



Berklee
City Music

Audition Requirements for the High School Academy

PREPARE TO:

1. Play/sing one prepared piece that shows your strengths and technical ability.
 - a. Your prepared piece will be performed live on your primary instrument (the instrument you selected on your application).
 - b. It should be 2-5 minutes in length.
 - c. It can be any genre. We recommend that you perform a piece that you are comfortable with and that displays your strengths as a musician.
 - d. Play with a band or a backing track, not solo (playing with others is preferred when possible)
 - e. Be sure to improvise, take a solo.
2. Demonstrate scales and technique
 - a. *Drummers* should prepare rudiments (basic patterns of drum strokes)
 - b. *Vocalists* should be prepared to sing the United States National Anthem or "Amazing Grace", as well as perform pitch-matching exercises.
 - c. *Guitarists* and *Pianists* (chordal instruments) be sure to play chords not just lines.
3. Arrive at the audition site no later than fifteen (15) minutes before your warm-up time. Give yourself plenty of time to accommodate traffic delays, etc.

ABOUT THE AUDITION:

You will have fifteen (15) minutes before your audition to warm up on your instrument. The audition will be fifteen (15) minutes in length and consist of your prepared piece and some technical exercises, time permitting. The audition may be recorded.

What should I bring?

1. All acoustic and electric bass players, brass players, guitarists, hand percussionists, string players and woodwind players are required to bring their instrument.
2. Drummers should bring their sticks and a practice pad for use in the warm-up.
3. Bass players and guitarists are reminded to bring their instrument cable(s) and any effects needed for your prepared piece.
4. Bass players, guitarists and string players are reminded to bring a tuner.
5. If you require accompaniment for your prepared piece you may bring an accompanist or you can connect an ipod or phone via an aux cord.

The audition room will be equipped with a piano, a standard drum set with cymbals, guitar and bass amplifiers, and music stands.