

# Howard Payne University

## In-Person Music Audition Guidelines



### General information

#### Requesting an audition appointment:

- Complete the [Music Audition Request Form](#) and select the In-Person Audition option. You will be contacted via email to schedule your visit to the Music Department at HPU and your audition time with music faculty.

#### Audition attire:

- Attire should be professional or concert black.

### Audition Repertoire

Please only perform existing songs or pieces and not original compositions.

#### Instrumentalists (Woodwinds and Brass):

- Two contrasting pieces/exercises of your choice.
  - You are not required to perform from memory.
  - Piano accompaniment is preferred, but not required.
- Be prepared to play scales for at least two octaves during your Audition Interview.

#### Instrumentalists (Percussion):

- Two contrasting pieces/exercises of your choice. Ideally, these should be on two different percussion instruments.
- Performance from memory is preferred, but not required.

#### Vocalists:

- Two contrasting pieces/songs of your choice.
  - One song or aria in English
  - One song or aria in a language of your choice
- All selections must be performed from memory
- Only one selection may be an aria (arias are not required)
- Jazz, "CCM" (Contemporary Commercial Music), and original compositions will not be accepted.
- Piano accompaniment is preferred, but not required.

#### Pianists:

- Two contrasting pieces of your choice.
  - All selections should be performed by memory.
  - Music should be from a variety of stylistic periods.
- Jazz, "CCM" (Contemporary Commercial Music), and original compositions will not be accepted.
- Be prepared to play scales in parallel motion and hand together for 2-4 octaves during your Audition.