

SUMMER ROCK BAND CLASS
Laurel School of Music – Summer 2009

((Please note: this is not for the beginning musician - at least 1 year of playing experience or lessons is required, or a beginning/intermediate level of skill))

SCHEDULE: Friday Evening, Saturday afternoon, or Sunday afternoon

SEE THE SUMMER BAND/ORCHESTRA SCHEDULE PAGE

FIRST REHEARSAL: June 12, 13, or 14

Each Band will have their own weekly rehearsal time on either Friday evening, Saturday afternoon, or Sunday afternoon. There may be an extra rehearsal scheduled as needed to prepare for Public Performance.

9 rehearsal dates (1 hour each)

1 Public Concert in late August (date to be announced).

Rehearsals will proceed every week for 9 weeks from June 14 through August 23. There will be no rehearsals the week/weekend of July 3 through July 5.

TUITION - 2 payment options:

\$25 non-refundable Registration/Reservation Fee

Current Laurel School of Music Students DO NOT have to pay a Registration Fee

\$175 Tuition - Single one-time payment in June prior to first rehearsal (after Registration Fee)

\$185 - Payable in 2 payments (\$110 in June, then \$100 in July -after Registration Fee)

Additional family members (after first member) are NOT CHARGED the REGISTRATION FEE - subtract \$25 from total

Cash, Checks, Credit Card acceptable

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

It is the dream of many young aspiring musicians to be part of a real, performing Rock Band. And although the thought of being a 'rock star' is appealing and attractive and, undoubtedly, it is just plain fun to play, sing, and rock to music that they hear on the radio and that all their friends have on their I-pods, the truth of the matter is, of course, that it takes hard work and dedication to get to that point.

The Laurel School of Music has developed a fun and very effective summer rock program that takes guitar players, singers, drummers, and even keyboardist to the "next level" (beyond playing to guitar hero and singing along to the radio). Our program consists of the following:

- 9 one hour group sessions
- An end of summer Rock Concert
- Music specifically written for the level of musician
- Individual teachers for guitars, vocalists, and drummers.
- An absolutely fun and inspiring learning experience

PLACEMENT

Each student will be placed in a group according to the following criteria:

- Skill Level – students will be placed with musicians of similar skill
- Rehearsal time availability – obviously we will not place a student in group that practices on a day
- and time that is not compatible
- Friends – if several musicians who are friends or who request to be placed in certain groups because of friendships with other musicians, we will try to form the group according to that request as long as doing so will allow for successful group performance.

VACATION DAYS

There will be no refunds or credits for Student who miss rehearsals. There will be a scheduled Vacation from July 3 through July 5 due to the July 4th Holiday.

The groups that are formed vary in the make-up of the players due to different skill levels and times that each individual musician has available. Consideration is taken into account that students will often have vacation absences. Because a performing group must have as many members present as possible for each class, if a member cannot attend a class for various reasons, instructors will step in and play the missing students part. This allows a continuity of rehearsal.

Also, if a group of students is missing a key part (for example if a particular group does not have a bass player, instructors will play and perform the bass guitar part) a group can still be formed and no students will be denied participation because they could not fit the time schedule or particular needs of any given group.

BASS PLAYER

We have found that the hardest “position to fill” in a Rock Band is that of the Bass Player. If a group does not have a Bass Player, we will offer one of the other musicians (most likely an electric guitar player) the opportunity to learn the bass guitar. The musician who decides to do such will be given extra INDIVIDUAL attention by one of our instructors.

COURSE POLICY

An Application/Registration fee of \$25 is required to hold a spot for this program. The registration fee will be refunded if no group or time slot is available for the student. The student is not available to rehearse on any of the rehearsal dates and times of Friday evening, or Saturday afternoon, or Sunday afternoon. Or if the student cannot be placed in a Band.

Sessions are held at the Laurel School of Music.

WITHDRAWAL PROVISIONS:

Every attempt will be made to fit a session time schedule to the individual needs of the group. However, once the first rehearsal has been completed, the student will be given 3 DAYS TO WITHDRAW FROM THE SUMMER PROGRAM. WITHOUT EXCEPTION – THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS FOR WITHDRAWAL OR ABSENCES AFTER THE 3 DAY WITHDRAWAL TIME PERIOD. The three day withdrawal period allows the student to have at least 1 rehearsal to determine whether they would like to continue with the remaining summer program.

MISSED REHEARSALS:

There will be no refunds or credits for missed sessions. A schedule will be given to members and a brief time period will be given to accept the schedule or request placement in another group.

BEHAVIOR:

The Rock Band Summer Program is a group class. The instructors are committed to give quality guidance and instruction to every member of the group. We expect each member of the group to act in an appropriate manner that respects the other members of the group and supports the goals of learning and performance preparation.

BEHAVIOR BY BAND MEMBERS THAT IS DEEMED DISRUPTIVE, RUDE, IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE LEARNING PROCESS OF OTHER BAND MEMBERS, OR SOCIALLY UNACCEPTABLE WILL BE ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:

One initial notice will be given to the student and the parents or guardian. This notice will include a meeting with the instructors, parents, guardian AND musician. If after the first notice and meeting the student is asked or decides to withdraw, the Tuition (but not the Registration Fee) will be refunded if no more than 2 rehearsals have been attended.

If AFTER the initial notice and meeting (both notice and meeting must have been given) AND more than 2 rehearsals have been attended – AND the disruptive behavior does not cease, the student will be asked to withdraw and **THERE WILL BE NO REFUND OF TUITION OR PORTION OF TUITION.**

PUBLIC PERFORMANCE

The ultimate goal of the Summer Band/Orchestra program is to prepare the student for public performance. Each Band will be scheduled for a public concert performance the weekend of August 22-23. The exact time and date of the concert will be decided at a later date.

INFORMATION

Please call the Director, Al Roda, 301 498-4479 for further details or to request an application.