

CONSERVATORY PLACEMENT ACTIVITY GUIDELINES

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONSERVATORY STRINGS & ORCHESTRA PROGRAM (All Grades) Digital Submission Placement Activity

Application & YouTube Video Submission

All applicants should submit a completed application and YouTube video, performing the materials outlined below. Please perform all of these items in a single take. Total video length should be approximately 5 - 8 minutes.

Video Content Guidelines:

All instrumentalists should film themselves performing the following:

1. Scales:

- **Violin:** A major and c melodic minor (at least two octaves for 7th/8th grade applicants and three octaves for 9th-12th grade applicants)
- **Viola:** D major and f melodic minor (at least two octaves for 7th/8th grade applicants and three octaves for 9th-12th grade applicants)
- **Cello:** D major and f melodic minor (at least two octaves for 7th/8th grade applicants and three octaves for 9th-12th grade applicants)
- **Bass:** F major and a melodic minor (two octaves)

Note: all scales should be performed slurring four sixteenth notes with quarter beat = 60 to 100 bpm.

2. One slow movement from a Bach suite/sonata/partita **or** similar piece. Approximately 2-3 minutes.
3. One fast movement from a standard concerto **or** similar piece. Approximately 2-3 minutes.

NOTE: 7th & 8th graders are required to perform repertoire from **at least** Suzuki Book 4 or higher; 9th-12th graders are required to perform repertoire from **at least** Suzuki Book 6 or higher (or comparable repertoire).

Harpists: Must demonstrate facility with the seven-pedal harp. Please perform one slow, lyrical, melodic piece and one fast and technical piece.

**We highly recommend you select standard string repertoire and exclude popular music, arrangements of classical repertoire, and concerti.*

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Video Submission Guidelines:

- To protect your privacy, your YouTube video should be saved as “UNLISTED” so it cannot be publicly viewed.
- Copy and paste your YouTube video URL (web address) directly into your conservatory application.
- YouTube video must be included at the same time as the application submission.
- At the beginning of your video, please start by clearly stating your name and the grade you are applying to. Be sure to indicate if you are a current OCSA student, and, if so, which conservatory you are in.
- Please state the date before you perform the items i.e. “today is September 1, 2023.”
- The YouTube video should have no disruptive background noise, good lighting, and a framing that views the student’s hands and torso in the video.
- The video should be filmed in landscape orientation (horizontal). Do not film in mirror mode.
- It is not required that the format be a professional or studio recording, but the sound quality should be as good as possible. All recordings must be unedited.
- Once your YouTube video has been submitted to OCSA, the submission is final and changes cannot be made.
- YouTube video should be specifically produced for your OCSA application. Do not include videos from previous stage performances.

Applicants who are English language learners, have a disability or need technology assistance are encouraged to reach out for support with the admissions process. Please contact admissions@ocsarts.net or (714) 560-0900 ext. 5510 for more information.

Hay asistencia disponible para los solicitantes aprendiendo inglés, que tienen una discapacidad, o los que necesitan asistencia tecnológica. Favor de ponerse contacto con nosotros por correo electrónico admissions@ocsarts.net o por llamar 714-560-0900 ext. 5510 para más información.