

SOUNDSTEP STUDIOS - FAQ

PAYMENT

How much does it cost to record at Soundstep Studios?

Recording costs \$50 per hour, with a minimum call out of 2 hours. This includes the use of all onsite equipment and a sound engineer to assist the artist/s.

How much time will it take for to record my track?

If ready and well-rehearsed, recording one song should take approximately 3-4 hours. For production/arrangement on a song, add another 1-2 hours to that estimate.

Do you require a deposit for bookings?

No deposit is required when booking. However, if an artist books and cancels multiple times, Soundstep Studios will require an upfront fee to secure re-booking.

How do you process payments for bookings?

Payment for Soundstep Studio's services are due within two weeks of completing your booked sessions. Bank transfer/PayID or cash payments are preferred, and payment invoice is available on request.

Is there a discounted rate available for student projects?

Soundstep Studios already offers below market rates to support community access to professional production services and equipment. However, they are open to discussing your project and budget. Please email: soundstepstudios@gmail.com

TECHNICAL

How many people can work in the studio at one time?

For recording, there is a limit of 6 people in the studio. If attending a seated workshop, the studio can accommodate up to 10 people.

What type of musical instruments can the studio support? Do you have any instruments that can be borrowed? Is there anything we can't do in the studio?

Soundstep Studios is designed for bands of 4-5 people. Onsite there are drums, bass guitar, guitar, keys/piano; the brands and models are listed on the website. Other electronic or acoustic instruments can be overdubbed.

Is the studio equipped to record electronic music? What do I need to bring to make this happen?

Yes, but it depends on what is being used to create electronic music. Artist can plug their own laptop/synth/drum machine into the recording interface and record vocals etc in the studio. Soundstep Studios have a Mac with Logic Pro and Protools.

Is the studio equipped to support sound mixing for other creative projects, such as a gallery audio installation or soundtrack for a short film?

Soundstep Studios can assist with alternate sound-based projects; they have two sets of monitors for mixing purposes, Focal Alphas and Yamaha Hs5. The cost is the same as for recording/mixing music; a minimum of 2 hours at \$50 per hour which includes a sound engineer onsite.

Can I use the studio for recording a podcast or sound bite? How much is the hourly rate and is there a minimum call out fee?

Soundstep Studios can assist vocals and provide file exports as needed. The cost is the same as for recording/mixing music; a minimum of 2 hours at \$50 per hour which includes a sound engineer onsite.

ARTIST SUPPORT

If I record a track, can you help me distribute and promote it on platforms such as Bandcamp, Soundcloud or Spotify?

While Soundstep Studios is not a record label, they can assist by mentoring artists through the process of getting songs digitally distributed themselves. This service costs \$50 per hour, with the average time required to do this is one hour.

Can you help me ensure my intellectual property is protected when recording and publically releasing music?

Soundstep Studios can mentor you through the process of creating a simple split sheet agreement and registering your works with APRA/PPCA at a cost of \$50 per hour. The average time required to do this is one hour. Please note, Soundstep Studios does not offer legal advice and artists seeking legal advice should contact a specialist such as Arts Law Australia:

www.artslaw.com.au.

EQUIPMENT

- Logic Pro/Protools, Cubase 10.5,
- UA Apollo 6x Interface
- Focusrite Scarlett Octa Pre
- JLM-TMP8 8 Channel Mic Pre Rack
- UA 710 Twin Finity x 2
- New Classic Gretsch Maple Drum Kit
- Sonor Latino Congas blue x2
- LP Bongos
- Yamaha APX 600 guitar
- Yamaha Piano U1
- Fender Champion 600
- Fender Blues Junior Amp

MICROPHONES

- OPR-U87 x2
- OPR-84 Pencils x2
- OPR-Grill
- Beyer Dynamic-M88
- Sennheiser-M421 x 2
- AKG- D12
- AKG- C214
- AKG 414 XL ii
- AKG C100S
- AKG- D19
- Lewit DP440 4 kit
- RHODE- NT2A
- Audio Technica AT2035
- Sm58s
- Sm57s