

# 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 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 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.
- If you are performing to a backing track, please ensure this is set up and able to be played from a suitable device.
- 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. 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 prepare a recorded Songwriting Demo. 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 email the link to your demo e.g. soundcloud, youtube, spotify, googledrive, onedrive etc to [submissions@bimm.ac.uk](mailto:submissions@bimm.ac.uk) ahead of your audition. Please note, we cannot accept email attachments or download files. Please send your demo in by the deadline outlined in your email confirmation
- 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)