



A D M I S S I O N S

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in The Crane School of Music, State University of New York at Potsdam. Whether you are entering your senior year in high school, considering transferring to Crane from another college, or are a graduate performance applicant, this brochure is designed to provide you with helpful information about the audition process at The Crane School.

Admissions for Music Majors

Admission to any music degree program is a two-part process. The Crane School of Music is one of the three schools which make up SUNY Potsdam, and students need to be both accepted to SUNY Potsdam academically as well as pass a musical audition to be a music major.

1. Complete and submit a SUNY Application to apply for academic admission to the College. www.potsdam.edu/admissions
2. Complete our online audition request form <https://bit.ly/2JQj5SQ>

It does not matter what order you do these two requirements, but we encourage you to complete your SUNY Potsdam application by the time of your audition if possible.

The audition request form is available online at the auditions area of the Crane website. You will need to reserve your audition date at least two weeks prior to your audition day.

Audition Dates: 2022-2023

Crane offers three on-campus dates and four off-campus audition locations for you to choose from. Please note that **harp** students must audition on campus. **Piano** students must audition either on campus or at our New York City location. **Percussion** students must audition either on campus or at our Long Island location. Only vocal auditions will have accompanists, which Crane will provide at all locations for a mandatory \$30 charge. All auditioning students will be considered for music scholarships regardless of when or where they audition.

On-Campus Audition Dates:

Saturday, December 10, 2022
Saturday, January 28, 2023
Saturday, February 18, 2023

Off Campus Audition Locations/Dates:

Long Island: Mineola High School (Garden City)
Thursday, February 23, 2023
Friday, February 24, 2023

Buffalo-area: Williamsville South High School
Friday, February 24, 2023

New York City: Grand Street High School
(Brooklyn)
Friday, February 24, 2023

Hudson Valley: Cornwall Central High School
Saturday, February 25, 2023

The Audition Itself

The performance audition is a time for the faculty to evaluate a prospective student's readiness for college-level music study on a specific performance medium. Each instrument has specific audition repertoire. Please visit the **Repertoire for Auditions** link at the Crane Auditions webpage for information about the audition requirements for your particular instrument. Most auditions also include sight-reading and scale playing. If, after reading the published repertoire requirements, you have more specific questions, please contact the studio faculty for your instrument, or contact us using the contact information on this brochure.

Audition Day: On Campus

For the on-campus audition days, we offer a number of information sessions beginning with a welcome session at 8:30 AM. These sessions will allow you to find out more about all aspects of Crane, including our degree programs. Most auditions conclude by 2:00 PM, but if you have a long trip home, we would be glad to schedule your audition as early in the day as possible. Please make that request at the time you register for your audition, using the comments box on the audition request form.

Audition Day: Off Campus

Although we encourage all students to come visit SUNY Potsdam and Crane to see the campus in person, we treat auditioning students the same regardless of where or when they audition. All auditions are conducted by faculty members, and there are other Crane representatives at each audition site who can answer questions you might have. Note: there is a \$50 registration fee for students choosing to audition off campus.

Video Auditions

Video auditions are primarily for students who are outside of the Northeast region of the U.S., but all students may request a video audition. Students should register when their videos are complete, copying their video links into the comments box on the audition registration form. There is more information about video auditions, including important tips and guidelines on our website. There is a \$50 registration fee for video auditions. Deadlines for video auditions:

- November 27, 2022 for Spring 2023 admission
- February 12, 2023 for Fall 2023 admission

Transfer Students

The audition process for transfer students is much the same as it is for incoming freshman. We encourage you to visit our Transfer Student FAQ webpage at <https://bit.ly/2DDuH8d> for more information about transferring into The Crane School of Music.

Recommendation Forms

Although recommendation letters are not required for you to be considered for admission, we encourage you to provide up to two for perusal by the studio teacher(s) who will be auditioning you. There are forms for these at the auditions area of our website, one for your private teacher and one with a more open format.

More details on auditions, including a complete repertoire list, can be found in the auditions area of the Crane website:
<https://bit.ly/2JQj5SQ>

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