



## Audition Materials

The goal of your MAYS audition is for the conductors to hear you play at your musical best, to ensure that you are placed in an orchestra where you will be surrounded by musicians of similar strength, and challenged on a weekly basis. The conductors will be listening for your overall sound quality, your sense of pitch, accuracy of rhythm, and observing your technique. You will receive feedback about your audition when you are placed in an ensemble.

You are required to upload an unedited and unaccompanied VIDEO recording performing the required audition materials for your instrument.

### **SYMPHONY – Oboe/ English horn optional**

**SCALES** - Perform the following scales and arpeggios in eighth notes, at a tempo of quarter note = 60 bpm.

Play an ascending and descending chromatic scale demonstrating your full range.  
Play a melodic minor scale and arpeggio of your choosing.

**SOLO** - Prepare a 2-3 minute excerpt from a major concerto demonstrating technical skill and lyrical ability.

**EXCERPTS** - Prepare the following excerpts. It is highly recommended that you do this in conjunction with your private instructor. Listening to recordings for an understanding of the musical context is also recommended. However, please perform the excerpts at the tempo indicated.

#### **Recording guidelines:**

Please make sure that your entire instrument can be seen in the recording. The total audition time should not be longer than 10 minutes. This video audition must be done with a clock or stopwatch visible at all times. Record the entire audition without stopping.

Upload the complete video YouTube or Vimeo. Provide the shareable link in the required section to your MAYS application.

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Please record in the following order:

Clearly state the following information:

- Your first and last name
- The orchestra level for which you are auditioning (Symphony)
- The name of your solo piece including the composer's name.

Play your solo (roughly 2-3 minutes only)

Play the required excerpts

Play your required scales and arpeggios at the approximate required metronome marking

Symphony Oboe Excerpt #1

LV Beethoven Egmont Overture op. 84 measures 287 - end

Tempo: Half note = 88-94

The image displays a musical score for an Oboe Excerpt, measures 287 through 336. The tempo is marked "Allegro con brio". The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The dynamics range from *pp* (pianissimo) to *ff* (fortissimo). The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, accents, and dynamic markings. A section starting at measure 307 is marked "H" and "3 Fl. picc.", indicating a piccolo part. The score concludes with a double bar line at measure 336.

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Symphony Oboe excerpt #2

Roman Carnival Overture – Berlioz

Rehearsal 3 – Tempo I

Quarter note = 52-58

Oboe I

Allegro assai con fuoco (♩ = 156)

f

1 6

Andante sostenuto (♩ = 52)

Cor. ingl.

\*mf espressivo

1 2 Cor. ingl.

cresc. sf mf

3 3

poco cresc. sf pp

4 3 \*Cor. ingl.

p cresc. sf p

5 poco animato

mf sf ff

Tempo I Allegro vivace

3 3

p

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OPTIONAL English horn excerpt

Roman Carnival Overture – Berlioz Quarter note = 52-58

Corno ingl.  
Andante sostenuto (♩ = 52)  
solo  
*mf espress.*

1

1

7

2

*cresc.*

*f*

*mf*

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