



THE NEWBY BLUES

AUDITION PACKAGE 2023



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INTRODUCTION

Hey! Thanks for taking the time to have a look at this audition package and for considering auditioning for the Newby Blues A Cappella Group. We are a group of male-identifying university students situated on College row that perform a wide range of singing gigs and love having a good time performing for a crowd. Established in 2012, 2023 will be the 11th year we've been running (yet technically only the 10th year we've been performing), having had over 60 individual members cycling through, including the 12 currently comprising the group. We feature a wide variety of members, each with their own degree of musical experience, and are always keen to see what the new wave of auditionees can bring to our group.

We're super stoked to be having you audition, and wish you the best of luck with it. Hope to see you singing with us soon!

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

G'day G'day you a cappella fiend! I'm super excited that you've put in some time to check out our Auditions this year. I'll be going into my 4th year as a Blues member this year, but I've been adjacent to these guys since they were first conceived way back in 2012 and I must say, I don't think there's been a better time to join our little gang.

I will say, we've all been where you are now, and we've all done our fair share of shitting our pants about this process. But I just want to let you know that it's gonna be fine, it's gonna be fun, and the stakes are so incredibly low. Even our most cracked singers (Travvy Patty what up) were nervous, and we see it all the time. Don't get too in your head, enjoy the process and just have fun. You'll do great if you do those three things.

Again, super keen for you to try to join our ranks! Can't wait to hear you have a sing and show off how sick nasty you can be!

If you've got any questions about the auditions at all, don't hesitate to contact me by messenger, or email at president@newbyblues.com

Cheers, and Good luck, we're all rooting for you!
Henry Freeman-Dick





THE AUDITION PROCESS

The Newby Blues accepts new members on an audition basis. Auditions are held twice a year at the beginning of each semester. The first set of auditions this year will be held on **Thursday the 2th of March** at St George's College. The Audition process can be summarised as follows:

1. Decide to audition and select an available audition time
2. Select, Practice and Prepare your audition songs
3. Attend the Aural component of the audition
4. Attend the Vocal component of the audition and wow us with your singing talent

You will be contacted soon after the auditions are complete as to whether or not your audition was successful. We appreciate that auditions are intimidating things and want to stress that there is absolutely no pressure in the audition environment and that at the end of the day, all we're looking to do is have a laugh with you and hear you sing.

Auditions are open to all male-identifying and non-binary individuals living along college row. We're far more interested in your ability to sing in our range and get a little funky and silly with it than we are with how you present, and encourage anyone who's considering auditioning to come and give it a go. If you have any questions about the audition process, or any aspect of the Blues, feel free to contact us at ***President@NewbyBlues.com***



THE AURAL AUDITION:

The Aural section of the audition is the first part of the audition process, and is designed to help us get an idea of your singing range and ability to find, pitch and sing notes in an a cappella setting. This is a low-pressure environment that allows us to figure out which vocal section you may fit into, and gives you the opportunity to interact with us and showcase a bit of your personality.

The Aural audition is attended only by the President and Music Director (Henry and Rhys) in order to relieve as much anxiety about being skill-tested in front of a large group of individuals. You don't have to be perfect, and you're more than welcome to make mistakes. Give it your best shot and have fun. This section is comprised of the following skills:

1. A test of your singing range
2. A test of your ability to sing a note within a chord.

Although it may seem like it, the Aural audition does not require any musical understanding whatsoever. It's only a test of your singing ability, not of any musical proficiency.

THE VOCAL AUDITION:

The Vocal section is the second part of the audition process, and is where you get to show off your pipes and sing up a storm in front of the group. For this audition, we ask that you prepare two songs to be sung without accompaniment; one that can be absolutely whatever you'd like and one from a set list. You will be auditioned on the song of your choice, and asked to sing the song from the set list if we want to see something else. The set list is from our repertoire and includes the following:

- *For the Longest Time* - Billy Joel
- *Amazing Grace* - Hymn
- *Stand By Me* - Ben E. King
- *Lean On Me* - Bill Withers
- [*Take Me To Church*](#) - Hozier
- [*Change On The Rise*](#) - Avi Kaplan

Versions of these can be found either on our [YouTube channel](#) or by following the hyperlink above.

YOUR PARTY TRICK:

In the vocal audition, we may ask you to showcase for us your 'party trick'. The goal of this is to see your personality a little bit more, and can be anything at all; magic, juggling, opening a beer with your teeth e.c.t. It doesn't strictly have to be a party trick, and if you need/want to bring stuff in to showcase with, that's fine with us. And don't overthink it! The goal isn't to impress us with your skill, it's to showcase you in a different environment.

The vocal audition is attended by all members of the Blues and is your opportunity to show us what you've got and showcase your ability to perform and entertain. It's a great opportunity to have a laugh, be a bit silly and have fun. We want to see you enjoying performing and having a good time singing, so bring your A game and get funky fresh.



TIPS FOR YOUR AUDITION:

The Audition process, understandably, can be quite a daunting thing. Here are some tips for making your audition the best it can be:

- Pick the song that you enjoy singing the most. We'd much rather see you perform well and have a good time than you singing what you think is a 'better audition song' with less preparation and passion
- let your selection from the set list contrast your other chosen song. That way we can see something different if we want to see you do more
- Pick a Belter, something you can belt out loud
- Remember you can't fail the aural section. Just go in, have some fun and show us your singing
- Let yourself have fun! The process is naturally going to be a little intimidating. Let yourself accept that fact and see the audition as an opportunity to just mess around and have some fun singing and it will show in your audition



MEET THE BLUES





TENOR 1

YET TO HIT PUBERTY



Name: Tom McQuillan

AKA: The tall guy with long hair

Auditioned with: *Lion Sleeps Tonight*

Favourite Drink: Beers

Known in the Blues For: Getting Changed outside his car, in view of the patrons

Rogue-est Blues Memory: "The first experience with the gourd"

Sexiest Blue: David O



Name: Iman Suprpto

AKA: Pony Wrangler

Exec Role: Secretary

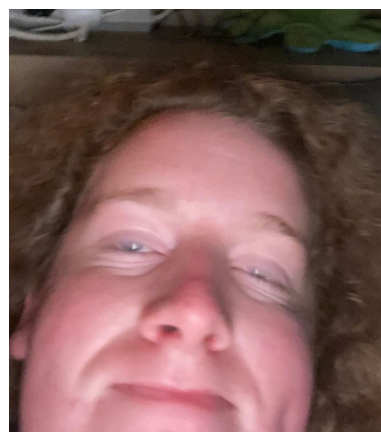
Auditioned with: *Half a Man* - Dean Lewis

Favourite Drink: The president's sweat

Known in the Blues for: "The Pony Solo"

Rogue-est Blues memory: Channeling my inner magic mike in the solo for pony

Sexiest Blue: Harry Parker Potter



Name: Travis Campbell

AKA: Travvy Patty

Auditioned with: *Dancing on My Own* - Callum Scott

Favourite Drink: A Tall Glass of Water

Known in the Blues for: Being Cracked on the Voice

Rogue-est Blues memory: Teleporting home after initiation

Sexiest Blue: Nishyyy 💙



TENOR 2

DISRUPTIVE AND DISTRACTING



Name: Henry Freeman-Dick

AKA: Mr. Steal-your-spot-in-the-Blues

Exec Role: President

Auditioned with: *Maria* - West Side Story

Favourite Drink: Insulin

Known in the Blues for: Being Monke y ooga chagga

Rogue-est Blues Memory: Helping David Woods try to yack after the Kinvarra Truck Bed gig

Sexiest Blue: Oscar Bird



Name: Will Cornish

AKA: Nishy

Auditioned with: *The Night We Met* - Lord Huron

Favourite Drink: Guinness

Known in the Blues for: Going Goblin Mode (Pictured)

Rogue-est Blues Memory: Iman's Pony Solo at Folk Night 2022

Sexiest Blue: Oscar Bird



TENOR 2 CONT.

THEY DO ALL THE BITS



Name: David Olanrewaju

AKA: The Child

Auditioned with: *Jealous* - Labrinth

Favourite Drink: Pepsi "from the bottle"

Known in the Blues for: Being 18 for Telethon

Rogue-est Blues Memory: Every near-swaz experience

Sexiest Blue: Oscar Bird



Name: Oscar Bird

AKA: The Word

Auditioned with: *Don't Look Back in Anger* - Oasis

Favourite Drink: "I'm a slut for a Seltzer"

Known in the Blues for: Breaching David Woods' Personal Space

Rogue-est Blues Memory: Throwing the Gourd and it exploding

Sexiest Blue: Oscar Bird



BARITONE

THE MOST SANE PART
WHICH ISN'T SAYING A WHOLE LOT



Name: David Woods

AKA: The Liability

Auditioned with: *I See Fire* - Ed Sheeran
Inflatable You - Tim Minchin

Favourite Drink: Biggie Bread Juice

Known in the Blues for: The genesis of ~~biggie bread~~

Rogue-est Blues Memory: Yacking like black tar over Henry then passing out in a downwards dog

Sexiest Blue: Not legally allowed to answer this question anymore



Name: Orlando De Santis

AKA: Or ♪Laaaaaan♪Do

Auditioned with: *Shape of You* - Ed Sheeran

Favourite Drink: Peroni

Known in the Blues for: Not looking like he's being held against his will during gigs

Rogue-est Blues Memory: ~~biggie bread~~ [REDACTED]

Sexiest Blue: Iman while doing the solo for Pony



Name: Harry Parker-Halstead

AKA: Macky Gee

Exec Role: Treasurer

Auditioned with: *Australian National Anthem*

Favourite Drink: Idk but guinness is probably a good guess

Known in the Blues for: Beatboxing Tour in his Audition

Rogue-est Blues Memory: The tossing of the Gourd

Sexiest Blue: "Uhhhhh"
"idk ahahha"
"can I just say me 🤔"



Name: Rhys Bates
AKA: Agent 47
Exec Role: Music Director
Auditioned with: *I got it easy* - Michael bublé
Favourite Drink: Regaine - Men's Extra Strength Hair
 Regrowth Treatment (or Carlton Dry)
Known in the Blues for: Being an NPC
Rogue-est Blues Memory: The last night of Kinvarra, all of it
Sexiest Blue: Henry



Name: Henry Brown
AKA: Johnny Cash
Auditioned with: *Ring of Fire* - Johnny Cash
Favourite Drink: Goat
Known in the Blues for: His ability to show up to rehearsals
 on time
Rogue-est Blues Memory: Running like Pirates for his first
 photoshoot (pictured, look at this
 guy x)
Sexiest Blue: David O



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