

Centre Stage on the Common

Sunday 30 August

Clapham Common Bandstand

How to get involved!



About the concert

We are looking for c. 20 performers to join us on Clapham Common bandstand on Sunday 30 August to perform a one-off open air concert.

Clapham bandstand concerts are extremely popular and very well attended by both local residents and the many weekend visitors to Clapham Common. They are family events and so need to appeal to all ages - to musical theatre fans and beyond.

Our concert programme will be "musical theatre songs through the ages". It will consist of around 30 popular musical theatre solos, duets, trios and quartets. We will be focusing on extremely well known material that will delight everybody.

So think songs by: George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, Richard Rogers, Leonard Bernstein, Jerry Herman, Jule Styne, Alan Menken, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Kander & Ebb, Claude-Michel Schonberg, Stephen Sondheim, Pasek & Paul, Matthew Sklar, Stephen Schwartz.

We need songs that will work with piano accompaniment so pop songs that require guitar/drums are less likely to make it into the set list. Each performer will have the chance to perform at least two numbers, one of which can be a solo. The set-list will be compiled to make the most of our performer's talents. We will be asking for song suggestions from you when you submit your form (see below).

The concert will be curated and MC'd by Stephen and Tal Hewitt and your MD and pianist will be Dom Veall.

How to apply to be a performer

We have tried to make the application process as simple as possible.

1. Fill in the form

We ask that you fill in a short google form, you'll find a link on our [website](#) from **June 26th**.

2. Send us a video

We need to see you sing something. Any musical theatre song will do. Ideally it would be something you'd like to perform in the cabaret, but it does not have to be. We would like a live video in one take. Don't worry about making it perfect, this is just for us to see you in action!

We'd like to receive your form and video by **July 19th**.

We will review all the submissions by **July 26th** and get in touch to let you know whether you have secured a performance slot.

Rehearsal commitment

We know that everyone has commitments in the summer so we are keeping rehearsal commitments for this concert very light. We will allocate songs asap once we have the team of performers in place allowing you to prepare in your own time. We will set some rehearsal times for you to run through your material with Stephen, Tal and Dom w/c 17 August and w/c 23 August weeknights. Timings will be arranged to suit availability. If you want to do some practising before then, just chat to us and we will try to help arrange something. We will then all gather for a full rehearsal on the morning of the 30th before heading to the concert at the Clapham Common Bandstand in the afternoon. All rehearsals will be at Stephen and Tal's home just off Clapham Common, SW11 6NN.

Participation contribution

We will ask for a £20 contribution from each performer. This will go towards expenses. We will also ask that all performers ensure they are active members of Centre Stage, this is important from an insurance perspective.

Support us!

This is our first time performing on Clapham Common. We are delighted to have been selected to perform and very excited to put together what we know will be a wonderful concert! The venue is fantastic, with a real festival atmosphere. There are food trucks, a restaurant, deck chairs and plenty of space for picnics. We know it will be a very special day. We would love to see as many friendly faces there as possible, so even if you do not want to perform, we would be so happy to see you there! Please do come and support us and spend a lovely Sunday on the Common.

Questions? Email the team: centrestageonthecommon@gmail.com