

MUSICIAN LEVELS

LEVEL 1

Must have at least 1 year of playing experience & can play a song all the way through with a metronome or drum track.

Melodic players: must know major / minor chords, can switch between chords seamlessly, and can play handful of different types of rhythms.

Drummers: must be able to play multiple beats and fills, and must understand where to place fills and crashes.

Vocalists: must be able to sing on pitch.

For level one players, this can be your first band experience as long as you work really hard and pay attention to what is going on around you in the group setting.

LEVEL 2

Must have 1-2 years of playing experience and have played in a band / group setting before.

Melodic players: must know ALL of your major / minor chords and must know the pattern of a major scale. You must be able to come up with your own rhythms based on the part of the song's dynamics.

Drummers: must be able to play basic rock beats using eighth and quarter notes and have some sixteenth note beats down. Must be able to play and place fills and crashes creatively.

Vocalists: must be able to sing on pitch and perform with energy and emotion.

LEVEL 3

Must have at least 3 years of playing experience and have played in a band / group setting before. Level 3 musicians must be able to take improvised solos and must be able to play dynamically.

Melodic players: must know your major and minor scales and the major / minor scale pattern. Must know how to play different inversions / voicings and can improvise and feel rhythmic patterns.

Drummers: must be able to improvise grooves & fills.

Vocalists: must be able to sing songs with a wide vocal range and perform with energy and emotion.

LEVEL 4

Must have 5 years of playing experience and must have multiple experiences playing in bands and performing. Musicians in Level 4 must be able to take improvised solos in any key and can re-write songs to make it unique and different.

Melodic players: must be able to play chord extensions and different voicings.

Drummers: must be able to lock into a groove with the bass player & play around with whacky rhythms while not losing where the "1" is.

Vocalists: must be able to sing songs with a wide vocal range moving between chest, mixed, and head voice while delivering a powerful performance interacting with the band.

LEVEL 5

Must have 10+ years of playing experience and perform often.

This level is for professional musicians who want to collaborate with each other on crazy projects.

These levels are meant to help understand which projects fit where you're at. It's important to pair up musicians who have similar skills / experience while also challenging yourself! If you aren't sure which level you're at, check this cheat sheet or ask your instructor.