

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS AND REPERTOIRE

Master of Music in Conducting and Performance (Brass, Jazz, Percussion, Piano, String, Voice, Woodwind)

Master of Music in Multiple Woodwinds

Doctor of Musical Arts

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Brass

Horn

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Trumpet

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Trombone

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Tuba

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- 6) An interview with Thomas Leslie, the Department Chair, and the Graduate Coordinator.
- 7) Conducting the UNLV Symphony Orchestra. Contact Thomas Leslie: Thomas.leslie@unlv.edu

Wind Band

Rehearse two contrasting excerpts of major wind literature to be specified by the area head. Proficiency is assumed in rehearsal and conducting techniques appropriate to the specific graduate level. Contact Thomas Leslie: thomas.leslie@unlv.edu

Jazz

Live audition is preferred. DVD/CD will be accepted with approval of the jazz faculty. Prepare three contrasting jazz pieces (medium tempo or fast "Jazz Swing", straight-eighth "Latin" or "Jazz Funk/Rock", "Jazz Waltz" or "Jazz Ballad") showing jazz improvisational ability and an understanding of the jazz idiom. In addition, prepare a short classical excerpt or etude demonstrating technical proficiency on your primary instrument. Performances of scales and/or modes and sight-reading will also be included in the audition. Contact Dave Loeb: dave.loeb@unlv.edu

Percussion

Live or DVD/Video audition accepted. Prepare advanced solo repertoire and/or orchestral excerpts for Keyboard and Timpani, and prepare advanced etude repertoire and/or orchestral excerpts for Snare Drum. Optional, but recommended, prepared material on multiple percussion, drum set, steel pan, hand drumming, or other areas of expertise. Contact Timothy Jones: timothy.jones@unlv.edu

Piano

Entrance to the Master of Music in Piano Performance degree requires a strong background of musical accomplishment. Auditioning candidates for the degree should prepare a program of at least 40 minutes of stylistically diverse, musically and pianistically challenging music comparable to following:

1. A major work containing a fugue by J.S. Bach, Shostakovich, Hindemith, etc.
2. A sonata by Haydn, Mozart, Clementi, Beethoven, Hummel, or Schubert.
3. A complete major work of Romantic period.
4. A substantial work by composers of late 19th or early 20th century work. Including, but not limited to Scriabin, Rachmaninoff, Busoni, Debussy, Ravel, and Prokofiev.

A program must represent at least three contrasting style periods.

All pieces must be performed from memory. Exceptions may be permitted only in the case of some 20th and 21st-century pieces. Contact Mykola Suk: mykola.suk@unlv.edu

Strings

Violin

A complete concerto; a complete Bach sonata or partita for solo violin; and an additional work of the applicant's choice. Contact Weiwei Le: weiwei.le@unlv.edu

Viola

A complete Bach Suite for solo cello; a complete viola concerto such as Bartok, Walton, or Hindemith; an additional work of the applicant's choice. Contact Kate Hamilton: kate.hamilton@unlv.edu

Cello

A complete concerto; a complete Bach Suite for solo cello; an additional work of the applicant's choice. Contact Andrew Smith: andrew.smith@unlv.edu

Double Bass

A complete concerto; a complete Bach Suite for solo cello; an additional work of the applicant's choice. Contact Brycen Ingersoll: Brycen.ingersoll@unlv.edu

Voice

At least twenty minutes of music representative of a variety of styles and languages. Please include both art songs and arias. For your audition, bring a current resume and repertoire list. An accompanist will be provided with advance notice. Contact Kimberly James: Kimberly.james@unlv.edu

Woodwinds

Bassoon

Prepare two complete compositions of your choice representing different styles and style periods, as well as three or four contrasting orchestral excerpts. Proficiency is assumed in performance techniques appropriate to the graduate level. Contact Janis McKay: janis.mckay@unlv.edu

Clarinet

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Flute

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Oboe

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Saxophone

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Principal Instrument: Two contrasting compositions of the applicant's choice.

In addition to the principal instrument, applicants must perform one complete composition on **two** secondary instruments, and must choose selections from the following:

Flute

Bach: one of the seven Sonatas

Mozart: Concerto in G major or D major

Faure: Fantasie

Enesco: Cantabile et Presto

Gaubert: Nocturne et Allegro scherzando
Taffanel: Andante Pastoral et Scherzettino
Poulenc: Sonata
Chaminade: Concertino

Oboe

Mozart: Oboe Quartet
Marcello: Concerto
Hindemith: Sonate
Schumann: Three Romances
Saint-Saens: Sonata

Clarinet

Saint-Saens: Sonata
Brahms-Sonata
Messiaen: Abimedes Oiseaux
Stamitz: Concerto #3 in B flat Major
Weber: Concertino
Hindemith: Sonate
Mozart: Concerto
Schumann: Fantasy Pieces

Bassoon

Telemann: Sonata in f minor
Galliard: Suite
Hindemith: Sonate
Vivaldi: concerto (any)
Devienne: Sonata (F major or g minor)

Saxophone (Alto)

Bonneau: Caprice en forme de Valse
Glazunov: Concerto
Dubois: Concerto
Ibert: Concertino da Camera
Creston: Sonata
Heiden: Sonata
Milhaud: Scaramouche
Maurice: Tableaux de Provence

Saxophone (Soprano/Tenor)

Villa-Lobos: Fantasia
Scelsi: Tre-Pezzi
Ruggiero: Interplay
Worley: Sonata

Hatley: Sonata
Cunningham: Trigon
DiPasquale: Sonata
Schmidt: Concerto

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Prepare a recital-length audition of stylistically diverse, musically and pianistically challenging works. (Shorter programs may be subject to approval by the piano faculty.)

For example:

- 1) A sonata by Haydn, Mozart, Clementi, Beethoven, Hummel, or Schubert.
- 2) A substantial work by Chopin, Mendelssohn, Schumann, Liszt, or Brahms.
- 3) A substantial work by composers of late 19th or early 20th century including, but not limited to, Tchaikovsky, Mussorgsky, Scriabin, Rachmaninoff, Busoni, Debussy, Ravel, and Grieg.
- 4) A substantial 20th or 21st-century work by a composer post-dating Impressionism.

Doctor of Music auditions in Piano are granted only after the faculty has reviewed the pre-screening CD or DVD. Program may include pieces submitted as part of the screening process.

All works must be memorized with the possible exception of those in a contemporary idiom and must represent at least three contrasting style periods. Contact Mykola Suk:

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