

Worship Arts Department
 Rochester Christian Church, Rochester, IL

The Mission & Vision of Rochester Christian Church:

Vision: To make new and growing disciples. (Matthew 28)

Mission: To have a community of disciples who LOVE God, GROW in faith, SERVE others, and GO into the world to share Jesus.

Worship Arts Vision:

The vision of the Worship Arts Department at RCC is to glorify God above all else using the various gifts of music and creativity. This is to be done in a clear and biblically centered way that enables the congregation to respond to the Truth, be challenged by the Word, and be disciplined through corporate times of fellowship.

What is Worship?

Worship is everything that you do in adoration of God in accordance with biblical teaching. Our worship to God is not limited to music; it begins with our lives throughout the week and expresses itself in the communal act of a Sunday morning gathering.

Why is it called “Worship Arts”?

At RCC, worship arts is just that – taking the various forms of art that God has given us and offering them back to him. Our worship is rooted in God’s truth, presented through the gifts given to us by him and lived out in the surrounding communities.

What does Worship look like at RCC?

During our services, you will experience elements of lighting, sound, visual media, hand-crafted artwork, drama, scripture, preaching and music. Our main goal is to honor God, raise up disciples and spread God’s truth through meaningful acts of worship.



New Member Criteria

The Worship Arts Department at RCC welcomes new members and encourages the use of a wide range of talents. We cannot promise that everyone who wants to be involved will be able to. It is important to determine if there is a need for a new member in a particular area, and that each individual has met the required guidelines to be considered.

Vision and Member Guidelines:

Individuals must have read and agreed with the Mission & Vision statement of RCC and the Worship Arts Department. Individuals must also be prepared to embrace the standard that is established in the Member Guidelines.

Heart:

Individuals desiring to serve in the Worship Arts Department must have a heart for worship and an attitude for humility. It is important to have a particular gift in a certain area, but one must realize that the platform and tech booth are a means of leading others in meaningful times of God-honoring worship. If your desire is to be seen or heard then the Worship Arts Department may not be for you.

Character:

Individuals must have a servant attitude and a submission to the Worship & Creative Arts Pastor or assigned Worship Leader. Individuals must also have a desire to work as part of a team.

Competence:

Individuals must have both a heart for worship and a giftedness to serve in this particular ministry.

Commitment:

Individuals must have a commitment to RCC and have been in regular attendance for at least two months before being considered for the Worship Arts Department. Regular attendance is defined by an average of a physical presence in two Sundays a month.



New Member Process

The following is the process for every individual desiring to serve in the Worship Arts Department.

Application: Individuals are to complete the attached application and return it to the Worship & Creative Arts Pastor.

Meeting: Each member will have a meeting that includes both an interview and audition. These meetings may be held at the same time or on separate occasions.

Interview: Each individual will have a face to face meeting with the Worship & Creative Arts Pastor. This enables time for discussion, answering of any questions, and a chance for prayerful consideration. Individuals should be prepared to verbally express their desire to be a part of the Worship Arts Department and share a brief testimony.

Audition: The audition portion allows the Worship & Creative Arts Pastor a chance to discern the musical or technical abilities of each individual desiring to join the team. Musicians and singers are asked to bring a prepared piece of music and may be called upon to sight-read chord charts and sing along to songs that might be unfamiliar. Audio and Tech individuals will be asked about prior experience with the possibility of a demonstration. There will also be 1-2 additional members of the Worship Arts Department present at the audition. If, following the interview and audition, the individual is not suited for the Worship Arts Department they will be notified with a clear explanation as to why they were not accepted and additional comments as to what changes must be made may be included if it is deemed appropriate.

Rehearsal: After completing the interview and audition, if the applicant has successfully met all the required fields, they will be required to attend 1-2 Thursday night practices before being asked to participate in a Sunday morning service. Individuals who are volunteering for the Tech booth will be asked to shadow up to 3 Sunday services before joining the Sunday rotation.

Typical Schedule for Worship Arts Department:

Traditional Team

Sunday morning rehearsal from 7am-7:45am

Traditional service from 8am-9am

Contemporary Team

Thursday night rehearsal from 6pm-8pm

Sunday morning run-through from 8:10am-8:30am

Contemporary service at 9:15am and 10:45am



Member Guidelines: Worship Arts Department

In accordance with God's word and the mission of the Worship Arts Department, there is a standard that each member of the team is called to. Failure to abide by any of these items may result in a member being asked to step down or take time off while they work through a particular issue. The following guidelines are meant to function as a framework to facilitate growth, accountability, and honesty amongst the members of the Worship Arts Department. Member of the Worship Arts Department commit to...

Have a Relationship with Jesus Christ

Each member serving in the Worship Arts Department is to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. This is crucial because each member of the team has a role of leading others during meaningful times of worship in the presence of the Lord. One must first be a worshipper before they can model it for others.

Have a Heart for Worship

The primary purpose of the Worship Arts Department is to ascribe glory to God. God calls each individual to worship Him with the best of their abilities. Music, tech, and the arts are beautiful expressions of that worship, but are never meant to be the focus. Members of the Worship Arts Department commit to bring glory to their creator and not themselves.

Live a Lifestyle of Worship

It is impossible to lead others where we have not been ourselves. Members of the Worship Arts Department must lead worship as an overflow of their weekly lifestyle of worship. This is characterized by reading scripture, prayer, and striving to honor God in all areas of life by being above and beyond reproach.

Above and Beyond Reproach

Individuals shall not serve in the Worship Arts Department without taking intentional steps to reject sinful habits. Members commit to...

- Live in humility (reject pride, self-centeredness, selfishness)
- Live with integrity (reject dishonesty, deceitfulness)
- Live in purity (reject unfaithfulness to spouse, pornography, etc...)
- Live in respect of your body (reject drunkenness, substance abuse, etc...)
- Live in self-control (reject anger, rage, hatred, etc...)
- Live to build others up (reject gossip, trash-talk, slander, etc...)



Dress Appropriately

Individuals commit to dressing in a manner that is appropriate. Shirts with words must be appropriate with no mention of alcohol, drugs, etc... Men: no shorts, ripped shirts/pants, or sleeveless shirts. Women: no shorts, no dresses/skirts that fall above the knee, no low-cut tops, no strapless tops, and no leggings to substitute for pants.

Rehearsals and Services**Communicate**

Members of the Worship Arts Department commit to communicate with the Worship & Creative Arts Pastor or Department Head about scheduled practices and commitments in order for the team to function properly. Each member is responsible for the use of Planning Center. Members who do not respond on Planning Center run the risk of being replaced with another member for that week.

Be Present and Prepared

Members of the Worship Arts Department commit to being present at all scheduled practices and services. Members are also responsible for coming prepared to rehearsals. Song charts, lyrics, flows, and Song/video-links will be available the week prior on Planning Center for each member to familiarize themselves with the weeks service. Each individual is asked to refrain from texting, unnecessary talking and playing, and to give their full attention during practices to ensure that songs are clearly communicated and everyone's time is honored.

**Due to the nature of this ministry, if you are unable to attend the mid-week(Contemporary), or Sunday morning(Traditional), practice you will not be able to participate in the service for that week.

Be Punctual

Members commit to being on time for all practices and services to respect the time of the other members of the team, and to ensure that all practices end at an appropriate time.

As a member of the Worship Arts Department at Rochester Christian Church, I commit to glorify God in my actions and lifestyle. I Commit to respect the other members of the Worship Arts Department and honor God's word and the Member Guidelines.



