

AUDITIONING FOR MUSIC ENSEMBLES AND PRIVATE LESSONS

Ensembles

Ensembles and private lessons require an audition for level placement. For some ensembles and lessons, you will be registered for a pending placement course (MUS 020-060). After your audition, your registration will be changed to the course number you listed on your registration worksheet.

- **Choral** placements will take place Monday, August 29th and Tuesday, August 30th. A sign up link will be sent to the entire student body in early August. However, if you are interested in auditioning, please reach out to Prof Eric Reyes (reyese@hope.edu) and introduce yourself at any time! Further information on what the placement hearings include, and what ensembles are offered, [can be found here](#).
- **Jazz** (Mus 070) placement auditions for big band and combo will take place on Monday, August 29 in the afternoon. Sign up for a time on the board next to Jack Miller #171. For more details, please contact Prof. Robert Shipley Dir. Jazz Studies at shipley@hope.edu.
- **Wind and brass** auditions for Wind Ensemble (Mus 060), Orchestra (Mus 060), and Concert Band (Mus 060): Audition sign-up sheets are posted outside Dr. Gabe Southard's office in Jack Miller 174 and all auditions will be held there on Monday, August 29. Contact: southard@hope.edu
 - Wind Ensemble auditions are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You should prepare a 2-3 minute solo excerpt of your choice; memorization is not required.
 - Classical percussionists meet with Dr. Southard at 5 p.m. for placement.
 - No audition required for Concert Band, but you should still sign up for a time to meet with Dr. Southard for placement.
- **Orchestra String Auditions** (MUS 040) are Monday, August 29. Sign up for a time on the board next to Jack Miller 164. Please prepare a 2-3 minute solo excerpt and a 3-octave scale of your choice; memorization is not required. Contact: music@hope.edu
- **String Chamber** (Mus 050) auditions are Monday, August 29. Sign up for a time on the board next to Jack Miller 244. Please bring a prepared piece, if possible. Auditions will be held with Dr. Mihai Craioveanu in Jack Miller 244. Contact: craioveanu@hope.edu

Lessons and Classes

For all lessons, in addition to the instructions below, the Music Department would like you to complete the [Applied Lessons Request form](#) to assist us with your placement.

- **Voice:** You must audition for private music lessons (MUS 020); demand is high. You do not need to audition for Voice Class (MUS 192). Auditions will be held only on Monday, August 29. The audition takes about 10 minutes. The signup sheet is on the board outside Jack Miller 165. Fill out both sides of the information form, also on the board, which includes your class schedule. Prepare a song of your choice in either the Classical or Musical Theatre styles or plan to sing "Silent Night." An accompanist will be provided but please bring a copy of the music if you sing a song of your choice. Aural and sight-singing skills will also be assessed. If you are not placed in private voice

lessons, we encourage you to sing in an ensemble and try again next semester. Contact: vandenbrink@hope.edu

- **Piano:** For private lessons (MUS 010), sign up for an audition on the list posted outside Jack Miller 162. Auditions will be held on Monday, August 29, at the times indicated on the audition list. Please bring a prepared piece of any length (from memory is optional); you may also be asked to play something by sight. Private piano lessons are open only to students with prior experience who are able to read musical notation; beginning students should enroll in MUS 190 (Piano Class). Contact: keep@hope.edu
- **Other instruments:** “TBA” (to be arranged) means that your lesson will be scheduled at a time convenient for you and your teacher. For some instruments, you may be able to take lessons with little prior experience. For specific information, contact the instructor directly.

If you have questions about the ensembles or the auditions, please contact the Music Department Office Manager, Kathy Waterstone, (616) 395-7650 or waterstone@hope.edu.