



Conservatory of Music and Dance

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AUDITION AND AUDITION REPERTOIRE INFORMATION

APPLICATION PROCESS

ALL APPLICANTS (include undergraduate, graduate, and LOKC/UMKC Young Artist Program applicants) must complete both the UMKC and the Decision Desk applications, found on the [Conservatory website](#)

AUDITION DETAILS

- Acceptance to private study in the Conservatory is based on an audition prior to enrollment. Auditions are judged by the appropriate applied faculty and are arranged via the [Conservatory application](#).
- Auditions should be scheduled only in the major performing area. If a student is **highly proficient** in more than one instrument/voice, he/she may audition in more than one area. An additional audition requires a separate audition request, which must be entered on the Conservatory supplemental application or applications. There is no audition fee.
- All live auditions are approximately **7-12 minutes** in length.
- Repertoire for the admission audition should be selected from traditional classical solo literature – *see below for Repertoire Requirements and Examples*.
- The auditioning committee will have the option of hearing as much of the prepared repertoire, in whole or in part, as it deems necessary to assess the applicant's ability. Each applicant may choose the first piece to be performed. Please note that **if you choose to start with a lengthy selection, the audition committee may not be able to hear additional repertoire**
- All voice auditions **must be performed by memory** with piano accompaniment (an accompanist will be provided by the Conservatory at no cost).
- Sight-reading may be requested.
- Your music must be photocopied, clearly marked, and in a 3-ring binder for the accompanist (please no original scores or unbound, loose copies).
- No additional copies of music are required for voice faculty adjudicators.
- Please arrive at least 30 minutes early to your scheduled audition time to check in at the front desk. You may be asked to fill out forms regarding contact information, degree/teacher preferences, and other pertinent background information.
- All applicants are **strongly** advised to audition on campus. If scheduling difficulties or distances are insurmountable, applicants should request to audition via **video recording**. Any recorded materials received become property of the Conservatory. Provisional admission can be granted based on a recorded audition; however, all applicants are required to audition in person before final, official acceptance into the Conservatory. Contact Conservatory Admissions (cadmissions@umkc.edu) to request a recorded audition.
- Confirmation of audition dates and times are sent 30 days prior to each audition date.
- The Conservatory of Music & Dance may accept applications beyond the **Priority Deadlines** mentioned herein based on the needs of the Vocal Studies Division and related degree programs for students whose primary instrument is voice. Please contact the Chair of Vocal Studies, Dr. Raymond Feener (feenerr@umkc.edu), for additional information regarding late applications.

AUDITION REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS

Undergraduate Level

Freshman (BM-Vocal Performance, BME-Music Education, BA-Music Therapy, BA-Music)

- Two contrasting selections memorized (Representative repertoire includes songs from the *Anthology of Italian Songs and Arias of the 17th & 18th centuries*, Joan Boytim's *First Book* series, etc.)
- One of the two selections must be in English.
- Arias from the standard operatic repertoire are discouraged for auditioning freshmen (selections from the 24/26/28 *Anthology of Italian Songs and Arias* are fine)

Transfer Undergraduate (BM, BME, Music Therapy, BA-Liberal Arts)

- 2–3 contrasting selections memorized
- One of the selections must be in English.
- If applying at the junior or senior level, 3 prepared selections is preferred: one in English, one in Italian, and one in German or French.
- You will be assigned an appropriate applied voice level based on your audition.

In addition to the audition, undergraduate applicants may be asked to complete a brief Musicianship Assessment.

Undergraduate Application Deadline: December 15, 2017 (ensures full consideration for admission and scholarships)

Graduate Level

Graduate Performance Majors: Pre-Screen Details

- Graduate performance-major applicants *must* provide a pre-screening video recording.
- All pre-screen materials must be submitted via upload to the Conservatory's Decision Desk application.
- Uploaded repertoire should include at least 4 pieces in contrasting styles and languages, one of which must be in English, with both arias and art songs included.
- Reference letters and applicant's resume/vitae should also be uploaded via the Decision Desk application.
- Applicants will be notified of the results of their pre-screening beginning in mid-December.
- Applicants selected for a live audition will be given the audition date of their choice (whenever possible), as indicated on the supplemental application.
- **Application and Pre-Screening Deadline: December 1, 2017** (All application and pre-screening materials must be received by December 1st to ensure full consideration for admission and scholarships).

Graduate Performance Majors: Live Audition Repertoire

Master's level Performance Major (MM-Vocal Performance or PC-Performer's Certificate)

Prepare 20 minutes of music which includes:

- At least one song in each of the following languages: Italian, French, German, and English
- At least one operatic aria
- The audition repertoire should demonstrate mastery across a variety of styles, languages and periods.
- The voice faculty may or may not hear the full 20 minutes of music; they will choose a variety of songs/arias (or sections from songs/arias) from your prepared list of repertoire.

Doctoral level Performance Major (DMA-Vocal Performance or AC-Artist's Certificate)

Prepare 30 minutes of music which includes:

- At least one piece from the Baroque period
- At least one German *Lied*, one French *mélodie*, and one song in English
- At least one operatic aria

- One work from the 20th- or 21st- century in any language.
- The audition repertoire should demonstrate mastery across a variety of styles, languages and periods.
- The voice faculty may or may not hear the full 30 minutes of music; they will choose a variety of songs/arias (or sections from songs/arias) from your prepared list of repertoire.

Graduate Non-Performance Majors: Live Audition Repertoire

Master's level Non-Performance Major (*Masters Level (MA, MA-Music Therapy, MME)*)

- Graduate, non-performance applicants are required to prepare a 10-minute audition.
- The audition should consist of at least three contrasting selections – one in English, and the other two from the standard singing languages (German, French, Italian).
- Priority Application Deadline: **December 15, 2017** (ensures full consideration for admission and scholarships)

Lyric Opera of Kansas City [LOKC]/UMKC Young Artist

- For auditions held in February 2018, only **sopranos** and **mezzo-sopranos** will be heard for acceptance into the Lyric Opera of Kansas City Young Artist Program.
- Applicants must provide a pre-screening video recording. All pre-screen materials must be submitted via upload to the Conservatory's Decision Desk application.
- Uploaded repertoire should include at least 4 pieces in contrasting styles and languages, one of which must be in English, with both arias and art songs included.
- Applicants invited to audition live for the preliminary round of the LOKC Young Artist Program (and admission into the Conservatory) must appear in person on the designated audition date (see [Conservatory website](#) for date).
- At the preliminary live auditions, applicants may be asked to perform art songs and/or arias, and should bring repertoire that corresponds with the Conservatory degree program sought.
- **Finals** for the LOKC/UMKC Young Artist Program will be held **later on the same audition day**. For the finals, auditionees should prepare and offer their standard aria package only (4-5 operatic arias).
- Auditionees who do not advance to the LOKC Finals will still be considered for admission into the Conservatory, and will receive a UMKC/Conservatory admissions decision at a later date.
- **Application and Pre-Screening Deadline: December 1, 2017** (All application and pre-screening materials must be **received** by December 1st to ensure full consideration for admission and scholarships).