

# Audition Guidelines

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BA (Hons) Songwriting & Music Production

## What to expect

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Auditions last one hour and are 1-1 on Zoom 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 an original song to perform. You can accompany yourself with a live instrument or a backing track. If you are using a backing track, please ensure you were involved in the production process.
- Please bring a Songwriting demo with you on the day. Your demo:
  - Does not have to be mastered.
  - Should have at least two tracks on the demo
  - 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
- Please prepare a Music Production demo that is around 3 minutes long. The demo must have been programmed and mixed by yourself and any recorded elements managed by you (studio collabs are permitted). Please note, we do not expect you to have played any of the instruments recorded. Your demos will be marked on:
  - Quality of sequenced material
  - Ability to explain your work
  - Quality of recorded material
  - Quality of mix and arrangement
- Please come prepared with a track that you find inspiring. Be prepared to discuss the production techniques that you find interesting. The track can be a song, audio from a film, game or TV and should not be an original/your own work.
- 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
- Please email links to your demos (e.g. soundcloud, youtube, spotify etc) to [submissions@bimm.ac.uk](mailto:submissions@bimm.ac.uk) ahead of your audition by the date specified in your confirmation email.

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



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