

SMuTS Band Audition Pack - *Shrek The Musical*

Hello! We are very excited to announce that this year's musical will be Shrek! Below is all the information you will need for the band auditions, so please read it carefully before you sign up. If you have any questions, please do get in touch!

About Your Musical Director:

My name is Will and I will be your musical director for the show. I am a 2nd year music student, who plays saxophone, clarinet, flute and horn. I was part of the SMuTS band last year and had a great time. As well as this, I have been involved in several other musical productions in the past including Oliver, Guys and Dolls and Betty Blue eyes. I am super excited to get the band together to create an amazing show!

Where/When are the Band Auditions:

The auditions will be held in the recital room (120), Falmer House, University of Sussex, 11th October from 10am- 2pm.

Who are we looking for:

I am looking for musicians who will be comfortable playing this level of show music, and have some experience of playing with other musicians. Whilst not everyone has done traditional grades on their instrument, and it is not a requirement, I would suggest being grade 6+ (or equivalent) in order to keep up with the fast pace we will need to learn this music!

How to Sign Up:

Please use this link to access the sign up form. You will then be emailed a link to a spreadsheet, which you need to fill in to pick your audition time slot

Sign up form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScVmv91UkqAm6xWUtU6xL7TP_1CtuJO1xxsm4-U-aiaEalR6Q/viewform?usp=publish-editor

On the form, please write ALL instruments you can play. Listed below are all of the parts we need for the band. Please note, you do not need to be able to play all 4/5 instruments in the reed parts (for example the reed 1 part can have one person playing flute and piccolo and another person playing clarinet and alto sax!). If you are unsure whether your instrument is appropriate, or if it is not listed but you think it could be a good substitute for one on the list, please get in touch.

Instruments needed:

- Reed 1 (Flute, piccolo, clarinet and alto saxophone)
- Reed 2 (Clarinet, bass clarinet, flute, soprano saxophone, tenor saxophone and baritone saxophone)
- French horn
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Violin 1
- Violin 2
- Cello
- Keyboard 1
- Keyboard 2
- Guitar 1
- Guitar 2
- Bass
- Drum kit
- Percussion

Preparing for the audition:

We will ask you to perform 1-2 minutes of a piece of your choice, that you feel reflects your Ability and can be any style/genre of music. If you are auditioning with multiple instruments, please prepare a piece on each instrument, but these can be slightly shorter extracts to help us stay on schedule. We will also ask a few questions about your musical experience, so please have a think about any relevant experience, for example playing in show bands, orchestras etc.

Rehearsals:

Rehearsals for the band will be every Sunday 13:00-16:00 These will start in late October until early December, then January until the shows. Closer to the shows we will have joint rehearsals with the cast, including a sitzprobe, tech rehearsal and dress rehearsal. We expect attendance at all rehearsals but are aware that people can be busy with other important commitments. If you know you will be consistently unable to attend rehearsals, unfortunately we will not be able to have you as part of the band, so please think carefully about this before auditioning! Please bear in mind that you will have to be available for show week (24th – 27th February).

Other information:

We ask all members of SMuTS to pay a small membership fee, which goes towards funding the show, for example hiring the venue, sourcing instruments and band equipment we may need etc. You can either pay this in full, or in installments, agreed upon by our treasurer. If you have any worries or concerns about this, please get in contact with us.

The email address for general enquiries about the show: shrek.smuts2027@gmail.com

My email address for any band-related queries: wjb27@sussex.ac.uk

Final Thing to Say:

Being part of a band is a great way to meet new people, make new friends and do something fun outside of studying! Whilst we want to put on an amazing show, we also want people to really enjoy the process, so hopefully we can create a supportive, friendly and welcoming environment.

I look forward to seeing lots of you at auditions very soon!

All the best,
Will (Musical Director)