

School of Theatre & Music



Audition Requirements: Bachelor of Arts in Music (Jazz background)

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Jazz Voice

- Music to Prepare
 - A jazz standard with optional improvisation
 - A second piece of the student's choice in any style
- You must provide sheet music for piano accompaniment or a backing track
- You may be asked to sight read

Jazz Woodwinds and Brass

- Major Scales: F, Bb, Eb, G, D, A; Two or three octaves as possible
- Chromatic scale: Two or three octaves as possible, saxes to high F
- Sight-read a melody in the jazz idiom
- Jazz blues: theme, improvisation (Example: Blue Monk, Tenor Madness)
- Jazz standard: theme, improvisation (Example: Autumn Leaves, Just Friends)
- Jazz ballad: theme, improvisation (Example: Misty, Polkadots and Moonbeams)

Jazz Guitar

- Major scales: F, B-flat, E-flat, G, D, A; Two octaves (as possible) in at least two positions
- Sight-read a melody in the jazz idiom
- Be familiar with basic jazz chords (Freddie Green style)
- Jazz blues: theme, improvisation, accompaniment (Example: Blue Monk, Tenor Madness)
- Jazz standard: theme, improvisation, accompaniment (Example: Autumn Leaves, Just Friends)
- Optional: Solo arrangement of a jazz ballad (Example: Misty, Polkadots, and Moonbeams)

Jazz Piano

- Working knowledge of jazz chords and voicings
- Major and minor (natural, harmonic, melodic) scales up to 4 sharps and 4 flats, preferably with two hands through four octaves
- Chromatic scale, preferably with two hands
- Sight-read a melody in the jazz idiom
- Sight-read a chord chart in the jazz idiom
- Jazz blues: theme, improvisation, accompaniment (Example: *Blue Monk*, *Tenor Madness*)
- Jazz standard: theme, improvisation, accompaniment (Example: *Autumn Leaves*, *Just Friends*)
- Optional: Solo arrangement of a jazz ballad (Example: *Misty*, *Polkadots*, and *Moonbeams*)

Jazz Double Bass and Bass Guitar

- Major Scales: F, B-flat, E-flat, G, D, A: Two octaves minimum
- Sight-read a melody in the jazz idiom
- Improvise a walking bass line over given chord changes
- Jazz blues: theme, walking bass improvisation (Example: *Blue Monk, Tenor Madness*)
- Jazz standard: theme, walking bass, improvisation (Example: *Autumn Leaves, Just Friends*)
- Jazz ballad: theme, accompaniment, improvisation (Example: *Misty, Polkadots, and Moonbeams*)

Jazz Drums

- Sight-read a drum set part in the jazz idiom
- Grooves: jazz ballad, medium swing, fast swing, jazz waltz, funk, samba, bossa nova
- "Trade 4s" and "trade 8s" with the band
- Be able to play five jazz standards from memory
- Improvise a drum solo in the jazz idiom