# HOW TO UPLOAD MUSIC FILES IN STARDOM

## FOR GRAFTON DANCE EISTEDDFOD

**Step #1** Log into Stardom and locate your Grafton Eisteddfod entry in the bottom half of your home page under the heading "Completed Entries".

**Step #2** On the far right side under "Other Actions" you should see a treble clef symbol and a "Performance Item" link. Click on that link.

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Modify	Entry #	Competition	Added	Entry Total	Status	Other Actions	
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You will then be taken to a page that lists only those sections you have entered into where a backing track file option is provided.

**Step #3** For each of these sections and the competitors listed, please do the following:

In the box with the heading "Performance related Comments", optionally, enter any information that you think would assist the Grafton team in working with you for your performance.

Then, under the "Backing Track" heading, please include the following information:

- Enter the Track Name
- Select whether you would like the track started while you are "Off Stage" or "On Stage".
- Click "Choose File" and locate the backing track file on your device and the select it.

Note: In some cases you will be asked to upload two separate files (eg. for a Championship section).

Compl	Complete the following performance item details						
Section	on : 503 9 Years Classical Ballet Solo - Time Limit: 03:00						
▼	Betty Smith						
	Comments Performance related Comments Please note that there are 5 seconds of no sound before the track starts.						
	Backing Track Please upload the backing track for your performance (preferred formats are MP3, M4A and WAV – NO APPLE FILES PLEASE). Additionally, in the boxes provided, please enter the track name and indicate when the track should be started. Optionally, please use the comments box above to indicate any additional requirements you have for your performance.						
	Track Name     Off Stage       You will be found     Image: Choose File   Modern - You will found.m4a						
Section	on : 505 11 Years Classical Ballet Solo - Time Limit: 03:00						
T	Fred Smith						
	Comments Performance related Comments						
	Backing Track Please upload the backing track for your performance (preferred formats are MP3, M4A and WAV – NO APPLE FILES PLEASE). Additionally, in the boxes provided, please enter the track name and indicate when the track should be started. Optionally, please use the comments box above to indicate any additional requirements you have for your performance.						
	Track Name Off Stage						

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Step #4 Save your changes (regularly)

At any stage during this process, you can scroll to the very bottom of the page and click on **"Save Changes"** button. We strongly recommend that you do this often if you have a large number of uploads to perform.

Save Changes

Back to Home

**Step #5** Save again and log out

On completing the upload task, click on "Save Changes" one more time and then scroll back to the top of the page to Logout.

# HINTS AND TIPS

### MUSIC FILE FORMAT

Most audio file formats are OK, but the Eisteddfod **does not accept** AAC and Apple AIFF file formats as they cannot be played on our Windows based PC's. No video should be included with the track – music ONLY.

### FILE NAMES

If any of your file names are extra-long, then information may start to disappear off the right side of the page. To view or edit data off to the right, scroll to the bottom of the page and make use of the horizontal scroll bar that is immediately below the "Save Changes" button. Alternatively you can also use TAB key to navigate across the fields for each track to get to the "Choose File" button.

### FILES NOT SHOWING

If you believe that one of your sections requiring a file upload is not showing on this page, then please email Stardom Support at <a href="mailto:support@stardom.com.au">support@stardom.com.au</a>.

### BRING A BACKUP

Please bring your music on a USB as a backup. This is the very first time we have used the file upload process on Stardom, and if something goes wrong on the day we want to make sure the performances still go ahead as planned.

Please put a key tag on your USB with the entrant's name. If we have several USBs sitting on the Music desk we don't want to waste everyone's time trying them all to figure out which one belongs to the person about to dance.

ALSO the music file names on the USB must have the section number at the start (or have one USB per section with only that piece of music on it) - otherwise we won't know which one to play.

The USB should NOT have any other material on it.