

Premier Audition Application Requirements for Bassoon Performance/Classical

All applicants to Performers National Signing Day are required to record an audition video that includes the content outlined below.

- Each performance segment must be recorded in one take with no editing (though you may and should select the best of several takes).
- All videos must be recorded within the six months prior to the application deadline.
- Professional equipment and/or studio space is not necessary for a successful application to Performers National Signing Day. With attention to a few details, your music making can be conveyed using readily available consumer electronics; even iPhone or other smartphone recordings are acceptable.
- Please refer to [Audition Tech Tips](#) for additional information and suggestions for effectively recording your audition.

Required Video Segments for Bassoon Performance/Classical

Video 1

Introduction: Before you record your first musical selection, please include a spoken introduction in which you state your name, instrument, hometown, and state.

Required Musical Selections: You are asked to record only one video. From the list detailed below, auditionees must perform two contrasting selections PLUS any two of the orchestral or wind ensemble excerpts:

- A movement of a Concerto (Suggested: Jiranek, in G Minor; Gatti, in F Major; Mozart in Bb Major; Stamitz, in F Major; Neruda, in C Major; von Weber, in F Major; Vogel, in C Major; Fuchs, in Bb Major, and Gatti, in F Major)
- A complete work from the 20th or 21st century
- An etude (Suggested: Milde etude from Op.24 & Milde Concert Study #29 Op.26)
- Any two of the following orchestral or wind ensemble excerpts:
 - Ravel: *Bolero*, Section 2 to 3
 - Tchaikovsky: *Symphony #4, Movement 2*, mm.274 to end
 - Mozart: *Overture to The Marriage of Figaro*, mm.139-171
 - Stravinsky: *The Firebird Suite*, Rehearsal Numbers 1-3 & 6-8
 - Hindemith: *Symphony in Bb, Movement 1*, mm. 128 - 139

- Any piece of the auditionee's choice

Optional: Memorization is not required but highly suggested on at least one of the selections.

- Announce the title of the song and composer and/or arranger before you begin the performance for each required tune/style/excerpt for your instrument.
- If you wish to demonstrate proficiency on a doubling or secondary instrument, you must include one or two additional examples.
- Applicants may perform unaccompanied, accompanied, or with prerecorded accompaniment tracks.
- It is highly suggested that each performance piece be performed memorized.

Video 2

Video Essay: Please record a 2 to 3-minute answer to **one** of the following questions:

- What is a non-musical interest or activity about which you are passionate and why?
- What bassoon performer (of any genre/of any time) most inspires you and why (or how)?
- What do you anticipate your professional life to look like in 5 years, 10 years, and 20 years?

Print Music Resources

Lead sheets for the required titles can be purchased online:

- SheetMusicPlus.com
- Amazon.com

Also, here are two sources for finding public domain sheet music:

- Educational Music Service (www.emsmusic.com)
- Kalmus (www.efkalmus.com)