

How do I sign up to audition?

To enter the Gala auditions you have to fill out a simple online application form. Please click here to enter your contact details and the time you would like to audition.

What is the cost of entering the competition?

There is no cost. The Gala ethos is to give emerging our students the opportunity to have a platform to showcase their talent whilst celebrating 13 years of success.

How long should I allow for the auditions?

We advise you give yourself plenty of time to arrive. You should ideally aim to register with the Make Believe team 15 minutes before your allocated time. We aim to give the results within half an hour of the end of the audition. But please be patient – the process could take longer.

Who can enter?

Students of Make Believe aged five to 18 years.

What kind of song can I sing?

We are open to all types of music.

Can I sing a cover?

Certainly, and we also love to hear original songs. If you are singing a cover please stamp your personality on it.

Is there a deadline for entries for the auditions?

Auditions are for one day on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 so we strongly advise that you enter as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

What is the audition format?

After you complete your registration form online, you will be sent an email confirming your audition details, so please ensure you are aware of the date and time. For the audition you will be singing acapella and your performance will be judged by a panel of music industry experts. If you are successful on the day of your audition you will perform in the live event on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017. Songs should be no longer than three minutes however you may be stopped sooner than that.

Do we have any expectations of you?

We want to hear your singing ability but we would like you to generate interest from friends and family to create a buzz. Importantly, please take on board the feedback from the judges. We are not looking for people who just want to turn up and see how it goes. If you are serious, we would love to meet and hear you!

How long should my audition piece be?

Prepare a song or performance of your choice up to three minutes in length and no longer. First impressions count in singing competitions so don't be alarmed if you are stopped early. It does not mean the judges do not like your performance.

What do I need to bring to the audition?

Your acapella piece. That's it! If successful at the audition you will be told on the day what the next steps are.

Who judges the auditions?

The Founder and Senior Team at the company

Which singing venue are you using for the final?

The event will be taking place at the famous Elstree Studios.

How many acts get through at the auditions?

We are accepting 60 performers.

I have applied to enter the auditions but haven't heard back?

Please check your junk folder and spam emails before contacting us. If you are still unable to find your confirmation please email [info@makebelievegroup.co.uk](mailto:info@makebelievegroup.co.uk)

What happens after the auditions?

If successful at the auditions you will be asked to pay a non-refundable £30 deposit. This will ensure your place in the Final.

Why is there a deposit?

Make Believe wants to ensure that the acts who take part in the audition are as dedicated to their talent as we are. Experience has shown that if we do not take a deposit some students will drop out on the day of their showcase, leaving us with an empty slot and an opportunity which could have been given to another act.

Am I required to purchase a number of tickets?

Each cast member taking part is required to purchase two tickets.

Can I buy more than two tickets?

All acts that make it successfully past audition will be able to buy as many tickets as they wish. All monies raised will be donated (after costs) to MS, Parkinson's and the MB Foundation.

How much are tickets to the live shows?

All tickets are booked at the rehearsals (information regarding this this will be provided nearer the time) Tickets for the event are £65.

What will the night consist of?

This is going to be a fantastic evening and we are delighted that you are going to be a part of this wonderful occasion. The evening will include a glass of Prosecco on arrival, a welcome from our Founder, various guest speakers, performances from Make Believe students, past and present, a live eight piece band and a four course meal.

Is there an age restriction on guests coming to the main event?

There are no audience age restrictions. Under 18s may need to be accompanied by an adult.

FINALLY – GOOD LUCK!

If your question is not answered above, please feel free to email [info@makebelievegroup.co.uk](mailto:info@makebelievegroup.co.uk)