

MM Performance Audition Requirements

For more information, or if no information is listed, please [contact](#) the individual teacher.

Voice

- Aria from opera or oratorio
- German Lied
- French mélodie
- 20th-21st Century English art song
- Baroque piece in Italian or English

Please note that all four major languages (English, Italian, German and French) must be represented. Therefore, if the aria is in a language other than Italian, the Baroque selection must be Italian rather than English.

Flute

- Mozart: First movement from either the G or D Major Concerto
- Bach: Two movements from a sonata of your choice
- A 20th century work for solo flute or flute and piano
- Three standard orchestral excerpts

Oboe

- Mozart C Major Concerto (first movement with cadenza)
- Poulenc Sonata, 2 movements
- One unaccompanied work of the applicant's choice
- Three standard orchestral excerpts

Clarinet

- First movement of either of the Brahms Op. 120 Sonatas
- A contrasting work of your choice: Poulenc, Muczynski, Debussy, etc.
- One unaccompanied work of the applicant's choice
- Three standard orchestral excerpts

Saxophone

- Two movements of a standard concerto: Ibert, Creston, Dahl, or equivalent
- Two movements of a standard sonata: Decruck, Muczynski, Fuzzy Bird, or equivalent
- An unaccompanied work: may be a baroque transcription, a work such as Caprice en Forme de Valse, or and medium-up tempo blues such as Tenor Madness or Now's the Time (performance of the blues tune must be entirely from memory)
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Dr. Girard to discuss repertoire when applying

Bassoon

- Mozart Concerto, any two movements
- An additional solo work of your choice
- Orchestra excerpts: Tchaikovsky IV, second movement; Mozart, Marriage of Figaro overture

Brass

The audition for the Master's Degree in Performance and the Graduate Assistantship requires approximately 20 to 25 minutes of playing, to include solo literature of the student's choice, plus 3-5 standard orchestral excerpts. Piano accompaniment is encouraged, but not required, and will not be provided.

[Trombone and Bass Trombone applicants must submit a pre-screening recording directly to Dr. Palmer.](#)

Trumpet players should perform on different keyed trumpets in the audition.

Tuba players should expect to showcase a balance between bass-tuba and contrabass-tuba solos and excerpts.

Percussion

1. One concert snare drum solo: Delécluse: *Douze Etudes* (any)
2. One rudimental snare drum solo: Pratt, Wilcoxon, Tompkins, etc.
3. One advanced four-mallet marimba work
4. One solo timpani work:
 1. Etude from Carter's *Eight Pieces for Four Timpani*
 2. Etude from Delecluse's *Vingt études*
 3. Etude from Hochrainer collection
5. One two-mallet solo: G.H. Green Xylophone Rag or a movement from a Bach Cello Suite
6. Excerpts:
 1. Snare Drum:
 1. Movements 3 & 4 from Rimsky Korsakov's *Scheherazade*
 2. Prokofiev's *Lt. Kije*
 3. Bartok's *Concerto for Orchestra*
 2. Keyboard
 1. Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*
 2. One other xylophone excerpt of your choice
 3. *Sorcerer's Apprentice, Pine of Rome, or Magic Flute*
 3. Timpani
 1. Movement 1 of Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 4* (4 before T to 2 before V)
 2. One other Timpani excerpt of your choice
7. Multi-Percussion (*optional*): Solo or chamber performance, video performance may be sent in ahead of audition
8. Drumset (*optional*): Show various styles, sight read chart with play-along

Violin

- Two contrasting movements from an unaccompanied Bach sonata or partita, or the entire Chaconne
- Two Paganini caprices, or any Ysaye sonata for solo violin
- A complete sonata for violin and piano from the 19th or 20th century
- A complete concerto from the Romantic period or 20th century

*All Bach solo works, etudes/caprices, concertos, and virtuoso pieces must be performed from memory

Viola

- Bach: Three movements from a Suite, Sonata, or Partita for unaccompanied viola.
- Concerto: First or third movement of the Hindemith, Walton, or Bartok Concerto.
- Sonata: Two contrasting movements from a Sonata (either solo or with piano) from the 19th or 20th Century.

- A piece of the applicant's choosing.

Cello

A varied selection, approximately 30 minutes in length, representing three contrasting styles of music. Single movements may be played. Suggested Repertoire: Any Bach or Reger Suite, several movements; any movement of a concerto, such as: Haydn, D major; Schumann; Dvorak; Barber; Bloch, Schelomo; Tchaikovsky, Rocooco Variations; or equivalent. Virtuoso pieces such as: Dvorak, Rondo op. 94; Bruch, kol Nidre; Hindemith, Capriccio, etc.

Double Bass

- An advanced etude, such as Bille, Simandl, Rossi, Storch, etc.
- A movement from Bach's unaccompanied cello suite
- Two contrasting movements from a major concerto, such as Dragonetti, Bottesini, Koussevitzky, etc.

Guitar

- Any 3 movements of a Suite, Sonata, or Partita of J.S. Bach (Prelude, Fugue and Allegro, BWV 998 is also acceptable)
- Any significant 19th century work (e.g. Giuliani, Sor, Coste, Aguado, Regondi, etc.)
- A 20th century work of Turina, Torroba, Ponce, Tedesco, Rodrigo, Brouwer, or comparable
- One contrasting work of the applicant's choice

Harp

Two contrasting solos from the traditional solo repertoire for harp. Memorization preferred.

One movement of a concerto from the following list:

1. Debussy Dances Sacree and Profane
2. Ravel Introduction and Allegro
3. Mozart Flute and Harp Concerto
4. Handel Concerto in B Flat
5. Dittersdorf Concerto for Harp

One Tchaikovsky orchestral cadenza from the following list:

- Nutcracker
- Swan Lake
- Sleeping Beauty

Piano

- Any Prelude and Fugue from WTC, or a Toccata, Partita, or English Suite or French Suite or the Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue
- A complete Classical Sonata by Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, or Schubert
- A significant composition from the Romantic era by Chopin, Schumann, Liszt, or Brahms
- A composition from the 20th century

The program must be performed from memory. A short interview will be conducted in which the applicant should demonstrate a knowledge of music history and the history of piano performance.

Organ

- One of the following works by J. S. Bach:
 - Any of the complete Trio Sonatas
 - One of the large Preludes/Toccatas/Fantasias and Fugues* or the
 - Passacaglia in C minor*
- A major work from the Romantic or Impressionist tradition
- A major work written since 2000

Optional addition: an improvisation on a theme given at the time of the audition (The theme will be given 30 minutes before the audition is scheduled to begin, so that the candidate can complete a study of the material at a piano.)

*This repertoire must be approved by the University Organist in advance of the audition