



PERFORMING ARTS

AUDITION GUIDELINES



In addition to completing and submitting an application for admission, performing arts majors must also submit an audition recording. Please read the following instructions carefully.

Musical Theater Auditions

Submit an audio-visual format audition with 7-10 minutes of footage, including one 60-90 second monologue and two songs of contrasting style and tempo (any genre is acceptable, but at least one must be from standard musical-theater repertoire). All material must be clearly introduced, and all songs must be memorized and accompanied. Karaoke tracks will not be considered.

Classical Voice Auditions

Submit an audio-visual format with 7-10 minutes of music, including at least two complete selections of contrasting style and tempo. All selections must be memorized and accompanied, and one selection should be in a foreign language. Students may perform selections from the standard vocal and art song repertoire, the musical theater repertoire, and/or the folk song repertoire. Pop and rock selections will not be considered.

Classical Instrumental Auditions

Submit either an audio-visual format OR an audio-only format with 7-10 minutes of recorded music, including at least two complete selections representing contrasting style and tempo. A sonata movement, etude, etc., along with a contrasting piece that displays technical and artistic skills, are acceptable options. Pop and rock selections will not be considered.

Percussionist Auditions

Percussionists should demonstrate their ability on at least two percussion media - eg. snare, timpani, mallets, world percussion, etc. Again, no pop or rock selections.

Your audition tape can be uploaded to YouTube, SoundCloud, or another streaming service and shared with the admissions team at Admissions@NorthernVermont.edu, or recorded and uploaded directly to your online application. Preferred formats for video submissions are MOV, QT, MP4, AVI, or WMV. Preferred audio formats are AIFF, WAV, and MP3. If you have any questions about your audition or the submission process, please contact Justin Rito at the email address below. In addition to your audition video or audio, please submit the following:

- A resume of all relevant experience in the arts
- A letter of support from a music or theater professional related to your intended major (this can be a director, private instructor, or teacher you have worked closely with)
- A personal statement about why you are pursuing your major.

Questions? ---

[NorthernVermont.edu/Apply](https://www.northernvermont.edu/Apply)

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