Frequently Asked Questions

About Auditions:

Do I have to audition even if I’ve been accepted to Nyack College?
Yes. In order to be accepted into the School of Music, all music majors are required to audition. We actually want you to be accepted to the college prior to auditioning for us.

What are the requirements to audition?
Each music degree and concentration have specific requirements. For detailed information on the requirements needed, please see the enclosed sheet titled, “Audition Requirements” or visit http://www.nyack.edu/auditionreqs.

Is there a specific time or day I need to audition?
No. We hold auditions throughout the year. However, it may be more appealing to audition while you are visiting the college on one of admissions visit days. Check with your admissions counselor for more information about visit days and let them know you’d like to set-up an audition with us!

Do I have to audition in person?
Yes. However, applicants who reside more than 200 miles away are welcome to send a recording (CD or DVD format or link to a private YouTube/Facebook video) in place of a live audition.

The audition process is stressing me out…HELP?
No worries! We all understand how stressful auditions can be. We typically hold our auditions privately in a studio with two (sometimes more) professors and yourself to try to minimize the stress. To help you go through the audition process, we have step by step instructions found at http://www.nyack.edu/audition.

About Music Grants & Scholarships:

What kinds of scholarships are available to new, full-time incoming students?
There are two kinds of music achievement grants available:

Invitational Scholarship Competition: All prospective students will be considered for the I.S.C. Awards from $4,000-$10,000 per year are granted to outstanding musicians in any major and are maintained by following the requirements established by the School of Music.

Music Ensemble Achievement: All prospective students will be considered for music achievement grants of $1,000 per year. These grants are awarded to qualifying incoming students in any major for participation in a Music Organization and are maintained by following the requirements established by the School of Music.

Do I have to apply for a music achievement grant?
No. All prospective students who audition are automatically considered for a music grant at the time of their audition. For information on the audition process, please visit http://www.nyack.edu/musicapply.

Do I have to be a music major to receive a music achievement grant?
No. The music achievement grants are available to any new, full-time incoming students at Nyack College.

About Our Music Ensembles:

What ensembles are available at the college?
Nyack College Chorale, Opera Theater Workshop, Wind Ensemble, String Orchestra, Handbell Choir, Chamber Music, and Brass Ensemble. As you can see, there is an ensemble for everyone! Visit http://www.nyack.edu/Musicensembles for details.

Do I have to be in an ensemble every semester?
All music majors are required to be a member of chorale, handbell choir, wind ensemble, or string orchestra every semester. There are other ensembles as well and students are encouraged to be in more than one.

Do any of the ensembles ever go on tour?
Yes! The chorale uses Spring Break to go on either international or domestic tours. The chorale recently toured through England and is currently fundraising to go to Scandinavia. The Brass Ensemble and Handbell Choir go on weekend tours once every semester this past year, they toured PA, DE, and MD. Chamber Music ensemble recently toured China, Hong Kong, and South Korea.

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