

For Immediate Release

Towson University Department of Music Auditions – January 8, 2020

COVID Contingency Plan

With the precipitous increase in COVID cases due to the omicron variant, the Department of Music will make the following modifications to its January 8, 2022 incoming student auditions. This information applies *only* to the incoming auditions scheduled for January 8, 2022.

- 1) Auditions **will** occur in-person on January 8th
 - a. **NOTE: If the auditionee is experiencing any COVID related symptoms on the day of the audition or has had a confirmed exposure to someone with COVID within four days of the audition, they must reschedule their audition or perform the audition virtually.**
 - b. **If you wish to reschedule your audition for scholarship consideration to February 5, 2022, please let us know ASAP. mcriss@towson.edu**
 - c. *The Department of Music encourages those who are fully vaccinated and/or boosted to have their audition in person if possible. However, we understand that some students may wish to do their audition virtually. Virtual auditions are possible and are described later in this document.*

IN PERSON AUDITION PROCEEDURE

- d. Auditionees will be given a specific audition time and check in time for January 8th.
- e. This information will be sent via email and requires email confirmation of your attendance at the audition not later than 12:00 noon on Friday, January 7th.
Confirmation email: mcriss@towson.edu
- f. Those students who do not confirm their intent to audition by 12:00 noon on Friday, January 7th will be given time slots at the end of the audition day.
- g. Check in for your audition will happen 45 minutes prior to your scheduled audition time.
- h. Upon arrival on January 8th, the student will check in at the table in the Grand Hall of the Center for the Arts and be shown to a warm-up room if required. (See specific information about warm-up rooms and safety protocols).
- i. The auditionee will report to their audition room at least five minutes in advance of their scheduled audition time.
- j. The auditionee and faculty audition panel will remain masked and socially distanced prior too, during, and following the audition.
- k. Masking is required even while performing the audition, doing skills assessment, and for the interview.
- l. All accompanists will be socially distanced from the student auditionee(s).
- m. See further information below regarding **virtual** auditions and/or rescheduling auditions.
- n. Only those persons auditioning, and those administering/assisting with auditions should enter the Center for the Arts. Those coming with a student auditionee are requested to remain outside the Center for the Arts if at all possible to limit traffic within the building.

- v. One zoom link will be used for all auditionees using the virtual option. Students will be sent to the appropriate breakout room for their instrument for their virtual audition.
 - vi. You will conduct your audition over Zoom with the faculty panel adjudicating your audition.
 - b. Option 2:
 - i. At the discretion of the faculty members hearing your audition, you may schedule your virtual audition to be completed any time before January 22nd.
 - c. Option 3:
 - i. You may reschedule your audition to occur at our February 5th scholarship audition day.
- 6) If you have any questions or concerns about your audition at Towson University please reach out to
 - a. Mary Ann Criss - mcriss@towson.edu
 - b. Julie Lanahan – janahan@towson.edu
 - c. Dr. Phillip Collister, Chairperson – pcollister@towson.edu
 - d. Or call – 410-704-2839 between 9:00-4:30 M-F.