



EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT...

...YOUR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AUDITION

What to expect:

- Please arrive 20 minutes prior to your audition time. Come into the front entrance of the school and sign in. You will be given a nametag and have your picture taken.
- Please warm up as much as possible before you arrive. A private practice room will be available while you wait.
- You will be directed to the audition room when the panel is ready for you. Parents/guardians will be invited to wait in the lobby once you go into the audition room.
- When you enter the room, a panel of three to four musicians will greet you. You will have a moment to set up to play your prepared pieces.
- You will play your two prepared pieces and the panel will give you some feedback and ask you some questions in order to find out more about you personally, particularly your interest and motivation to pursue advanced music studies at NMSA.
- Your audition will last about 20 minutes. You will have a chance to gather your things and say farewell to the panel. You will be free to go once you leave the audition room.

What to prepare:

- Please prepare two contrasting works. For example, you may choose a work from the classical era in a quick tempo and contrast that with a slow or moderate tempo work from another historic or contemporary period. If these works have a piano accompaniment, you will need to bring the music on a CD (no cassette tapes accepted) or have an accompanist with you for the audition. Each piece should be no longer than three (3) minutes in length.
- For more information on what the panelists will be evaluating please visit our website at www.NMSchoolForTheArts.org and click on the *Attend the School/How to Apply* page. Read the Audition/Portfolio Review Rubrics to see how you can begin preparing for your audition. If you do not have internet access, please call (505) 310-4195 to have the document sent to you.

What to bring:

1. Completed Medical and Media Release Form
2. Unless you are auditioning in piano, please bring your instrument
3. If you are using accompaniment, please remember your CD or your accompanist
4. Patience and a positive attitude
5. Your passion for music

We look forward to meeting you!

Please call (505) 310-4195 with any further questions or concerns.