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**Firehouse Guitars & Music of Decatur Presents:**  
**The Academy of Music Performance (AMP)**

**GET AMP'D!**

Firehouse is excited to bring our students a new way to learn music – by playing in a band! This all-ages program allows students to go beyond personal instruction by learning how to perform in a group setting. A public performance at Decatur's famous Eddie's Attic at the end of the semester allows participants to show off their stuff in one of the Atlanta area's premiere venues!

**PROGRAM DETAILS**

Applicants may select one of the standard 5 instruments: **guitar, bass, drums, keyboard,** and **vocals** or may select "other" for instruments such as horns or violin. Students will be grouped together based on their selection, age, and skill level.

**SCHEDULE AND CURRICULUM**

Participants will meet **weekday evenings (Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday)** with orientation the week of January 25<sup>th</sup> and rehearsals through the week of April 5<sup>th</sup>. The final performance will be held at Eddie's Attic on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

The AMP curriculum will focus on playing as a group and performing live. A variety of topics will be explored. Below is a summary of the curriculum:

- **Week 0** – General orientation for all students. (Exact date and time TBD.)
- **Week 1** - Introductory session with band members. Band name and song selection will be discussed in this critical first session.
- **Weeks 2-9** – Rehearsals and specialized instruction with other band members and band instructor. Topics covered include playing as a group, songwriting, soloing, how to "jam" in a given key and rhythm, and sound and audio terminology.
- **Week 10** – Final rehearsal and performance.

All Academy performances will be hosted at **Eddie's Attic**. Eddie's Attic is a Decatur music scene staple that has launched such acts as the Indigo Girls and John Mayer. There is normally a 6-month waiting list to play at their famous weekly Open Mic – AMP students get to bypass the wait and play there at the end of the semester!

**EQUIPMENT & GEAR**

In order to ensure progress it is required that all participants have the equipment needed to practice at home. Students that do not have their own gear may rent it from Firehouse.



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Cost to participate in the AMP program is as follows:

- **AMP Alumni:** \$140 a month or \$350 for the 10-week semester. For AMP alumni that take lessons *while also enrolled* in the AMP program, an additional 5% off will be deducted from the individual lesson fee, pro rated for the 10 weeks.
- **Current Firehouse Students:** \$150 a month or \$375 for the 10-week semester. Note this rate only applies to students who take lessons *while also enrolled* in the AMP program. AMP students who take individual lessons are encouraged to practice their songs as part of their individual instruction.
- **Non-Students:** \$160 a month or \$400 for the 10-week semester.

(Full tuition can be paid up front or can be broken into 3 monthly payments, with the third payment at half the per-month cost.)

Please note there is a ticket charge for guests that attend the final performance at Eddie's Attic. This charge covers production and venue costs. Every AMP participant will receive 1 comp ticket for a guest or a discount on 1 reserved 4-person table.

***Not currently a Firehouse student but want to become one? Get the student rate for the AMP Program if you sign up for individual lessons by January 10<sup>th</sup>!***

## NEW! AMP REFERRAL PROGRAM

All AMP participants are eligible for our referral program. For every new AMP student that lists your name as a referral, we will give you a \$25 Firehouse Guitars & Music gift card. There is NO LIMIT on referrals!



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### Academy of Music Performance Student Application, Winter/Spring 2010

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School or Workplace: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Range: 7-12 \_\_\_ 13-17 \_\_\_ 18-34 \_\_\_ 35-50 \_\_\_ 50+ \_\_\_

Are you enrolled in lessons at Firehouse, Decatur? (Y/N) \_\_\_ If so what instrument? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the AMP Program? \_\_\_\_\_

If referred by another student, please give their name \_\_\_\_\_

#### INSTRUMENT SELECTION

Please rank the following instruments 1-5 in order of preference, along with skill level. If only interested in one instrument simply make a single selection. If you don't see your instrument listed fill in "Other."

Indicate skill level based on the following:

- Beginner (6 months to 1 year of lessons/experience)
- Intermediate (1-3 years of lessons/experience)
- Advanced (3+ years of lessons/experience)

	<b>Ranking (1-5)</b> (1=most preferable, 5=least)	<b>Skill Level</b>
<b>Guitar</b>	_____	_____
<b>Bass</b>	_____	_____
<b>Keyboard</b>	_____	_____
<b>Drums</b>	_____	_____
<b>Vocals (Lead)</b>	_____	_____
<b>Other</b>	_____	_____

Indicate below what evenings you are available for practice. Please be as flexible as you can, as this allows us to put together the best groups possible.

Monday \_\_\_ Tuesday \_\_\_ Wednesday \_\_\_ Thursday \_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_

Any additional notes or requests?