



CONSERVATORY PLACEMENT ACTIVITY GUIDELINES

VOCAL ARTS CONSERVATORY Digital Submission & In-Person Placement Activity

Vocal Arts (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 Vocal Arts Conservatory applicants will upload **an unedited YouTube VIDEO RECORDING of the applicant performing one (1) song of their choice, WITHOUT ACCOMPANIMENT.** The song should be performed a cappella. Audio should not be edited or augmented in any way (autotune, reverb, etc). Please set your YouTube video link(s) to “**Unlisted**” and copy and paste your YouTube video URL directly into your application.

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 URLs (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.
- The performance should clearly show the applicant throughout the recording.
- No handheld microphone.
- 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.



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In-Person Placement Activity Guidelines

All Vocal Arts Conservatory applicants will participate in a live, in-person Placement Activity session on the CSArts-SGV campus. Your application to the Vocal Arts Conservatory is not complete without participation in this session.

For the Placement Activity, you will present one (1) song WITH SHEET MUSIC. This must be a different song than the one you submitted in video with your application. An accompanist will be provided. No tracks or a cappella singing for this session.

Song style suggestions:

- American Songbook or Jazz Standard
- Classical Art Song or Aria - Selections can be performed in English or in a foreign language.
- Classic Musical Theater (composed before 1970)
- Folk Song

Please dress for your session in appropriate attire. In addition to the vocal performance, applicants should be prepared for a brief interview with the Conservatory Director.

Below is a list that contains commonly used repertoire, as well as a list of composers and songwriters whose music is appropriate. *Placement Activity material is not limited to the following examples*, but should be appropriate to the applicant's vocal range and ability:

- *Real Jazz Standards Fake Book* by Hal Leonard
- *24 Italian Art Songs* by G. Schirmer / Hal Leonard
- *The First Book of (Soprano, Mezzo-Soprano, Tenor, Baritone) Solos* by G. Schirmer / Hal Leonard
- *Musical Theatre Anthologies* (the non-belter edition) by Hal Leonard
- Songs by the following composers/songwriters:
 - Songwriters: George & Ira Gershwin, Tracy Chapman, Cole Porter, Hoagy Carmichael, Bob Dylan, or Joni Mitchell
 - Classical Composers: Franz Schubert, Robert and/or Clara Schumann, Johannes Brahms, Gabriel Fauré, W.A. Mozart, G.F. Handel, or Benjamin Britten

Applicants 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 additional conservatory.



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San Gabriel Valley

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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.