

SUNSET PLAYHOUSE SEARCHING FOR PROFESSIONAL SINGERS AND RISING STARS FOR ITS MUSICAL MAINSTAGE CONCERT SERIES

Sunset Playhouse announces auditions for its professional Musical MainStage Concert Series on Thursday, April 30th from 3:30-9:00 PM at the Playhouse, 800 Elm Grove Road in Elm Grove.

Musical MainStage is a series of six concerts requiring four professional singers and one Rising Star per show. Styles needed for its 2020-21 season include rock, pop, standards, folk, jazz, and country. Rehearsals are minimal and performances take place on Mondays and Tuesdays. Students who will be enrolled in any area high school from September, 2020 - June, 2021 are eligible to be named a Rising Star. All singers should bring 32 bars of sheet music in their key; an accompanist will be provided.

FAQ for PROS:

Q: I've auditioned in the past, can I come in again?

A: If you've auditioned previously or appeared in a previous Musical MainStage production, we do NOT need to see you again.

Q: Is this paid?

A: Professional performers will receive a stipend.

Q: When will I be notified?

A: All auditioners will be notified via email by June 15th.

Q: What if I'm sick or can't make it.

A: Please cancel online. For last-minute cancellations, please send an email to: sloveridge@sunsetplayhouse.com.

FAQ for RISING STARS:

Q: I've auditioned in the past; can I come in again?

A: It is not necessary if you've been seen before but if you would like to try again, you may.

Q: Am I eligible?

A: If you are, or will be, enrolled in *any* area high school (including home or online) from September, 2020-June, 2021.

Q: Can duets or small groups audition?

A: Yes, but no more than four people; all should be singers.

Q: Will Sunset have music available to those auditioning?

A: No, singers must bring their own sheet music. 32 bars (***no more than 1 minute***) in your key!

Q: If the singer doesn't have music, can they sing a capella or bring recorded music?

A: A capella is not recommended for professional auditions. No recorded music!

Q: What kind of song should I sing?

A: 32 bars of whatever song best shows off your voice, something you can sing with confidence. We're looking

for all styles—rock, pop, standards, country, folk, and jazz.

Q: Is this an audition for a musical—one of the main stage shows?

A: No, this is for our concert series featuring professional singers and musicians.

Q: How much rehearsing is involved?

A: Rehearsals take place on Monday evenings. Three rehearsals starting a month before the show, plus one tech rehearsal on Sunday. Since there are only four, performers must also work on their own.

Q: Are Rising Stars paid?

A: Not in dollars, but it's an opportunity to work in a professional environment and gain knowledge, confidence, and exposure. Each Rising Star also receives two comps for opening night, and several have later received college scholarship monies.

Q: When will those chosen be notified?

A: Everyone who auditions, whether selected or not, will receive email notification by June 15th.

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