



CONSERVATORY PLACEMENT ACTIVITY GUIDELINES

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONSERVATORY STRINGS & ORCHESTRA PROGRAM

Digital Submission & In-Person Placement Activity

Strings & Orchestra Program (Grades 6-12)

All CSArts-SGV applicants should submit a complete application, one (1) YouTube video link and include one (1) **Personal Statement** with their online application.

Personal Statement

(minimum of 300 words)

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

Video Content Guidelines

At the time of submitting their application, all Strings & Orchestra Program applicants will upload an unedited YouTube video recording of themselves performing one (1) piece of their choice on their primary instrument. Applicants may submit a recording of the same selection they plan to perform at their in-person placement activity.

The performance should clearly show the applicant and their instrument throughout the recording. Audio and video may not be edited, enhanced, or augmented in any way after recording. Please record your performance in a single take.

Video Submission Guidelines:

- To protect your privacy, your YouTube video should be saved as “**Unlisted**” so it cannot be publicly viewed.
- Copy and paste your YouTube video URL (web address) directly into the appropriate field in your conservatory application.
- YouTube video must be included at the same time as the application submission.
- At the beginning of your video, please slate by clearly stating your name, and the grade you are applying to. Be sure to indicate if you are a current CSArts-SGV student, and, if so, which conservatory you are in.



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- YouTube video should have no disruptive background noise, good lighting, and a framing that views $\frac{3}{4}$ of the student's body in the video. There is no need for graphics or fancy editing.
- The performance should clearly show the applicant and their instrument throughout the recording. Audio and video may not be edited, enhanced, or augmented in any way after recording.
- Please record your performance in a single take.
- Once your YouTube video has been submitted to CSArts-SGV, the submission is final and changes cannot be made.
- YouTube video should be specifically produced for your CSArts-SGV application. Do not include filmed excerpts from previous stage performances.

In-Person Placement Activity Guidelines

The **Strings & Orchestra** In-Person 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.
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 In-Person 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.

Applicants requesting accommodations must have established eligibility under IDEA, Section 504 or an established Academic Support Plan (private schools only). The documentation must be provided at the time of application submission. Confidential documents must be sent directly to Sean Kerr, Assistant Principal, at sean.kerr@sgv.csarts.net

Accommodations must be requested 15 days in advance of placement activities for planning purposes.