



Singing in 24 Carat Pepper

How you can get involved as a performer in the 24th Pepper show

Would you like to perform in the 24th Pepper show "24 Carat Pepper"?

If you are interested in performing in a live rock show on a stage with spectacular lighting and effects in front of over 3,000 Pepper fans this summer, we are very keen to meet you.

Everyone involved with the show gives their time for free in order to raise money for the Pepper Foundation (link to PF website) who provide home care for children with life limited conditions and support for their families.

Our search for talented vocalists

The organisers of the area's biggest rock music event are searching for quality, talented vocalists over 18 to take part in '24 Carat Pepper 2012', the 24th annual Pepper show which will take place in Berkhamsted from 13th to 21st July 2012.

All you need to know about singing in the show and how to audition for a singing part is available in this guide.

Auditioning For 24 Carat Pepper

Informal auditions for both male and female vocalists will be held at Berkhamsted School, Castle Street, Berkhamsted on **Sunday 26th February 2012** at 1pm and will finish at 4pm.

We aim to make the auditions as friendly and informal as possible so that you can give your very best performance.

Full details of you will need to do at the audition are available from www.peppershow.com.

Rehearsals and Your Commitment

For the 2012 show, the Pepper show organisers have decided to bring in some new ways of working in order to make the rehearsal process more time efficient. We recognise that people are able to commit to being in the show at different levels and we want to ensure that everyone's time and talent is used in the best possible way.

To make this possible, we will be working in four distinct vocalist groups (and you can audition to be in as few or as many as you wish). Each vocal group type will have specific, focused, scheduled rehearsals. These will be on Monday evenings in the Berkhamsted area.

So that you can decide what you would like to do and be clear about what this means, we have produced information about each vocal group type which explains each type of involvement.

Download Everything You Need

We will also be providing all lyrics, musical arrangements, MP3 tracks and rehearsal/show information online through a Dropbox system. You will therefore always have access to the latest information; this means that, to take part, you must have regular (daily) access to email and be able to download from the internet and print and/or play various types of files (eg PDF, MP3, Word, Excel). You will also need to do more work in your own time but this should also mean shorter, more productive rehearsals.

We'd Love To Meet You!

If you would like to be involved as a performer in 24 Carat Pepper, remember that you can choose to get involved in several different ways. You can also commit to take part in as many of the vocal group types as you wish as no rehearsals will overlap.

Please note that the production team may choose to select songs to suit a particular singer or seek singers outside the audition process.

Lead Singer

What does this mean?

If selected, you will be offered a minimum of one song in the show. You will either be a soloist or share the song as a duet.

Audition

You will need to attend an audition. This will involve performing a shortened version of one song from the Pepper audition list singing with a live backing band, plus a song of your own choice (to a backing track or other simple accompaniment which MUST be provided by you). You will also need to do an extended individual voice test. If you are offered a role as a lead vocal group member, we may ask you to sing a different song to the one you chose at audition.

Vocal Ability

You will

- Be an experienced vocalist (or a great new talent!)
- Consistently sing in tune.
- Have good voice control across a range of styles.

Dance/Movement

You will be able to "sell" a song. Movement required will depend on the song offered and you may need to attend some movement rehearsals and this will be discussed with you.

Homework

You will be expected to learn your songs in advance of rehearsals.

Stage Presence

You must be able to connect with an audience and build and maintain audience engagement. We are looking for great performances from all our lead vocalists - not just the ability to sing. Remember this at auditions!

Rehearsals

Limited attendance required. You will need to come along to occasional band rehearsals on Sunday mornings and Sunday all day rehearsals from June by prior arrangement. All rehearsals will be in the Berkhamsted area. A full rehearsal schedule will be provided.

Shows and key rehearsals

You need to be available for all the shows and key rehearsals although, by prior agreement, it may be possible to share a song with another lead vocalist and perform on just some of the show nights.

Backing Vocal Group(s) Member

What does this mean?

Some songs will need a small group of 3 or 4 experienced singers to provide backing vocals. If selected, you will be invited to sing as part of the same group on a small number of songs. We may need more than one group depending on song selection.

Audition

You will need to attend an audition, do an individual voice test and take part in a short workshop with other vocalists. We will provide further information in advance of the audition.

Vocal Ability

You will be able to

- Consistently sing in tune.
- Hold a harmony line on your own.
- Learn a song from MP3 tracks or music.

Dance/Movement

You need to be able to move with the music and some choreographed movement may be involved.

Pepper Choir Member

What does this mean?

A small number of songs in the show will need a choir of up to 30 singers.

If selected, you will be offered the chance to sing as part of the choir. The choir may back one or more lead singers.

Audition

You will need to attend an audition, do an individual voice test and take part in a short workshop with other vocalists.

Vocal Ability

You will be able to

- Consistently sing in tune.
- Hold a harmony line with other singers.
- Learn a song from MP3 tracks or music.

Dance/Movement

You will need to be able to move with the music.

Homework

Learn your vocal parts and lyrics from MP3s or music

Stage Presence

You need to look and feel good on stage and be able to sing accurately and carry out any movement or routines easily

Rehearsals

Separate time-limited rehearsals for Backing Vocal Group singers will take place on Monday evenings in the Berkhamsted area. You will also need to come along to Sunday all day rehearsals from June. A full rehearsal schedule will be provided.

Shows and key rehearsals

You need to be available for all the shows and key rehearsals

Homework

You will be expected to learn vocal parts and lyrics from MP3s or music in advance of rehearsals.

Stage Presence

You need to look and feel good on stage and be able to sing accurately and carry out any movement or routines easily.

Rehearsals

Separate time-limited rehearsals for Pepper Choir rehearsals will take place on Monday evenings in the Berkhamsted area. You will also need to come along to Sunday all day rehearsals from June. A full rehearsal schedule will be provided.

Shows and key rehearsals

You need to be available for all the shows and key rehearsals.

Lead Vocal Group Member

What does this mean?

There may be a need for a group of singers to perform as a group of lead singers. If selected, you will be invited to sing as part of the same group on one song.

Audition

You will need to attend an audition. Perform an excerpt from one song from the audition list with a live backing band, plus a song of your own choice (to a backing track or other simple accompaniment which **MUST** be provided by you). You will also need to do an extended individual voice test. If you are offered a role as a lead vocal group member, we may ask you to sing a different song to the one you chose at audition.

Vocal Ability

You will

- Be an experienced vocalist (or a great new talent!)
- Consistently sing in tune.
- Have good voice control across a range of styles.
- Be able to hold a harmony line on your own.
- Be able to learn a song from MP3 tracks or music.

Dance/Movement

You must be able to sell a song. Movement depends on song offered but may involve a choreographed dance routine and you may need to attend some movement rehearsals and this will be discussed with you.

Homework

You will be expected to learn vocal parts and lyrics from MP3s or music in advance of rehearsals.

Stage Presence

You must be able to connect with an audience and build and maintain audience engagement. We are looking for great performances from all group vocalists - not just the ability to sing. Remember this at auditions!

Rehearsals

Separate time-limited rehearsals for Lead Vocal Group singers will take place on Monday evenings in the Berkhamsted area. You will also need to come along to occasional band rehearsals on Sunday mornings and Sunday all day rehearsals from June.

Shows and key rehearsals

You need to be available for all the shows and key rehearsals.

Key Rehearsals & Show Dates

A full rehearsal schedule will be provided but, as a guide, you will need to be available for rehearsals on Monday evenings (not Bank Holidays) and Sunday afternoons from June.

Technical Rehearsal is on Wednesday 11th July (evening)

Dress Rehearsal is on Thursday 12th July (evening)

Shows on:

Friday 13th (evening), Saturday 14th (evening) and Sunday 15th (afternoon).

Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th, Friday 20th and Saturday 21st July (all evenings)

Cast are expected to help with the show **Get Out** on Sunday 22nd July.

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