

Stairway to Stardom

2011 AUDITION INFORMATION

Tuition in full (\$300) and completed enrollment forms must be received prior to audition week.
Deadline is Saturday, June 11th!!

SACRAMENTO AND ELK GROVE 2010 AUDITION SCHEDULE:

DRUMS on Mon. 6/13 | GUITARS on Tues. 6/14 | VOCALS/KEYS on Wed. 6/15 | BASS/MISC on Thu. 6/16
All Sacramento and Elk Grove auditions take place from 6pm to 8pm at Skip's Music in Sacramento.

MODESTO 2011 AUDITION SCHEDULE:

ALL INSTRUMENTS on Sat. 6/11 after the start up meeting (4:30pm) at the Modesto Skip's Music store.

Q: What should I bring to my audition?

A: If you play guitar or bass, bring your instrument. If you play drums, bring sticks. If you're a keyboard player, bring your fingers, and if you're a singer, bring your background music (CD, iPod, etc.) or accompanist (unless you're singing acapella). Also be sure have already submitted a completed enrollment along with your tuition. Skips will provide guitar amps, a drum kit, a keyboard, microphones, PA, CD player, iPod input, etc.

Q: What do I have to do to prepare for the audition?

A: First, make sure your tuition is paid in full and that your enrollment form is turned in! Then, prepare no more than **two minutes** of something to perform...something that fits the style of music that you'd like to play in a Stairway band. You can perform a portion of something you wrote, a lead solo, or a piece from a song by an artist who inspires you. But be prepared for the unexpected! If you are a guitar player who plays both lead and rhythm, the evaluation panel may ask you to perform a sample of both styles. If you are a drummer who auditions with a big complicated drum solo, the panel may also ask you to play 8 bars of a steady beat. Singers may bring prerecorded music on CD or iPod to sing along to, an accompanist, or they may accompany themselves or sing acapella. Please have your prepared audition memorized!

Q: Can I bring friends and/or family to the audition for moral support?

A: No. Auditions are closed to participants only. This is a less stressful and nervous environment for the participants.

Q: How long do the auditions last and are they private?

A: They last between an hour and two hours, depending on how many participants have signed up for a particular audition session. Auditions are not private in that all participants for a given instrument watch their peers audition, but the auditions are closed to participants only.

Q: I'm a lead singer AND a drummer, and I want to do both in Stairway. Do I have to come to both drum audition night and vocal audition night?

A: Yes. We need to evaluate you separately for both instruments (your voice is also considered an instrument). Plan ahead for this!

Q: Who are the audition week judges?

A: The judges are a panel of professional veteran musicians who specialize in your instrument. Some of the judges are Stairway mentors as well.

Q: What if I can't make it on the scheduled audition day for my instrument?

A: For Sacramento and Elk Grove participants, you can call (916) 484-7575 x 802 the week before to make an appointment to come on "BASS/MISC" night (June 16th). Bass players who can't come on June 17th can make an appointment to come on "GUITAR" night on June 14th instead. No other audition days will be offered.

Q: When do I find out if I made it into the program?

A: At 6:30pm SHARP on Friday, June 17th. A list will be posted on the front door of each of the Skip's Music locations. You may stop by the store to see the list OR call. DO NOT contact the store early!

Q: If I make it into a band, then what?

A: Then, you show up the next day, Saturday, June 18th from 1pm to 2pm for MEET YOUR BAND DAY! Your regular rehearsal day/time will be revealed then, and you'll meet your bandmates and your coach. MEET YOUR BAND DAY is mandatory for all participants and is closed to participants and coaches only. Sacramento and Elk Grove participants will meet at the Sacramento Skip's Music location. Modesto participants will meet at the Modesto Skip's Music location.