

Premier Audition Application Requirements for Harpsichord Performance/Classical

All applicants to Performers National Signing Day are required to record an audition video which 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 Harpsichord 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. Auditionees must perform at least two contrasting selections. The minimum performance length is 20 minutes. It is suggested that the two selections come from the following stylistic expressions:

- A J.S. Bach, *French Suite* or other dance suite by J.S. Bach
- A J.S. Bach, *Prelude and Fugue from The Well-Tempered Clavier*
- A movement of a composer of the English Virginalist School
- A Scatlatti sonata
- One suite by one of the following composers: L.Couperin, D'Anglebert, Froberger, or Rameau
- One piece of the auditionee's choice

Auditionees may select to perform one complete Concerto and that would be a sufficient audition stand-alone selection.

- Announce the title of the piece and composer and/or arranger before you begin each required selection.

- If you wish to demonstrate proficiency on a doubling instrument, you must include one or two additional examples.

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 harpsichord performer (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?
- What musical experiences have influenced your life and will continue to shape you as a person?

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)