

Percussion Video Audition Requirements

Before recording your audition please 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. Rudiments

Play the following rudiments from slow to fast to slow, about 15 seconds each.

- Single Stroke Roll
- Double Stroke Roll
- Press or Buzz Roll
- Single Paradiddles
- Single Drag
- Flam Accent

2. Styles and Timekeeping

For these examples count off (“1, 2, 1234”) and play 8 bars of the requested feel, stopping on beat “one” of bar 9.

- **Rock Funk Styles**
 - 8th note feel Rock Groove
 - Metronome setting of quarter note = 90-100 BPM
 - 16th note feel Funk Groove
 - Metronome setting of quarter note = 80-90 BPM
 - Triplet Rock or Funk Groove (12/8 or Shuffle)
 - Metronome setting of quarter note = 90-110 BPM
- **Latin Styles**
 - Play a Bossa Nova feel at the tempo of your choice
 - Play **one** of the following feels at the tempo of your choice:
 - Samba
 - Mambo
 - Bolero
 - Cha-cha

- **Jazz/Swing Styles**

- Play 16 bars of a basic 4/4 Swing feel at a medium tempo. Play the first 8 bars on the hi-hat, and play the next 8 bars on the ride cymbal. Stop on beat “one” of the 17th bar.
- Play 16 bars of a 3/4 Jazz Waltz feel at a tempo of your choice. Stop on beat “one” of the 17th bar.

3. Soloing and Improvising

- Using an 8th note rock groove at a tempo of your choice, play 4 bars of time then solo for 4 bars. Repeat this sequence 4 times without stopping.
- Play a short improvised drum solo (approximately 2 minutes). We are looking for musicality (dynamics, textural elements, motivic development, etc.) and an overall sense of form and phrasing.

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