

Requirements for practical entrance exam Bachelor of Music

Drums 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.

1. We want to hear a piece of your own choosing, if possible, together with your own band. Options: funk, pop, rock, Latin, jazz
2. We would like to hear a jazz piece:
Theme - 3 solo choruses (comping) -1 of 2 choruses drum solo- theme.
Play a known standard (no blues! See assignment 3), for example: Softly, as in a Morning Sunrise; Jordy; Confirmation; Mack the Knife; Stella by Starlight; Autumn Leaves. If you want to, use (a part of) one of the backing tracks (see the downloads)
3. Play a 4/4 drum solo over a blues pattern (Billie's Bounce). Use a backing track if you want to.
4. Play a free improvisation, based on the sounds you can create with your drum kit. This can result in a specific tempo, but we already addressed tempo in the previous assignments. This assignment is more about using you fantasy and imagination.