

Hello! Are you looking for an audition?

Below you'll find a list and info on a number of popular auditions. More information can be found by going to the web links I've provided you. If you're going to audition for any of these shows, make sure you study the videos of past televised auditions and shows. This is a great way to find good audition songs as well as learn from those who did well or fell flat, usually due to lack of preparation. Make sure to read all the information posted on their website right down to the fine print.

There's a possibility that by the time you read this post and click on one of the below links, that particular show will have been cancelled. However, most likely there will still be videos from the show that you can watch and use for your own enhancement.

If you plan to audition, whether for one of the shows below or a local group, chorus, or show, prepare well in advance of the actual audition date by practicing with the lessons I've provided you here in my school. Always strive to put your best foot forward! I'm cheering you on and here to help. ~ Jeannie Deva

American Idol: <http://www.americanidol.com/auditions>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Idol

The judges review a performer's talent and at-home viewers then vote for their favorite potential star. Even those who have not made it to the esteemed winner's circle have received enough notoriety to land major performance careers as seen by Kelly Clarkson, Carrie Underwood, Jennifer Hudson and Adam Lambert. Randy Jackson, the last remaining original American Idol judge, will return this winter for the show's 12th season along with two new celebrity judges. American Idol age restrictions are from 15 to 28 years old and they do not accept contestants who already have management.

Disney's Hollywood Studios Theme Park, American Idol Experience:
<http://disneyworld.disney.go.com/parks/hollywood-studios/attractions/american-idol/>

With three rounds to the audition process which includes live performances, a chance to sing in front of the Disney producer, training with a performance coach and more, the best performer of the finale show receives a Dream Ticket allowing him/her to schedule a front-of-the-line audition to a future regional audition for the American Idol television show. Ages 14 and up can participate. For additional information:
http://goflorida.about.com/od/disneymgmstudios/a/american_idol.htm

The Voice: <http://www.nbcthevoice.com/>
<http://www.nbcthevoice.com/how-to-audition/audition-process.php>

Inspired by the popular television reality show "Voice of Holland", Mark Burnett's NBC smash hit singing competition has a unique format: the auditions are blind. The Voice's casting company approaches management and booking agencies from major cities to ask for names and videos of artists. Mainly through YouTube footage, the casting director invites the artists to a series of auditions that are never televised. In addition to the recruited auditions, the show also holds open auditions. These open auditions allow singers to audition either in person or online via uploaded videos. During its first season (2011) over 70,000 singers auditioned, and the casting crew invited a select number of singers to Los Angeles to participate in the next phases of auditions: THE

PRIZE: \$ 100,000 recording contract with Universal Republic Records (Taylor Swift). You must be a US resident and 16 years of age or older.

PHASE ONE: A group of four well-known music artists with recognizable names, listen to singers without seeing them and decide purely on the basis of their voices whether or not the coach wants to add them to their "team." From this blind audition, each coach assembles a team of 8 members.

PHASE TWO: As the competition goes forward, each of the coaches works on the performing styles and looks of their team members. Week by week the coaches pair up two of their team members and have them "battle" in "The Battle Rounds." During The Battle Rounds the two singers are assigned a song and must sing as a duet. Ultimately, the coach boots off one of the singers. Once each team has whittled down to 4 artists, the show goes to the Final, live performances.

FINAL (LIVE) STAGE: 16 remaining artists (4 for each coach), will continue to compete with their own "teammates" until each team has 1 artist remaining. At this point, the audience votes on the ultimate winner through online and mobile phone voting. One unique twist is that viewers can buy a recording of each performance on iTunes as a method of voting for the artists.

X-Factor: <http://www.fox.com/thefactor/>

The U.K.'s #1 program since 2004, in 2011, Simon Cowell premieres this singing contest in the US on FOX network. Unique with this show is that the first time contestants audition for the X Factor judges, (Season 2: Simon Cowell, L.A. Reid, Britney Spears, Demi Lovato) as well as an audience of thousands, and compete to win a \$5 million recording contract with Syco/Sony Music. Along with their open calls across the USA, auditions have been opened to include the use of YouTube as well as their "MyStudio" audition booths. Ages from 12 years old and up are welcome.

America's Got Talent: <http://americasgottalentauditions.com/>

This American NBC reality television show, part of the British Got Talent series, is one of the only shows open to any age and any talent. It gives an opportunity to talented amateurs or unknown performers with the results decided by an audience vote. All performers compete for the top prize of \$1 Million US, payable in a financial annuity over forty years and a show as the headliner on the Las Vegas Strip. The current three celebrity judges are Howard Stern, Sharon Osbourne and Howie Mandel with Nick Cannon as host. Simon Cowell is still heavily involved in the show's production, but not as a judge. You can also submit a video for your audition if you can't be at one of the many auditions in person. There are also versions of this competition across Europe and other locations internationally, so check your local area on your Internet Browser.

Duets: <http://beta.abc.go.com/shows/duets>

The catch with "Duets" is that four professional artists, [Kelly Clarkson](#), [John Legend](#), [Jennifer Nettles](#) and [Robin Thicke](#), not only coach two contestants each, but also perform duets with them. The judges then assess each performance, with the two lowest-ranked singers facing off with a final tune sung a cappella. The contestant scoring best gets saved, while the other must leave the show. The eight contestants are auditioned through various means including YouTube submissions and an open call of about 100 singers.

The Winner Is: <http://tvline.com/2012/05/29/nbc-singing-competition-winner-is/>

NBC has ordered a new singing competition series from a producer of *The Voice*. The network just gave the “go-ahead” to: *The Winner Is*, a reality show where singers of all ages and styles compete in head-to-head duels. Adults, kids, teens, seniors, families and professional singers will be judged by an in-studio panel (which hasn’t been cast yet) for a \$1 million dollar prize. In the style of TV show *Deal or No Deal*, the contestants will have the option to quit the game early. In other words, before hearing whether they’re eliminated, singers on the chopping block can choose to exit the game in exchange for a cash payout, or gamble on continuing in the game. There’s no premiere date yet set for the competition and so no website to give you yet. But stay on the lookout for the audition announcements and I’ll update this page with the website address as soon as I hear it’s been created.

Making the Band:

<http://www.mtv.com/shows/makingtheband3/series.jhtml#moreinfo>

Making the Band premiered in 1999 on ABC and then transferred to MTV. This show aims to discover new talents which will become part of a group of performers. The show also follows the winning performers as they embark on tours, performances and interviews. The first season produced the 4 members of the boy band O-Town. Making the Band 2 (2002) resulted in the formation of the hip-hop group Da Band. From Making the Band 3 (2005), the all-female singing group Danity Kane was formed.

Platinum Hit: <http://www.bravotv.com/platinum-hit>

An American show on bravo, it premiered in the spring of 2011. The series showcases singer-songwriters providing innovative songwriting challenges to the 12 finalists. The winner is crowned the ultimate hit maker and walks away with a prize that includes a \$100,000 cash prize, a publishing deal with sonny and BMI songwriters, and a recording deal with rca/jive. The show is hosted by jewel with a rotating panel of judges including head judge Kara DioGuardi (prior American Idol judge).

Singing with the Broadway Stars:

<http://www.singingwiththebroadwaystars.com/>

This audition process offers a chance to sing on-stage in an all-star Broadway review. The age requirement for the show you audition for is specific for each show and is listed in the guidelines. Audition submission are made by video upload on MySpace, Facebook or YouTube. There are also winnings for runners-up.

Classical Singer Competition and Convention:

<http://www.classicalsinger.com/convention/competition/>

There are two categories: Classical and Musical Theatre. They have three age divisions from ages 14 through 32, and more than 50 first round locations including first round auditions by video.