

CONSERVATORY PLACEMENT ACTIVITY GUIDELINES

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONSERVATORY STRINGS & ORCHESTRA PROGRAM In-Person Placement Activity

Strings & Orchestra Program (Grades 6-12)

All CSArts-SGV applicants should include one (1) **Personal Statement** when submitting their online application.

Personal Statement

(minimum of 500 words)

An essay describing why they are passionate about attending an art-focused program.

Placement Activity Guidelines

The **Strings and Harp** Placement Activity will be presented in three parts.

1. **Scales** - Students should be prepared to play all twelve major scales and will be asked to perform one or two of them in as many octaves as the student is capable of. Harpists will not be asked to perform scales.
2. **Solo Performance** - Demonstrate two distinct styles of solo playing:
 - Lyrical, melodic, and slow.
 - Fast and more technical.

The solo selections are to be chosen by the student. The two different styles can be two separate pieces or two contrasting movements from the same work. Repertoire chosen for the Placement Activity should not be a folk song, Broadway show tune, or pop tune, and should be drawn from the traditional repertoire (i.e. Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, Stravinsky, etc.).

Bring two extra copies of your music for the Placement Activity administrators.

3. **Sight Reading** - Students will be given a short excerpt of music that they have not seen before and will be asked to play it.

The student will play without accompaniment.



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Students may not select this conservatory for enrollment if they do not demonstrate the minimum proficiency in this Placement Activity, therefore it is strongly recommended that they also complete a Placement Activity for one other conservatory.

Applicants who are English language learners, have a disability, or need technology assistance are encouraged to reach out for support with the admissions process. Please contact admissions@sgv.csarts.net or 714.560.0900 ext. 5510 for more information.

Hay asistencia disponible para los solicitantes aprendiendo inglés, que tienen una discapacidad, o los que necesitan asistencia tecnológica. Favor de ponerse contacto con nosotros por correo electrónico admissions@sgv.csarts.net o por llamar 714.560.0900 ext. 5510 para más información.