

# Audition Guidelines

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BMus (Hons) Popular Music Performance (Guitar)  
& Songwriting

## What to expect

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Auditions last one hour and are 1-1 with a BIMM assessor. You will be asked some questions about yourself and will have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the course.

## What to prepare ahead of the day

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- Please prepare a song to perform on guitar that lasts around 3 minutes. It can be an original or cover and you can perform solo or to a backing track. We will have a guitar amp and lead for you to use on the day. If you are performing to a backing track, please ensure you bring this with you, or that it is available through a web browser, such as YouTube.
- Please prepare approximately 16 bars of two contrasting styles to play at any preferred tempo. Examples include, rock, blues, punk, soul, metal, reggae etc.
- Your assessor will work through some technical exercises with you such as:
  - Major and minor chords in two different positions
  - Major and minor scales
  - Major and minor pentatonic scales
  - Rhythm guitar part/riff of your choice to a metronome.
- Please prepare an original song to perform live. Please ensure you have your instrument of choice or backing track ready. We will have a keyboard available if you require this. Please be prepared to discuss your songwriting process.
- We also require you to bring a demo/example of your Songwriting work with you on the day. You can bring it with you on a suitable device or send it to [submissions@bimm.ac.uk](mailto:submissions@bimm.ac.uk) ahead of your audition. Your demo:
  - Does not have to be mastered.
  - Should have at least two tracks on the demo creating the whole song.
  - Should be different to the song you will perform live in the audition
  - Can be a home demo created in a D.A.W
  - Can be a live demo recorded and arranged in a studio
- You will be asked to work through some sight reading and music theory-based exercises. Please do not worry if your theory knowledge is limited. We offer a practitioner support scheme to those who need to brush up their theory in the first year of their course

If you have any questions about what to prepare please email [submissions@bimm.ac.uk](mailto:submissions@bimm.ac.uk)