

Strings Video Audition Requirements

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

1. Scales

Play the three octaves of the following scales at a moderate tempo while using a metronome.

- Violin: G major scale
- Viola/Cello: C major scale

2. Prepared Music

Perform two prepared pieces (or excerpts) in contrasting moods or styles.

For Example:

- Slow movement from a concerto and a fast movement from a concerto
- Swing tune and a Bluegrass tune
- Classical selection and a Blues

Each prepared piece should be approximately 2 minutes long.

3. Call and Response

All the materials needed for this section and the following sections can be found in the supplemental material under the String section of our [Auditions Page](#).

Using the provided call and response track, match the pitch and rhythm of the examples. The play-along recording starts with 16 bars of call and response examples. Play the phrases in response during the measure following each example. Phrases are between 1 and 2 measures long.

4. Sight-reading

Read and play the sight-reading example provided for your instrument also found in the supplemental materials.

5. Optional Improvisation

Perform an improvisation over the provided 12 Bar Blues backing track. Check the volume balance between the track and your instrument.

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 then label those links 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.