

VIRTUAL AUDITION INSTRUCTIONS

Alverno's Music Department loves to have prospective students visit us in person to get a taste of campus and our culture, but we understand that sometimes this is not possible. If you are unable to attend a live audition day, you may audition online by sending your pre-recorded audition video and attending a follow-up Zoom interview. Upon acceptance, the other audition components (sight-reading, piano, and music theory placement) will be assessed in your first week of study. Please read these instructions carefully before submitting your virtual audition.

Video Instructions:

Perform two contrasting selections on your major instrument (which may be your voice). Review the [Audition Process](#) document for further details.

- Video submissions should not be edited. Each selection should be performed from beginning to end in one take.
- Recordings should be made no more than 12 months prior to submission.
- Introduce yourself at the beginning of the video. Introduce each selection by stating the composer's name and title of the composition, including movement if applicable.
- Choose a well-illuminated space without background noise or interruptions.
- People find it helpful to test the recording quality immediately, as this may save your energy, and allow enough time to complete final takes. Please use equipment you own as purchasing special recording equipment is unnecessary.
 - *Here are a couple of videos showing some helpful tips: [Any instrument](#); [Voice](#)*
- Use the video/sharing platform that works best for you. Whether using YouTube, Vimeo, or a file-sharing platform such as Google Drive or Dropbox, ensure the privacy settings allow us to view your link.

Singing component for auditions:

- If your voice is not your audition instrument, choose a comfortable key and sing "Happy Birthday" or another simple song in your video. Because the voice is the primary tool of a music therapist, it is helpful for students to have this basic ability upon entrance to the program.

When you are ready to submit, email the Audition Coordinator (Drew.Donica@alverno.edu) with a link to your video.

Follow-up Interview:

Once we have reviewed your audition video, a faculty member will contact you to schedule your interview. Questions you may encounter during the interview:

- *How did you decide to pursue a degree in music or music therapy?*
- *What types of music are you most interested in studying/performing?*
- *What have you found most challenging in your music studies up to this point?*