

VOCAL AUDITION REQUIREMENTS FOR *JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR*

What to Prepare

Please prepare 30 – 60 seconds (under 1 minute) of singing from three options listed below this introductory material.

- **Your audition piece should demonstrate your singing ability and allow you to play a character;** remember we want to see you act while singing.
- **Choose music that is similar to the style of the music in *Jesus Christ Superstar*.**
- **Bring your sheet music for the audition pianist.**
 - The music should be in the correct key for your voice.
 - You should have practiced with the piano and be sure that you are singing the music accurately.
 - You will **not** be able to sing unaccompanied (“a capella”).
- **Time yourself!** Make sure your audition piece is within the time limit listed above so that you can be sure that you present the best part of the song before your time is up. Do not use a long piano introduction!!
- **Additional Preparation (IMPORTANT!) You must be familiar with the music from the show!** Listen to the soundtrack, watch the **1973** movie or a more recent version, for instance the one with John Legend that was broadcast on **NBC**. If you are asked to attend Callbacks, you will probably sing one or more songs from the show with limited rehearsal so be prepared!

THREE OPTIONS for What to Prepare for the Preliminary Audition:

OPTION 1 – A selection from a pop rock musical or 1970s rock band: Here are some good suggestions, but there are many other shows to choose from and many 1970s rock bands (for example AC/DC, Led Zeppelin, Black Sabbath, Aerosmith, Kiss etc.)

<i>American Idiot</i>	<i>Waitress (women only)</i>
<i>Evita</i>	<i>The Wiz</i>
<i>Hair</i>	<i>Spring Awakening</i>
<i>Kinky Boots</i>	<i>School of Rock</i>
<i>Memphis</i>	<i>Rent</i>
<i>Once</i>	<i>Rock of Ages</i>

OPTION 2 – A song from *Jesus Christ Superstar*, cut to 1 minute. You should still bring your own sheet music with you that matches what you have practiced.

OPTION 3 – “Aquarius” from the rock musical *Hair*. If you choose this option, you will **not** need to bring the sheet music with you; we will have it available for the accompanist. *(This option is primarily intended for inexperienced singers and actors who find out about the auditions at the last minute.)*

- **The lyrics for the suggested excerpt** from “Aquarius” are listed at the end of this information. You will only need to sing that much of the song. If you can confidently memorize those lyrics for your audition, please do. You may hold a copy of the lyrics while singing.
- Here is a **Youtube example of the song** to help you learn. It is in the original show key: Aquarius (*Hair* – Broadway Revival; performance on Late Night With David Letterman) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xPLg5gA-9ck>
- **A copy of the sheet music** for the excerpt is also available from the Theatre Arts main office (Rm. 2201T Lark Temps) on request.

HOW DO I FIND THE SHEET MUSIC FOR THE PIECE I WANT TO SING?

If you choose Option 1 or 2 above, you will need to bring your song’s sheet music to the audition, making sure that it is in the right key for you. Here are four resources to consider when looking for sheet music:

1. Try an online sheet music website. There are several, such as musicnotes.com.
2. Try the library. The Doyle library does contain some musical theatre and opera scores, as does the SSU library and some public libraries.
3. Try one of the great music stores in town.
4. Try the Music Department - While their staff time is limited, they have a large collection of musical theatre and opera vocal music. You may call 527-4249 during regular daily hours when the JC is open and ask when is a good time to come by and look at materials.

MORE GREAT RESOURCES ON AUDITIONING FOR A MUSICAL!!

[How to Prepare a Musical Theatre Audition - 8 Steps](#)

[How to Prepare a Musical Theatre Audition](#)

[Singing Auditions for Musical Theatre](#)

QUESTIONS

If you have questions, please contact Joshua Bailey: joshuabailey22@gmail.com.

LYRICS FOR “AQUARIUS” from *Hair*
(Suggested excerpt for auditions)

WHEN THE MOON IS IN THE SEVENTH HOUSE

AND JUPITER ALIGNS WITH MARS,

THEN PEACE WILL GUIDE THE PLANETS

AND LOVE WILL STEER THE STARS.

THIS IS THE DAWNING OF THE AGE OF AQUARIUS,
THE AGE OF AQUARIUH – US!

AQUARIUS! AQUARIUS