

Requirements for practical entrance exam Bachelor of Music

Piano Jazz & Pop

Video admission requirements

Please record a video, consisting of two separate parts:

1. A personal pitch of no more than 3 minutes
2. A performance of 10-15 minutes of which at least 1 piece in collaboration with others, if that is allowed under your local COVID-19 regulations. If not, use a backing track.

Personal pitch

Introduce yourself by stating your name, where you live, which instrument you are auditioning for, and your age. Please speak slowly and clearly.

Tell us a little bit about yourself, answering the following questions:

- How long have you been playing music?
- How long have you had lessons, and who was your teacher?
- What is your musical background (education, experience)
- In what kind of bands/ensembles have you played?
- Describe your role as a musician in a band, considering your specific instrument
- What do you like when it comes to playing your instrument and making music in general; who are your influences and heroes (especially regarding your own instrument)? What kind of music do you prefer to listen to?
- do you play more than one instrument and if so, which ones?
- do you create/write your own music? Tell us about it (and/or show us in your performance)
- Are you open to different musical styles?
- What motivates you to choose an education and career in music? How do you see your future, professionally?
- How well do you work alone?
- How well do you work with other people?

Performance (Max 10-15 minutes)

Every track/ each individual piece, has to be recorded in one take - no editing is allowed. Also, do not change camera position during a track. The tracks need not all be recorded on the same day or in the same location. Do make sure that both you yourself and your instrument are clearly visible and audible.

- Download the score *Carousel*, composed by Rembrandt Frerichs (see downloads). Play this composition as you like it. In other words: take all the freedom you want or play it in an authentic way.
- Download the file 'play along.m4a' made by Bert van den Brink. It covers different style features and by playing along we will get a good impression of how advanced and how flexible you are. Your video should be a presentation of you playing along the file: we want to hear both (so do not use headphones to listen to the file).
- The most important part of your video performance is presenting your choice of music. Playing your own composition (in any style) is more than welcome. Also include one or two standard pieces from the jazz or pop repertoire.

Good Luck!