

Music Audition Guidelines



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Audition Information

- All incoming Vanguard students who are interested in the music program and/or participating in a music ensemble are required to perform an audition in their primary performing medium.
- After you have submitted an online Audition Request Form the Music Department will contact you to schedule an audition time.
- Audition appointments are scheduled on a first come first serve basis and are approximately 30 minutes in length.
- Auditions are used to gauge performance level, range on an instrument, and helps inform ensemble placements as well as potential music scholarships.
- The ensemble directors will assign the student to one or more appropriate ensemble(s).
- Whatever your experience in music may be, we encourage all to audition with us!
- It is the responsibility of the student to be in contact with the music department regarding audition dates and deadlines.

Track Your VU Music Audition Process

- Submit Online Audition Request Form
- Schedule Your Audition
- Acquire Accompaniment (Live or Pre-Recorded Accepted - Required for Voice Auditions)
- Apply for Vanguard University

Audition Requirements

Choose Your Instrument



Choose Your Track



Find Your Requirements

Instrument	General Music	Worship Concentration	Music Education	Participants/ Minors
Voice	<p>Prepare two songs from different genres to be sung by memory. Acceptable genres are listed below:</p> <p>Pop, Worship, Musical Theatre, Classical (art song)</p>	<p>Prepare two songs to be sung by memory. One must be a worship song and the other must be from one of the acceptable genres listed below:</p> <p>Pop, Musical Theatre, Classical (art song)</p>	<p>Prepare two songs from different genres to be sung by memory. Acceptable genres are listed below:</p> <p>Musical Theatre, Classical (art song)</p>	<p>Prepare one song to be sung by memory. Acceptable genres are listed below:</p> <p>Pop, Worship, Musical Theatre, Classical (art song)</p>
Brass / Woodwinds / Strings	<p>Prepare two pieces of contrasting styles</p> <p>Prepare three major scales of your choice and their relative harmonic minor (two octaves).</p>	<p>Prepare two pieces of contrasting styles</p> <p>Prepare three major scales (two octaves) of your choice.</p>	<p>Prepare two pieces of contrasting styles</p> <p>Be prepared to play any major or minor scales upon request.</p>	<p>Prepare two pieces of contrasting styles</p> <p>Prepare three major scales (two octaves) of your choice.</p>
Piano / Keyboard	<p>Prepare one piece sourced from sheet music that showcases skill and range of musicianship.</p> <p>Prepare three major scales of your choice and their relative harmonic minor (two octaves).</p>	<p>Prepare two worship songs of differing tempos and, if possible, sing with one of them.</p>	<p>Prepare two pieces from the following list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An invention, prelude, or fugue by J.S. Bach - A movement of a Classical Sonata by Haydn, Mozart, or Beethoven - A work from the romantic period/ the 20th century <p>Be prepared to play any major or minor scales upon request (three octaves).</p>	<p>Prepare one piece sourced from sheet music that showcases skill and range of musicianship.</p> <p>Prepare two major scales and the relative harmonic minor scales (two octaves) of your choice.</p>

<p>Percussion</p>	<p>Prepare two or more pieces that showcases skill and range of musicianship from below list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Snare: showing rudiments - Mallet: 2 or 4 mallets; major scales - Timpani: showing tuning - Drum Set: various styles (swing, latin, etc.) 	<p>Prepare one or more pieces that display contrasting styles (swing, latin, etc.) in differing time signatures on a Drum Set.</p>	<p>Prepare three or more pieces that showcases skill and range of musicianship from below list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Snare: showing rudiments - Mallet: 2 or 4 mallets; major scales - Timpani: showing tuning - Drum Set: various styles (swing, latin, etc.) 	<p>Prepare one or more pieces that showcases skill and range of musicianship from below list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Snare: showing rudiments - Mallet: 2 or 4 mallets; major scales - Timpani: showing tuning - Drum Set: various styles (swing, latin, etc.)
<p>Guitar/ Electric Bass</p>	<p>Prepare two pieces of contrasting styles (one classical, if previously studied) that showcase skill and range.</p> <p>Prepare three major scales of your choice and their relative harmonic minor (two octaves).</p>	<p>Prepare two worship songs of differing tempos that showcase skill and range.</p> <p>Prepare three major scales (two octaves) of your choice.</p>	<p>Prepare three pieces of contrasting styles (one classical, if previously studied) that showcase skill and range.</p> <p>Be prepared to play any major or minor scales upon request.</p>	<p>Prepare two pieces of contrasting styles (one classical, if previously studied) that showcase skill and range.</p> <p>Prepare three major scales (two octaves) of your choice.</p>

Nurturing a lifelong pursuit of musical excellence in emerging artists from diverse backgrounds