

AUDITION NOTICE: Artpark Theatre Academy Presents



Attention ALL WNY middle school/high school students ages 10-18 who are dreaming of summer and being involved in a theatre production at Artpark!

Artpark Theatre Academy will run July 6th-August 2nd 2020* and will present two public performances of School of Rock at the legendary Artpark Mainstage Theater!

This first round of auditions is for 5 specific acting roles that also play instruments in the production, live on stage. Auditions will be held completely online, Artpark is now accepting video submissions. Please send a video file or link to the email address provided below.

[General student registration is now open](#) and additional auditions for all other roles will be announced soon.**

ROLES:

Dewey - Guitar

-Should prepare one verse and refrain of a pop or rock tune of their choice (playing and singing). Piece should demonstrate instrumental ability, vocal quality and vocal range. Should demonstrate improvisation ("shredding") ability, in a way that demonstrates their highest level of technical proficiency.

Zack - Guitar

-Should prepare one verse and refrain of a pop or rock tune of their choice (playing and singing). Piece should demonstrate instrumental ability, vocal quality and vocal range. Should

demonstrate improvisation ("shredding") ability, in a way that demonstrates their highest level of technical proficiency.

Lawrence - Keyboard

-Should prepare one verse and refrain of a pop tune or rock tune of their choice (playing and singing). Piece can be performed with a chordal accompaniment with bass line. Piece should also demonstrate vocal quality and vocal range. Should demonstrate improvisation ability, equivalent to a 12-bar blues (2 choruses). A play-along track or live accompaniment is encouraged.

Katie - Bass

-Should prepare one verse and refrain of a pop or rock tune of their choice (playing and singing). Piece should demonstrate instrumental ability, vocal quality and vocal range. Should demonstrate improvisation ("shredding") ability, in a way that demonstrates their highest level of technical proficiency.

Freddie - Drummer

-Should demonstrate the following basic styles:

- Basic rock beat
- Basic swing beat
- Basic Latin beat (Bossa Nova)

-The style demonstrations listed above should be performed with the following form: 8 measures of time, 4 measure of solo/improvisation, 4 measures of time

-Styles performed in the following range of tempos: quarter note = 96-160 (depending on style)

SEND YOUR VIDEO AUDITION TO: artparkacademy@gmail.com by May 1st.

CONTACT: Questions about what to send, email Artpark Theatre Academy Music Director, Patrick at ptowey92@gmail.com If needed, Patrick will ask you to prepare additional material for a callback based on the audition you submit.

ABOUT THE SHOW: School of Rock is a musical based on the famous Paramount film written by Mike White, which starred Jack Black. The musical follows Dewey Finn, a failed, wannabe rock star who decides to earn a few extra bucks by posing as a substitute teacher at a prestigious prep school. Completely disinterested in academic work, Dewey decides to create his own curriculum, turning his class into a guitar-shredding, bass-slapping, mind-blowing rock band. The stage musical on Broadway was produced by Andrew Lloyd Webber, who has composed 14 new songs to create a score, which also features all of the original songs from the movie. School of Rock, with its sensational live kids' rock band, is a loving testimony to the transforming power of music. May the spirit of rock be with you!

* Academy dates may be subject to change

**These 5 roles are considered scholarship roles, and will be given financial aid assistance based on role and need.