Department of Music
Audition Repertoire
Music Education - Voice

Freshman & Transfer Applicants

Be prepared to sing, from memory, at least three (3) pieces from the classical vocal repertoire, such as art songs or arias from opera or oratorio:

- One piece in Italian
- One piece in English
- One piece in your choice of French, German, Spanish, Latin, or Russian

The following list contains examples of appropriate audition repertoire. It is intended merely to serve as a guide; present only pieces that are appropriate for your level of experience, vocal development, and voice type.

- Selections from 24 Italian Songs and Arias
- Songs/arias in Italian by Mozart, Bellini, Donizetti, Rossini, Donaudy
- Songs/arias in French by Bizet, Gounod, Fauré, Debussy, Ravel, Hahn, Poulenc
- Songs/arias in German by Mozart, Schubert, Schumann, Brahms, Wolf, Strauss
- Songs/arias in English by Purcell, Haydn, Vaughan Williams, Quilter, Britten, Barber, Copland, Rorem, Gordon, Heggie
- Arias by Handel, Bach, Mozart

If you wish, your selections may also include a piece from “classic” musical theater, such as Rodgers and Hammerstein, Lerner and Loewe, Sondheim – i.e., music that calls for classically trained vocal technique as opposed to pop singing.

Your selections are expected to represent contrasting styles, tempi, and mood. You may include selections from your pre-screening recording in your live audition, but it is not mandatory that the same pieces be used in your pre-screening and live auditions as long as the repertoire criteria are met.

It is expected that your ability as an actor will be demonstrated in your audition. Prepare each of your pieces from the standpoint of characterization and stage acting as well as vocal technique.

SIGHT-READING (live audition only)

- A simple melody without text; you will also be asked to identify the key of the excerpt based on the key signature and to define the meaning of the time signature
- A rhythmic test