Music Major Audition Repertoire

Voice
Any two of the following:
- Early Italian aria (e.g., a selection from 24 or 26 or 30 Italian Songs and Arias)
- Oratorio aria or operatic aria, any language
- Composition from the OMEA High School Solo and Ensemble Contest List
- A composition of your choice (recorded accompaniments not permitted)

Piano
- The student should prepare scales and arpeggios of their choice
- Two contrasting solo selections such as compositions from the OMEA High School Contest List or other comparable list

Woodwinds, Brass, Guitar
- Scales demonstrating the student’s range
- A solo selection such as a composition from the OMEA High School Contest List or other comparable list, with accompaniment
- An etude demonstrating technical facility, or an additional solo piece

Strings
- 3 octave major scales
- A solo selection such as a composition from the OMEA High School Contest List or other comparable list, with accompaniment
- An etude demonstrating technical facility

Percussion
- Snare drum: Rudiments and a solo piece
- Any mallet instrument: Major scales and a solo piece
- Optional: pieces for drum set, timpani, or other instruments

Organ
- Hymn in four-part harmony
- One of the Following:
  - German Chorale Prelude of the pre-Bach period
  - A work by J. S. Bach
  - Composition of your choice

Music Minor or Ensemble Participant Audition Repertoire

Instrumental Minor or Participant
- A solo selection of your choice, such as a piece from the OMEA Solo Contest list (do not use ensemble music)
- Several scales of your choice

Vocal Minor
- Two contrasting songs of your choice with accompaniment (do not use choral music)

Choral Participant
- Vocal warm-ups to determine your range
- Rhythmic and melodic echoes
- Melodic sight-singing: may use solfege, numbers, or no system at all
- A prepared song or part thereof – a contest solo, show tune, folk song, etc.

Please submit a copy of your piano accompaniment one week before your audition.
Musical Theatre Auditions
Saturday, February 27, 2016 - Students audition separately for Theatre Department and Music Department

Theatre major and Musical Theatre concentration: Contact Dr. Teresa Durbin-Ames in the Ashland University Department of Theatre to schedule an audition: 419.289.5821 or tdurbin@ashland.edu

Ensemble auditions
Ensemble auditions for students not completing a scholarship audition are held in summer and fall; contact the ensemble director or email music@ashland.edu for more information. No audition is required for Marching Band, Ashland Area Community Band, or Ashland Area Chorus.

Audition Procedures
Music major and minor auditions consist of 3 parts: the performance audition, musicianship screening, and an interview.

The performance audition: prepare selections as indicated on your major instrument(s). Please mail or email the accompaniment 2 weeks before the audition. Sight-reading and scales will be included for instrumentalists.

Musicianship screening: Each student will be asked to perform simple music reading exercises, match pitch with their voice, sing simple melodic patterns and execute simple rhythms. To successfully complete the audition, the student must demonstrate the ability to read music in any one clef and with understanding of rhythms.

The interview: the faculty will ask each student questions about their training, background, and goals. Students may ask the faculty questions as well.

Placement testing: Some students may be asked to do additional diagnostic testing to determine their placement in music courses. This testing will include piano, sight singing, and music theory.

Choral ensembles: The music major/minor audition normally serves as the audition for the various choral groups (except Chamber Singers).

Joining Music Ensembles
All music ensembles are open to all Ashland University students. Most ensembles require an audition. Some students receive a scholarship called a Participation Grant to be a member of an ensemble. Visit our website for more information: www.ashland.edu/music.

Questions?
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