

Brass and Woodwinds

Video Audition Requirements

Before you begin please download the supplemental materials provided on our [Auditions Page](#) under the Brass and Woodwinds Section. Before recording your audition, make sure that you are well lit, you are in the frame at least from the waist up and that your hands are visible on your instrument. Make sure that your performance is clear, easily heard, and not distorted.

1. Scales

- Play a chromatic scale ascending and descending through your practical range with a metronome at a comfortable tempo.
- Play the following major scales ascending and descending through your practical range with a metronome at a comfortable tempo: **F**, **E^b**, **B**, and **D**.

2. Prepared Music

Perform two contrasting pieces in any style of at least 1-3 minutes in length each. Please introduce the titles and composers of each selection before you play your selections. Choose pieces that best demonstrate your musical ability and conviction.

3. Call and Response

Play with the provided call and response track found in the supplemental materials of the Brass and Woodwinds section on the [Auditions Page](#). The track begins with 8 bars of intro, followed by 3 examples of call and response (4 bars each for the call and 4 bars each for the response). After that the track continues with only the call provided, leaving you to respond in the appropriate 4-bar phrases.

4. Optional Improvisation

Perform a tune, and then improvise on that tune over a backing track of your choosing. Make sure that we can clearly hear your instrument over the backing track. If you improvised while performing your prepared selections then you may skip this step.

Once you've recorded your audition material, upload your video to a streaming site like YouTube, Vimeo, Google Drive, Dropbox, etc. Send only one link of your complete audition if possible. If you have multiple links please label them appropriately. Check to see that your link works and that your video is complete and is streaming correctly.

When you are ready to submit your video audition go to your student portal, select my documents, then select required and click on the word document below the due date of AM-Audition to access the link to the video audition submission form.

Contact Admissions at admissions@mcnallysmith.edu or your admissions representative if you have any questions.