

Auditioning for Music Ensembles and Private Lessons

Ensembles

Choral placement auditions are Monday, August 29. Sign up for a time on the audition list at the Nykerk Hall of Music, Room 135--no need to bring a prepared piece. No audition required for College Chorus. Richmond@hope.edu

Wind, percussion, brass, and jazz placement auditions are Monday, August 29. Sign up for a time on the “big blue board” opposite Nykerk Hall of Music, Room 121. Students auditioning for Wind Ensemble or Orchestra should bring a short piece or scales. Percussionists will meet with Dr. Southard at 5PM on Monday, August 29, for placement. No prepared piece or jazz experience required for the jazz auditions--just bring your instrument. Jazz: Coyle@hope.edu Wind Ensemble and Concert Band: Southard@hope.edu No audition required for Concert Band.

String placement auditions are Monday, August 29. Sign up for a time on the “big blue board” opposite Nykerk Hall of Music, Room 121. Please bring a prepared piece if possible. Orchestra: Piippo@hope.edu

Lessons and Classes

Voice. You must audition for private voice lessons (Mus 060) and small group voice lessons; demand is high. Sign up outside Nykerk Hall of Music, Room 136. Times fill up fast. Prepare a classical piece or sing “Silent Night.” If you are not placed in private voice lessons, we encourage you to sing in an ensemble and try again next semester. dykstra@hope.edu

Piano. For private lessons (Mus 050), sign up for an audition on the list posted outside Nykerk Hall of Music, Room 104. Auditions will be held Tuesday through Thursday (August 30-September 1) 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 at last-name-of-instructor@hope.edu

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