



CONSERVATORY PLACEMENT ACTIVITY GUIDELINES

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONSERVATORY GUITAR PROGRAM

Digital Submission & In-Person Placement Activity

Guitar 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 Guitar Program applicants will upload an unedited YouTube video recording of themselves performing one (1) piece of their choice on guitar. Applicants may submit a recording of the same selection they plan to perform at their placement activity.

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.
- The YouTube video should have no disruptive background noise, good lighting, and framing that shows $\frac{3}{4}$ of the student's body. There is no need for graphics or fancy editing.
- The performance should clearly show the applicant and the guitar 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.



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- 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

Guitar Program applicants should prepare the following materials. Bring two extra copies of your music for the placement activity administrators.

Grades 6-8:

- Perform a two-octave A Major scale and a two-octave C minor scale; Placement Activity attendees will also be asked to sight read.
- Perform a piece of classical music: "Moderato" by Ferdinando Carulli or "Allegro" op.50, No. 13 by Mauro Giuliani

OR

Perform a piece of pop music: "Blackbird" by Paul McCartney or "Tears in Heaven" by Eric Clapton

OR

Perform a piece of jazz music: "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face" arr. by Barry Galbraith

Grades 9-10:

- Perform a two-octave A Major Scale, a three-octave E Major Scale, a two-octave C minor scale and a three-octave F minor scale; Placement Activity attendees will also be asked to sight read.
- Perform "Adelita" by Francisco Tarrega or "Lágrima" by Francisco Tarrega

OR

Perform a piece of pop music: "Classical Gas" by Mason Williams or "Dust in the Wind" by Kansas

OR

Perform a piece of jazz music: "A Certain Smile" arr. by Barry Galbraith

Grades 11-12:

- Perform a two-octave A Major Scale, a three-octave E Major Scale, a two-octave C minor scale, a three-octave F minor scale, a two-octave Bb melodic minor scale and a three-octave G melodic minor scale; Placement Activity attendees will also be asked to sight read.
- Perform: "Choros" by Semenzato or "Spanish Romance" arr. by Robert Hamilton

OR



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Perform a piece of pop music: “Nothing Else Matters” or “Girl from Ipanema”

OR

Perform a piece of jazz music: “Satin Doll” arr. by Barry Galbraith or “As Time Goes By” arr. by Barry Galbraith

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.