

Video Prescreening Guide

Thank you for applying to Juilliard's Music Advancement Program (MAP)! The first step in this process is submitting prescreening videos of your playing. This is our first chance to get to know you—we're excited to hear you play, so thank you for sharing your music with us!

Prescreening Instructions:

- 1. **Find your prescreening requirements at juilliard.edu/#arm.** Check the repertoire and technical requirements to confirm what pieces to play and what types of video files are accepted.
- 2. Practice your prescreening requirements and work on them with your private teacher, if you have one.
- 3. **Practice recording yourself!** Try it out in the month before you make your prescreening videos so it feels more familiar.
- 4. Make your prescreening videos. Here are some helpful tips:
 - Choose a space that allows the person watching the video to see YOU. Try to find a location without too
 many things in the background.
 - Select a space that is relatively quiet and has no echo.
 - Make sure your entire body is visible. Shoot in landscape mode (horizontal), not portrait mode (vertical), and place the camera no more than 10 feet away from you. Make sure nothing is blocking the camera's view of you.
 - Turn on the (right) lights. Use overhead lights and make sure lamps and windows are *behind* the camera—not behind you!—so that you are clearly visible.
 - Make sure your camera is steady. Use a tripod or prop up your camera on a music stand, a table, or another stable surface.
 - Use your best "take". Feel free to record your video multiple times and choose the one you think sounds best.
 - Watch your videos before submitting them. Did you record <u>all</u> the prescreening requirements? Can everything you're playing be heard well?
- 5. **Upload your prescreening videos in your online application at apply.juilliard.edu/apply** (you'll need to start your application first).

Frequently Asked Questions:

Do I need to make a professional video? No. A smartphone, tablet, or similar device can make an acceptable video.

What if I don't have a smartphone or other recording device? Consider asking a teacher, friend, family member, or your school if they have one you can borrow. (They could even serve as your audience as you record your audition!) If you are unable to access a recording device for creating a prescreening video, or have any other questions or concerns regarding the MAP audition process, please contact the MAP office at map@juilliard.edu.

What should I wear in my videos? You should wear anything that you feel comfortable playing or performing in.

Do I need to say anything in my videos? Nope, except in your Introduction Video! (See prescreening requirements for details on what to say.)

Can I edit my videos? No. Play through each prescreening requirement in one "take". But, you can film as many "takes" as you want, and then upload the best one!