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UNDERGRADUATE AUDITION, INTERVIEW & PORTFOLIO REVIEW GUIDELINES



2021 Undergraduate Programs

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Admission to Shenandoah Conservatory is highly competitive. Not only must students be academically admissible, they must also successfully complete and pass the mandatory audition and interview processes. Audition dates are limited and may fill and close well in advance of the posted deadlines.

All audition confirmation materials will be sent to the applicant via the e-mail listed on the application.

POTENTIAL CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19

As federal, state and local approaches to combatting the spread of COVID-19 evolve over the coming year, it may become necessary for Shenandoah Conservatory to modify the ways in which auditions and interviews are held. Any changes will likely be most noticeable in audition format (for example, live over Zoom). Core program requirements will likely not be altered. The most up-to-date information on audition dates and format will always be available at www.su.edu/auditions.

UNDERGRADUATE APPLICANT MATERIALS

1. Complete the undergraduate application for admission: su.edu/admissions.
2. Submit official high school and/or college/university transcripts from each institution attended.
3. **Optional.** Test Scores: SAT College Board or ACT test scores are an OPTIONAL part of the application process at Shenandoah. If you believe your SAT or ACT scores provide evidence of your academic preparedness, you are invited to submit scores. It is not required.
SAT code: 5613 | ACT code: 4396
4. Submit artistic résumé and headshot.
5. Submit online prescreening (*Musical Theatre only*).

REGISTER FOR THE AUDITION OR INTERVIEW

After submitting the required application materials, the applicant must register online for an audition, portfolio review or interview. **Applicants in all areas other than Musical Theatre are encouraged to submit application materials and register for the prescreening/audition at the same time.** However, the audition **will not be confirmed** until all application materials have been received.

- Register online for an audition, portfolio review or interview using the online Audition Form: su.edu/auditions. Applicant must upload their artistic résumé and headshot to the Shenandoah Admission Application self-service portal. Professional photos are welcome, but not required. A candid shot or senior yearbook photo is fine. **Audition registration opens September 14, 2020.**
- Applicants should register for an audition date at least two weeks prior to the audition date.
- Applicants must follow the 2021 Audition Guidelines as they prepare for their audition.
- Applicants will receive an email confirming their audition date and providing information regarding arrival time and schedule for the day. This message will come from auditions@su.edu and will be sent to the email address provided by the applicant on their admission application. **Specific audition times are not assigned until the day of the audition.**

NOTE FOR MUSICAL THEATRE:

Applicants have a two-step audition process. See the audition requirements for Musical Theatre for full details.

AUDITION, INTERVIEW & PORTFOLIO REVIEW DATES

DANCE AUDITIONS

Auditions for:

BA in Dance and BFA in Dance

Dancers spend a day on the Shenandoah campus attending dance classes, meeting with faculty and auditioning. Dancers and their families are invited to attend a dance concert that evening as part of the audition day activities.

Audition Dates:

- October 23, 2020
- January 29, 2021
- February 13, 2021

RECORDING & AUDIO ARTS INTERVIEWS

Recording & Audio Arts required materials must be submitted a minimum of two weeks before an applicant's scheduled interview date (see page 5).

Interview Dates:

- December 5, 2020
- January 23, 2021
- January 30, 2021
- February 6, 2021
- February 13, 2021

MUSIC AUDITIONS

Auditions for:

Composition*, Jazz Studies, Music Education, Music Performance, Music Production & Recording Technology, Musical Theatre Accompanying and Music Therapy

*For Composition applicants:

Composition portfolios should be submitted electronically a minimum of two weeks before an applicant's scheduled audition date. Refer to the Composition audition guidelines for full information regarding the contents and format of the portfolio (see page 5).

Audition Dates:

- December 5, 2020
- January 23, 2021
- January 30, 2021
- February 6, 2021
- February 13, 2021

NEW YORK CITY REGIONAL THEATRE AUDITIONS

New York City Regional Auditions for: Acting, Musical Theatre and Theatre Design & Production only. Specific details and registration information available online at su.edu/auditions.

Audition Dates:

- January 23, 2021
- January 24, 2021

THEATRE AUDITIONS

Auditions for:

Acting and Musical Theatre*

Portfolio reviews and interviews for:

Theatre Design & Production with emphasis areas in Costume Design, Lighting Design, Scenic Design, Sound Design & Reinforcement, Stage Management and Technical Production

Audition/Portfolio Review Dates:

- November 14, 2020
- January 30, 2021
- February 6, 2021
- February 27, 2021

***Prescreening for Musical Theatre applicants:** September 14, 2020 through **December 2, 2020. FIRM DEADLINE.**



DISTANCE AUDITIONS

While live auditions are preferred, applicants (except those for Musical Theatre) who live more than 250 miles from Shenandoah University's Winchester campus have the option to submit a videorecorded audition. Musical Theatre applicants must complete a live audition – either on campus or at a scheduled off-campus Musical Theatre event. Applicants wishing to complete a distance audition must submit an email request to auditions@su.edu. After verifying the distance requirement has been met, SU Admissions will provide directions for uploading audition materials. For distance auditions, applicants must follow the regular audition guidelines unless modified requirements are provided by SU Admissions. **Distance audition information is also available at su.edu/auditions.**

Note about COVID-19: University policies regarding distance auditions may change in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Up-to-date information will always be available at www.su.edu/auditions.

AUDITION GUIDELINES

Applicants must prepare for their audition and interview process by following these Shenandoah Conservatory 2021 Undergraduate Audition Guidelines. **In order to ensure a successful audition experience, applicants are encouraged to follow the audition guidelines carefully, submitting all requested materials in a timely fashion.**

DEADLINES & ADMISSIONS CALENDAR

AUGUST 2020

Applications for admission are accepted from August 24, 2020 – February 13, 2021. Complete your online application at su.edu/admissions. Strict application and prescreening submission deadline of December 2, 2021, for all Musical Theatre applications.

SEPTEMBER 2020 – FEBRUARY 2021

Prescreening and auditions for undergraduate conservatory applicants.

DECEMBER 2, 2020

Strict application and prescreening submission deadline for Musical Theatre.

JANUARY 31, 2021

Students competing for a Presidential Scholarship must have all application materials and audition requirements completed to be considered. Theatre Division applicants (Acting, Musical Theatre or Theatre Design & Production) wishing to be considered for a Presidential Scholarship must successfully complete their live audition by February 6.

FEBRUARY 13, 2021

Deadline for applications for all conservatory programs of study (excluding Musical Theatre — see above).

FEBRUARY 15, 2021

Scholarship priority date: Applicants should submit their FAFSA application to the Office of Financial Aid. Accepted applicants who have not submitted their FAFSA to the SU Office of Financial Aid by this date will experience a delay in receiving their scholarship offer.

MARCH 2021

Financial aid packages mailed to students who have been admitted to Shenandoah University and who have submitted their 2021-22 FAFSA paperwork to the Office of Financial Aid by March 1.

ANSWERS TO COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- An audition day includes curriculum sessions with faculty, information sessions for parents and students, campus and conservatory facilities tours; and, as applicable, music skills assessment, interview, written theory diagnostic and, of course, the audition.
- Vocalists are required to perform with live accompaniment and must bring sheet music to the audition. An accompanist will be provided at no charge; however, applicants are welcome to bring their own.
- Classical instrumentalists are NOT required to perform with live or recorded accompaniment. Those who wish to audition with accompaniment must bring their own accompanist.
- Jazz applicants must bring recorded accompaniment (electronic files or CD) for the jazz portion of their auditions.
- Admission decisions are not made until all application materials are received and the audition has been completed. Conservatory applicants must successfully pass their audition and/or interview (if applicable) and complete the music skills assessment and written theory diagnostic (if applicable) in order to be admitted.

FINANCIAL AID

- All students admitted to a Shenandoah Conservatory program will receive a Conservatory Award. These awards are based on the student's talent as demonstrated at the audition or portfolio review and on the student's academic record and potential for success.
- It is strongly recommended that all students submit a FAFSA to the Shenandoah University Office of Financial Aid by March 1.
- Notification of Conservatory Awards and other financial aid will be sent in March, provided a student has successfully completed their audition/application process and been fully admitted to the university.
- Conservatory Awards are renewable for up to four years (eight semesters) and are reviewed annually.
- Recipients of a Conservatory Award must maintain satisfactory progress in their course of study and are also required to contribute substantially and productively toward the artistic stature of the conservatory.
- **For more information, go to su.edu/admissions.**

AUDITION GUIDELINE DETAILS BY AREA OF STUDY

DANCE CURRICULA

All applicants must prepare a 90-second solo dance:

- First-year applicants may use their own or their teacher's choreography.
- Transfer students must choreograph their own solo.
- Music for the solo should be brought on a phone, iPad, or similar device that can be plugged into a sound system.

Upload the following to the applicant's Shenandoah Application self-service portal as a required document:

- Artistic résumé
- Two current photographs—one in first arabesque position (side view) and a headshot

A printed copy of the résumé, arabesque shot and headshot must be provided upon check-in for the applicant's audition.

At the audition, all Dance applicants will participate in technique classes (ballet, modern, and jazz) and a short creative assignment.

MUSIC CURRICULA

MUSIC SKILLS ASSESSMENT & WRITTEN THEORY DIAGNOSTIC

All students auditioning for music curricula, except Recording & Audio Arts, must complete a music skills assessment as part of their audition. This assessment involves sight-singing, tonal memory and rhythmic skills.

A computerized theory diagnostic will also be given, but will only be used for theory placement purposes (should the applicant be accepted and choose to attend Shenandoah).

MUSIC INTERVIEW REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the audition, music skills assessment and computerized theory diagnostic (if applicable), students applying to Music Education, Music Therapy, Music Production & Recording Technology, Recording & Audio Arts and Music Composition programs must complete an interview. Interview results are used in conjunction with academic criteria, applied audition results and music skills assessment results to determine admission to the program.

MUSIC EDUCATION

Prospective Music Education majors will complete an interview with members of the Music Education faculty. The purpose of the interview is to assess the applicant's oral communication skills, leadership potential, and other elements that may contribute to success in the profession. A writing exercise will be completed.

MUSIC PRODUCTION & RECORDING TECHNOLOGY

Prospective Music Production & Recording Technology (MPRT) majors will complete an interview with members of the MPRT faculty. The purpose of the interview is to assess the applicant's oral communication skills and other elements that may contribute to success in the profession.

MUSIC THERAPY

Prospective Music Therapy majors will complete an interview with members of the Music Therapy faculty. The purpose of the interview is to assess the applicant's oral communication skills, leadership experience and potential, awareness of special needs populations, and other elements that may contribute to success in the profession.

MUSIC COMPOSITION

Prospective Composition majors will complete an interview with the director of Composition to discuss the contents of the applicant's portfolio (described below). In addition to portfolio review, the interview will assess the applicant's current musical knowledge, experience, and goals, as well as the student's communication skills about their own creative work.

Applicants for the Music Composition program must submit the following items at least two weeks before the audition date:

1. Scores for 2-3 recently completed original works (no arrangements) – must be electronically uploaded in the online audition form
 - Uploaded scores must be in pdf format – *no files in notation software format (ie. Finale, Sibelius, MuseScore, etc.)*
 - Directions for uploading scores will be provided by the admissions counselor after the undergraduate application is received
2. Recordings for the scores detailed above
 - Recordings may be audio/video (live players) or MIDI
 - Recordings may be uploaded in the following formats: mp3, m4a, mp4, WMV
 - Directions for uploading recordings will be provided by the admissions counselor after the undergraduate application is received
3. A 100-word Artist Statement describing the applicant's ideas on what their music is or says, and why

In addition to an interview and review of their portfolio, Composition applicants audition in either a major instrument or voice (classical idiom). Please refer to the appropriate instrument or voice section for detailed information regarding the audition requirements.

RECORDING & AUDIO ARTS

Prospective Recording & Audio Arts majors will complete an interview with members of the Recording & Audio Arts faculty. The purpose of the interview is to assess the applicant's oral communication skills, current work, and other elements that may contribute to success in the profession.

Applicants to the Recording & Audio Arts program must upload the following items to the online Audition Form at least two weeks before the audition date:

1. Artistic résumé (including any experiences relating to music, dance, visual art or theatre)
2. At least two examples of recent work (from at least two of these three categories – not more than seven minutes total):
 - An audio recording you created of a live music performance.
 - An audio or video recording of a song you wrote (any genre, must have lyrics).
 - A sample of work you created/produced using a Digital Audio Workstation (DAW) such as Pro Tools, Logic, Garage Band, FL Studio, etc.

A voice/instrumental audition is not required for applicants for the BA in Recording & Audio Arts.

MUSIC: CLASSICAL IDIOM AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

BASSOON

Two contrasting études (from Weissenborn, Milde, Ferling, etc.) and one solo work demonstrating level of proficiency (a single movement is acceptable). Scales (major required, major and harmonic minor preferred) and sight-reading are required.

CELLO

Two contrasting works that display technical and musical ability plus one étude of appropriate difficulty. For performance applicants, one of the selections must be a movement of a standard concerto.

CLARINET

Two contrasting pieces or movements – one demonstrating technical ability and one demonstrating lyricism and expression. These pieces may be drawn from the standard clarinet literature - études (e.g. Rose études), sonatas (e.g. Saint-Saëns, Brahms, Poulenc) and/or concertos (e.g. Weber, Mozart).

DOUBLE BASS

Two works in contrasting styles from the Baroque, Classical, Romantic and Contemporary periods (e.g. Eccles and Bottesini) that demonstrate the applicant's highest level of technical proficiency and musical expression.

EUPHONIUM

One étude and one solo demonstrating contrasting styles and current level of proficiency. Scales and sight-reading are required.

FLUTE

Two pieces in contrasting styles (e.g., Mozart and Hindemith), from which excerpts or entire movements may be asked, demonstrating the highest level of technical proficiency and expression. Scales and arpeggios should be prepared from memory. Sight-reading may be given and should demonstrate fluency and expression.

GUITAR

• Performance applicants:

Three pieces of contrasting styles chosen from the Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic and Contemporary repertoires. While applicants may be asked to play examples of their scale and arpeggio work, the primary focus will be on the performance of the three prepared pieces. The applicant will also be asked to demonstrate sight-reading skills.

• Composition, Music Education, Music Production & Recording Technology and Music Therapy applicants:

Three pieces. Although music from the classical guitar repertoire is preferred (see the Performance Major audition description above), the inclusion of popular music selections featuring finger-style playing techniques is also acceptable. Applicants will be asked to demonstrate sight-reading and knowledge of scale and arpeggio patterns.

HARP

Two solos from contrasting periods (classical and modern) and one orchestral excerpt. Two scales and arpeggios of the player's choice and sight-reading are required.

HORN

First movement of a horn concerto by Mozart, Richard Strauss or Franz Strauss, or an equivalent piece from the standard horn solo repertoire. One additional solo or étude of your choice. All major scales (two octaves, as possible) and a demonstration of sight-reading are required.

OBOE

• All applicants:

One movement from a sonata or concerto from the standard oboe repertoire and one Barret Grand Study. Major and minor scales and sight-reading are required.

• Music Education applicants:

Also prepare the exposition of the Mozart Concerto in C.

• Performance applicants:

Also prepare the exposition of the Mozart Concerto in C and two orchestral excerpts from the standard orchestral repertoire.

PERCUSSION

All applicants must demonstrate proficiency in all three primary percussion areas: snare drum, timpani and keyboard percussion. Snare: One solo or étude (e.g. Peters, Cirone, Delécluse). Timpani: One solo or étude (e.g. Carroll, Goodman Hochrainer). Keyboard percussion: One solo (e.g. *Yellow after the Rain*, *Rain Dance*); four-mallet is preferred. Two-octave major scales on mallet instrument. Sight-reading is required on snare drum and mallets.

PIANO

- **Solo Performance applicants:**

A memorized program of a minimum of 20 minutes, to include a work from the Baroque era, a Classical sonata, and the remainder consisting of works from the Romantic and/or later eras. A demonstration of sight-reading is required, as is a thorough performance knowledge of major and minor scales and arpeggios.

- **Musical Theatre Accompanying applicants:**

A minimum of six minutes of memorized solo piano repertoire from at least two periods (Baroque, Classical, Romantic, etc). The auditionee must also perform three accompaniments: one Golden Age selection to show support of the singer and nuance; one Sondheim or Jason Robert Brown selection to show dexterity; and one selection from the pop/rock genre to show a groove. Applicant is responsible for obtaining singers for the audition and is responsible for the overall quality of the performance. A demonstration of sight-reading is required.

- **Composition, Music Education, Music Production & Recording Technology and Music Therapy applicants:**

Approximately six minutes of solo piano repertoire (does not need to be memorized) from at least two periods. Major and harmonic minor scales and sight-reading are required.

SAXOPHONE (ALTO)

One étude from the W. Ferling 48 Famous Studies and one of the following:

- Paul Creston, Sonata for Alto Saxophone, movements 1 and/or 3
- Jacques Ibert, Concertino da Camera for Alto Saxophone, movements 1 and/or 3.

Sight-reading and all major and minor scales (performed on full range of the instrument in sixteenth notes at quarter = 100) are required.

TROMBONE

One étude and one solo demonstrating level of proficiency. Scales and sight-reading are required.

TRUMPET

- **Performance applicants:**

Seven to ten minutes of solos, études and/or excerpts that demonstrate lyrical and technical ability. Scales to demonstrate agility and range, as well as sight-reading, are also required.

- **Composition, Music Education, Music Production & Recording Technology and Music Therapy applicants:**

One étude and/or one solo demonstrating level of proficiency in both lyrical and technical performance. Scales and sight-reading are required.

TUBA

One étude and one solo demonstrating contrasting styles and current level of proficiency. Scales and sight-reading are required.

VIOLA

A concerto movement or concert solo and a contrasting work (such as an unaccompanied Bach, concert piece, sonata movement or contemporary work). Scales in three octaves are required.

VIOLIN

A concerto movement or concert solo, a contrasting work (such as an unaccompanied Bach, concert piece, sonata movement or contemporary work), and an étude or caprice demonstrating level of proficiency. Scales in three octaves are required.

VOICE

Two memorized songs from standard classical solo voice repertoire, one in English and one in another language. Material should be appropriate to the applicant's voice and current musical development. Musical Theatre selections are not appropriate for the voice performance audition.

MUSIC: JAZZ IDIOM AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

Note 1: Applied majors in the jazz idiom are available in Jazz Studies, Music Education (Jazz Emphasis), Music Production & Recording Technology (Jazz Emphasis) and Music Therapy (Jazz Emphasis).

Note 2: All applicants must provide a recorded accompaniment (such as the “iReal” app, an online backing track, or something similar) for the jazz portion of the audition.

Note 3: Amps are provided for electric guitar and electric bass auditions.

Note 4: Drum set is provided for jazz percussion auditions.

JAZZ BASS (ELECTRIC OR UPRIGHT)

Prepare four required tunes, as listed & detailed below:

- **Bb Blues:** Four choruses. Walk for the first two choruses, then solo two choruses.
- **Oleo (Bb):** Three choruses. Play the melody, walk one chorus, solo one chorus.
- **Latin (e.g. Black Orpheus, Desifinado, etc.):** Play the melody, one chorus of bass line, solo one chorus.
- **Tune of Choice:** Three choruses. Play the melody, one chorus of bass line, solo one chorus.

Upright bassists should demonstrate use of the bow on at least one of the four required tunes. Sight-reading and major and harmonic minor scales are required for all auditionees.

DRUM SET/JAZZ PERCUSSION

Perform, with recordings, one medium or up-tempo swing piece; one ballad with brushes; one contemporary jazz-fusion piece; and one medium/upper grade snare solo or orchestral excerpt. Play all major scales one octave on a mallet instrument. Sight-reading on drum set and snare drum are required.

JAZZ GUITAR

Two jazz pieces including 1) One jazz solo ballad such as “Misty” or “I Can’t Get Started,” where the melody and chords are voiced together and 2) One jazz medium-tempo selection demonstrating melody, improvisation and comping. Major scales and sight-reading of notation and chord symbols are required.

JAZZ PIANO

One memorized classical piece (e.g. Bach *Little Prelude and Fugue*; a Clementi Sonatina; Schumann *Album for the Young*); major and harmonic minor scales; jazz solo ballad; and a jazz medium-tempo selection in piano trio format, demonstrating melody, improvisation and comping. Sight-reading of notation and chord symbols is also required.

JAZZ SAXOPHONE

One fast and one slow classical étude (e.g. Voxman *Selected Studies* or W. Ferling *48 Études*) and two jazz standards demonstrating melody and improvisation and showing basic knowledge of jazz style. Major scales (in eighth notes, quarter = 80) and sight-reading are also required.

JAZZ TROMBONE

One prepared classical solo (grade 5-6) or two classical études of equal difficulty and two jazz standards in contrasting styles, demonstrating melody and improvisation. Major and minor (natural, harmonic and melodic) scales and sight-reading are also required.

JAZZ TRUMPET

One of the following: an étude (e.g. Arban *Characteristic Studies*), the first or third movement of a major work for trumpet (e.g. Haydn or Hummel concerto, Hindemith or Kennan sonata), or a complete trumpet solo (e.g. Carnival of Venice, Bride of the Waves); two jazz standards demonstrating melody and improvisation; scales and sight-reading are required.

THEATRE CURRICULA

ACTING AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

Two memorized monologues: one from a Shakespeare play, 20-28 lines in length; the second from a contemporary play, two minutes maximum, reflecting the applicant's age. Acting auditions will include a brief warm-up and improvisational exercise. Auditionees are encouraged to wear clothing and footwear in which they are comfortable moving. Bring a standard 8" x 10" headshot and résumé to the audition.

THEATRE DESIGN & PRODUCTION INTERVIEW REQUIREMENTS

Emphasis areas include:

- Costume Design
- Scenic Design
- Stage Management
- Lighting Design
- Sound Design and Reinforcement
- Technical Production

All applicants will be interviewed on an audition day by a member of the Theatre Design & Production faculty. During the interview, the candidate will submit a résumé and present a portfolio designed to appropriately represent their work and experience. Suggested portfolio contents are listed below for each area of emphasis; however applicants are encouraged to include any additional materials that represent their individualized artistic range, skills and interests including, but not limited to, theatre.

COSTUME DESIGN, LIGHTING DESIGN, SCENIC DESIGN AND TECHNICAL PRODUCTION

Portfolio may include photographs of your work, drafting or design sketches and artwork (production-related or otherwise). Letters of recommendation in support of the applicant are recommended.

SOUND DESIGN AND REINFORCEMENT

Select materials that best represent your experiences in theatre, as well as any other engagements that demonstrate your interest in, or experience with, sound design and reinforcement. If you have served as a member of a production team, letters of recommendation from supervisors and/or directors who can comment on your work are recommended.

STAGE MANAGEMENT

Select your best production materials and/or prompt book for a production for which you have served as a member of the production team. Letters of recommendation from supervisors and/or directors who can comment on your work are recommended.

MUSICAL THEATRE AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

All Musical Theatre applicants have a two-step audition process:

STEP ONE: PRESCREENING

After submitting the university application, Musical Theatre applicants must submit a recorded prescreening, following the appropriate audition guidelines (see details below).

- The Musical Theatre recorded prescreening must be submitted between September 14, 2020, and December 2, 2020, using the Shenandoah Conservatory online Audition Form: su.edu/auditions.
- December 2, 2020, is the **strict** application and prescreening submission deadline. No exceptions will be made.
- Prescreening recordings must be in mp4 or WMV format. No tapes, DVDs or YouTube videos will be accepted.
- The applicant's artistic résumé and headshot must be uploaded with the admission application.

- Applicants will be notified of prescreening results on a rolling basis via the email address listed on their application.

- An applicant may not register for a live audition until they have received an invitation from the Office of Admissions via the auditions@su.edu email account.

STEP TWO: LIVE AUDITION

Musical Theatre applicants who successfully pass the recorded prescreening audition will be invited to Shenandoah to complete a live audition.

- A limited number of live audition slots will be available during the Theatre Division's regional auditions in New York City.
- An applicant may not register for a live audition until they have received an invitation from the Office of Admissions via the auditions@su.edu email account.
- Live auditions will be scheduled for one of the official Audition Dates listed on page 2.

VIDEO PRESCREENING REQUIREMENTS

Each piece should be filmed/uploaded as a separate piece of media. No continuous videos.

Slate

There should not be a separate “slate” video; rather slates are to appear at the beginning of each piece. The proper slate for a song is to share the **title** and **show** in which it appears. The proper slate for a monologue is to share the **title of the play** and the **playwright**.

Songs (required)

Applicants should prepare TWO contrasting pieces: One song should be a ballad and one song should be up-tempo. Each song file should be 60-90 seconds (this time limit includes the slate at the beginning of the piece and is strictly adhered to; please do not upload media files longer than 90 seconds). Songs should be filmed in a ¾ shot, which means the top of the head to the knees should be visible in the frame.

Songs: Option A

- One song should be written prior to 1970. This song can be either the up-tempo piece or the ballad (student's choice).
- One song should be written after 1970 and contrast the style of the first.

Songs: OPTION B

- Both songs should be from contemporary musicals (any musical written after 1970) contrasting in style.

Monologue (required)

Applicants should prepare ONE 60 - 90-second contemporary monologue (written during the 20th Century to the present) from a published play. This time limit includes the slate at the beginning of the piece and is strictly adhered to; please do not upload media files longer than 90 seconds.

- Monologue must be from a published play.
- Monologue cannot be from musicals, television shows, or movies.
- Monologue should be filmed in a “close-up” shot, which means the top of the head to the chest should be visible in the frame.

Dance (optional)

Applicants may choose to submit 30-60 seconds of dance, in whichever non-tap dance discipline they are most comfortable: jazz, ballet, modern, African, hip-hop, lyrical or contemporary. Dance media should be filmed in “full body” shot, taking care to keep the student's entire body in the frame at all times. No matter which option you are filming, the execution of the choreography should be story driven where the applicant is continuing to express a goal.

- No barre work. A ballet solo is acceptable.
- No tap. For applicants who tap, consider showcasing that skill as a Wild Card media. (*see below*)
- Please stick to vocabulary and steps you are familiar with and can execute well.
- Dance media can be self-choreographed or a solo video of you featured in a show, competition or other performance.
- All choreography must be performed to music; no “a cappella” dance media please.

HELPFUL HINT: Applicants are encouraged to keep a full-length mirror behind the filming device so as to see themselves as they execute the choreography.

Wild Card (optional)

The Wild Card media is not required. This media can be ANYTHING you want: a special skill, an interesting story about yourself, a passion speech, an instrument that you play, etc. “What do you want us to know about you?” and “What makes you unique?”

- Submissions should be no more than 60 seconds.
- Pop/Rock songs encouraged

LIVE AUDITION REQUIREMENTS (*on-campus auditions or New York regional auditions*)

Prepare two song selections (32 bars to one minute per selection) that best represent your work. Selections may be from Golden Age, Contemporary Music Theatre, or Pop/Rock, and should be chosen to demonstrate your strengths, not your weaknesses. We want to see what you do well now, not what you will eventually be able to do. At least one of the two selections should be contemporary musical theatre (90s or later). If you play guitar and would like to accompany yourself on a selection, you may bring your instrument to the audition. A piano will also be available in the room.

Prepare a one-minute, age-appropriate, monologue from a contemporary play – George Bernard Shaw or later.

Students will learn and be evaluated on a dance combination at the live audition. Dance or workout attire is required.

Bring a standard 8” x 10” headshot and résumé to the audition.

Note: The Musical Theatre program requires every invited applicant to make the necessary arrangements to attend a live audition in order to fully demonstrate their skills and potential. Recorded or Skype auditions are NOT accepted, regardless of the applicant's geographical proximity to Shenandoah.



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