

Auditioning for Music Ensembles and Private Lessons

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.

Ensembles

- **Choral** placement auditions are Monday, August 28. Sign up for a time on the audition list outside Jack Miller 241 – no need to bring a prepared piece.
 - No audition required for College Chorus.
 - Contact: richmond@hope.edu
- **Wind and brass auditions for Wind Ensemble, Orchestra, Jazz, and Concert Band** (MUS 020) are Monday, August 28, between 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sign up for a time on the Wind Ensemble Board outside of Dr. Southard's Office (Jack Miller 174). Students auditioning for Wind Ensemble or Orchestra should bring a short piece or scales. Percussionists will meet with Dr. Southard at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 28, for placement. No prepared piece of jazz experience required for the jazz auditions – just bring your instrument.
 - No audition required for Concert Band.
 - Contact for Jazz: coyle@hope.edu
 - Contact for Wind Ensemble and Concert Band: southard@hope.edu
- **String** (MUS 030) placement auditions are Monday, August 28. Sign up for a time on the board in Jack Miller. Please bring a prepared piece, if possible.
 - Contact: fashun@hope.edu

Lessons

- **Voice:** You must audition for private music lessons (MUS 060) and small group voice lessons; demand is high. You do not need to audition for Voice Class. Auditions will be Monday, August 28. The audition takes about 10 minutes, and this is the ONLY audition time possibility. Sign up on the board outside Jack Miller 243 and complete both sides of the information form hanging on that bulletin board. You must bring a copy of your class schedule to the audition. Times fill up fast. Prepare a song of your choice or sing “Silent Night.” An accompanist will be provided. 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: dykstra@hope.edu
- **Piano:** For private lessons (MUS 050), sign up for an audition on the list posted outside Jack Miller 162. Auditions will be held on Monday, August 28, 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).
- **Other instruments:** “TBA” (to be arranged) means that your lesson will be scheduled at a time convenient to 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.

More information about sign up location should be available from the Music Department at the end of the summer.