it after the audition.
- Selected/admitted acts will be communicated to the act

Crew Information

Stage Crew is the extracurricular organization that helps make everything that happens behind the scenes of a production possible. Stage Crew helps build and run the technical side of our productions. You might build or paint scenery, work with props, help with lighting or sound, organize the shop, move scenery during performances, or learn to use tools and theatre equipment.

The crew meets most days after school in the weeks leading up to a show from 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm. We occasionally do a Saturday build day if the show needs it. Our V-Show crews include Construction, Painting, Sound, and Lights - while Props, Costumes, Hair and Make-up don't usually meet during V-Show. There is no formal attendance policy for regular crew members - You don't have to attend every single day to participate!

We encourage you to also participate in other parts of the show such as footlighters! No prior experience is required to join the stage crew. Stage Crew is a chance to learn practical skills, be creative, solve problems, make friends, and become a part of the Maine South Fine Arts community without having to perform onstage.

Whether you want to learn carpentry, painting, lighting, sound, design - or just try something new - there is a place for you on the Maine South Stage Crew! Applications will be available online at [this link](#). Any questions can be directed to Mr. Lassa in his office near the orchestra room or backstage.

[V-Show Crew Application Link 2026-2027](#)

Trunk Information

TRUNK!!!! Trunk is our sketch comedy group that writes and performs short sketch comedy during the V-show. These sketches are performed on the side stages in between acts. No one is really certain why it's called Trunk, but that's how it be.

- To sign up for an audition there will be a poster board outside of PA-05 with instructions on how to schedule an audition
- The audition will include a 1-minute comedic monologue written by *you*, it should be memorized. This is typically a comedic story or joke but it can be any type of monologue you think is funny as long as you write it yourself. **More details will be provided when you sign up for an audition**
- Auditions on September 8, beginning at 3:30pm, in 15-minute intervals, in PA 11
- Trunk meets typically 2 days a week after school, on Mondays and Wednesdays with more rehearsals added as we get closer to the performance. There is typically a rehearsal every day after school for 2-3 weeks leading up to the show
- All questions will be answered and more information will be provided at the V-Show interest meeting.
- AUDITION APPLICATION HERE: [Trunk Cast Application 2026](#)

Writing Staff!! Writing staff is an extremely important subgroup of trunk. The writing staff gets to assist in writing all the sketches for V-show. Writing staff gets to do everything Trunk does *besides perform*. It's a low-commitment and light-stress team to be involved with! *No audition is required*, just show up and be part of the team!

Stage Band Information

Stage Band is a very important part of the show. Stage Band plays for the opening number, has their own features, accompanies acts that need music, and plays in the finale of the show! It's a good opportunity to play multiple instruments or bring out a secondary instrument if you play any!

- Auditions will be held virtually! Click [HERE](#) for more information.
- Stage Band will meet in the band room on Mondays from 3:30-4:45 beginning Monday, 10/5 in the band room. Additional rehearsals will be held on Thursdays from 3:30-4:45 beginning in late October.
- Members of the stage band are required to attend all weekly rehearsals, the tech rehearsals, and all dress rehearsal dates.

- Click on the following hyperlink to access all audition information, including audition music: [V-Show Stage Band Virtual Audition Google Form](#)
- Virtual auditions must be submitted Monday, 9/7.
- Questions related to stage band participation and the virtual auditions can be directed to Mr. Park (lpark@maine207.org).

Footlighters Information

Footlighters are the largest ensemble of v-show and the smallest commitment. Footlighters get to perform the opening number, usually an energetic song and dance to kickoff the night. Perfect for someone wanting to start as a performer and are looking for a lowkey thing to test the waters.

- No audition
- No prior experience required
- Rehearsals are very low commitment, only 1 or 2 times a week and only 30 minutes. Typically held on Wednesday and SOME Mondays. More information will be coming out closer to first Footlighters rehearsal on October 21st regarding the schedule.
- Thespian Honor Society points will still be awarded for footlighters, so it's an easy way to get some points toward membership!

Dates to Know!

Trunk Auditions - September 8, 3:30-6pm in PA 11 (Choir Room)

Stage Band Auditions Due Date- September 8 and 9 @ 3:30pm in PA16

Act Auditions - September 13 from 12-5pm in the choir room (PA11)

V Show Rehearsals begin September 21st @ 3:30pm

Crew Application Due Date - **October 23rd, 3:30pm**, Form will go out **Aug 31st!**

Footlighters rehearsals begin October 21st at 3:30pm in the Drama Rm. (PA05)

Tech Rehearsals- **November 16 & 17, 3:30pm**

Dress Rehearsals- **November 18 & 19, 3:30pm**

Performances- **November 20 + 21 at 7:00PM**

Strike: **November 23, 3:30**

If any questions feel free to reach out to our director Mr. Fitz at jfitzpatrick@maine207.org

Any questions about the trunk? Shoot an email to Strom! mstrom@maine207.org

Any questions about stage band? Reach out to Mr. Park! lpark@maine207.org

Any questions about Stage Crew, Contact Mr. Lassa. jlassa2@maine207.org

