

# Rock legends head to Idol set

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*Roger Hodgson, right, and Dennis DeYoung were on the Canadian Idol set yesterday.*

The Top 7 competitors on Canadian Idol, busy preparing for next week's classic rock theme, are learning the tricks of the trade from Supertramp's Roger Hodgson and Styx's Dennis DeYoung.

The rock legends are lending their expertise to the young singers as well as performing live at Tuesday night's elimination show.

"They had the idea of doing a classic rock segment on the show and my name was suggested and Dennis DeYoung's name was suggested, so we're doing this together," said Hodgson, 56. "I thought it was a wonderful idea. I'm very excited to be here."

Hodgson, who lives in California, watched tapes of the shows before coming to Toronto.

“I think the contestants are just adorable and the growth I’ve seen in the last three shows I’ve watched is incredible,” said Hodgson.

The singer of such hits as *Breakfast In America* and *Logical Song*, Hodgson has advice for the Idols and for singers, in general.

“If you’re just doing it to get the acclaim, the fame, the rewards, then it’s understandable that people will have that drive,” said Hodgson. “But there has to be something else to sustain you or it will be a hollow success.”

DeYoung has different advice for the Idol competitors.

“I’m going to tell these kids the truth” to stay out of this business because I don’t need the competition,” laughed DeYoung, 59. “I’ll encourage the bad ones and discourage the good ones.”

The Styx singer will be singing a medley of his greatest hits Tuesday night, which may include *Lady*, *Come Sail Away* and *Mr. Roboto*. DeYoung, who was a music appreciation teacher in Chicago before his band got a record deal, has one more piece of advice: “If you think you have talent you can't give up. There’s no other secret to it.”