



CONSERVATORY PLACEMENT ACTIVITY GUIDELINES

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONSERVATORY PIANIST PROGRAM

Digital Submission & In-Person Placement Activity

Pianist Program (Grades 6-12)

All CSArts-SGV applicants should submit a complete application, one (1) YouTube video link and include one (1) **Personal Statement** when submitting 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 Piano Program applicants will upload an unedited YouTube video recording of themselves performing one (1) piece of their choice. Applicants may submit a recording of the same selection they plan to perform at their placement activity.

The performance should clearly show the applicant and the piano/keyboard 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 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.
- Your YouTube video should have no disruptive background noise, good lighting, and framing that shows $\frac{3}{4}$ of the student's body.



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- The performance should clearly show the applicant and their instrument throughout the recording.
- 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

All pianists should prepare two pieces from the standard repertory (Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Contemporary) that are contrasting in style, and are representative of the student's current level.

- **All pieces should be played from memory.**
- Pop music, concerti, or arrangements of classical repertoire are not considered appropriate pieces for this Placement Activity.
- Bring two scores, either original or photocopied or one of each, of each piece you will play at the Placement Activity.
- Students will be asked to sight read.
- Students applying to grades 9-12 should be prepared to play any major scale, four octaves, hands together.

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.



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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.