

# MUSIC PERFORMANCE GRADES

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## HORN

Syllabus 2024 & 2026



VIENNA PREMIER  
MUSIC ACADEMY

Academy for **Highly Gifted Musicians**

**THREE PIECES:** At least two chosen by the candidate and a third piece of the candidate's choice.

1. **Ludwig van Beethoven** – Ode to Joy (from Symphony No. 9)
2. **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** – Horn Concerto No. 1, K. 412 (Theme)
3. **Camille Saint-Saëns** – The Elephant (from Carnival of the Animals)
4. **Robert Schumann** – Soldier's March (from Album for the Young, Op. 68)
5. **Johann Sebastian Bach** – Minuet in G (from the Anna Magdalena Notebook)
6. **Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky** – March of the Wooden Soldiers (from The Nutcracker)
7. **Edvard Grieg** – Morning Mood (from Peer Gynt Suite No. 1)
8. **Richard Strauss** – Allerseelen (simplified arrangement)
9. **Georg Philipp Telemann** – Air (from Suite in A Minor)
10. **Franz Schubert** – Waltz in A Minor
11. **Joseph Haydn** – German Dance in G
12. **Henry Purcell** – Trumpet Tune (arranged for horn)
13. **Dmitri Kabalevsky** – Clowns (from Children's Album)
14. **Traditional** – Sakura (Japanese Folk Song)
15. **Antonín Dvořák** – Largo (from Symphony No. 9, "From the New World")
16. **Johannes Brahms** – Lullaby (Op. 49, No. 4)
17. **Traditional** – Scarborough Fair (English Folk Song)
18. **Sergei Prokofiev** – The Young Juliet (from Romeo and Juliet)
19. **Traditional Chinese** – Jasmine Flower
20. **César Franck** – Panis Angelicus (simplified arrangement)
21. **Edvard Grieg** – In the Hall of the Mountain King (from Peer Gynt)
22. **Giuseppe Verdi** – La Donna è Mobile (from Rigoletto)
23. **Jean-Baptiste Lully** – Gavotte
24. **Franz Joseph Haydn** – St. Anthony Chorale
25. **Johann Pachelbel** – Canon in D (simplified arrangement)
26. **Claude Debussy** – Clair de Lune (simplified)
27. **Traditional Korean** – Arirang (Korean Folk Song)
28. **Gabriel Fauré** – Sicilienne (from Pelléas et Mélisande)
29. **Traditional Irish** – Danny Boy
30. **Kazakh Traditional** – Balapanim (Kazakh Folk Song)

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1. **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** – Horn Concerto No. 2 in E-flat Major, K. 417 (1st Movement)
2. **Ludwig van Beethoven** – Allegretto (from Symphony No. 7)
3. **Robert Schumann** – From Foreign Lands and People (from Kinderszenen, Op. 15)
4. **Camille Saint-Saëns** – The Swan (from Carnival of the Animals)
5. **Edward Elgar** – Salut d'Amour (Op. 12)
6. **Johann Strauss II** – Blue Danube Waltz (simplified arrangement)
7. **George Frideric Handel** – Air (from Water Music)
8. **Antonín Dvořák** – Slavonic Dance, Op. 46, No. 8
9. **Gabriel Fauré** – Après un Rêve (Op. 7, No. 1)
10. **Gustav Holst** – I Vow to Thee, My Country
11. **Johannes Brahms** – Hungarian Dance No. 5
12. **Franz Schubert** – Serenade (Ständchen)
13. **Léo Delibes** – Flower Duet (from Lakmé)
14. **Sergei Prokofiev** – Montagues and Capulets (from Romeo and Juliet)
15. **Traditional** – Greensleeves (English Folk Song)
16. **Friedrich Kuhlau** – Sonatina in C, Op. 20, No. 1
17. **Charles Gounod** – Ave Maria (based on Bach's Prelude in C Major)
18. **Igor Stravinsky** – The Firebird Suite (excerpt)
19. **Paul Dukas** – The Sorcerer's Apprentice (excerpt)
20. **Peter Tchaikovsky** – Nutcracker Suite, Op. 71a (Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy)
21. **Henry Mancini** – Moon River (from Breakfast at Tiffany's)
22. **Richard Wagner** – Bridal Chorus (from Lohengrin)
23. **Mikhail Glinka** – Ruslan and Lyudmila Overture
24. **Scott Joplin** – The Entertainer (simplified arrangement)
25. **Franz Joseph Haydn** – Trumpet Concerto in E-flat Major (excerpt)
26. **Carl Maria von Weber** – Invitation to the Dance (arrangement for horn)
27. **Traditional Japanese** – Sakura Sakura (Japanese Folk Song)
28. **John Philip Sousa** – Stars and Stripes Forever (excerpt)
29. **Aram Khachaturian** – Sabre Dance (excerpt)
30. **Mendelssohn** – Song Without Words, Op. 30, No. 6

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1. **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** – Horn Concerto No. 1 in D Major, K. 412 (1st Movement)
2. **Richard Strauss** – Concerto No. 1 in E-flat Major, Op. 11 (1st Movement)
3. **Paul Hindemith** – Sonata for Horn and Piano
4. **Gustav Mahler** – Symphony No. 5 (Adagietto)
5. **Carl Nielsen** – Concerto for Horn and Orchestra, Op. 27 (1st Movement)
6. **Leonard Bernstein** – West Side Story Suite (selection)
7. **Dmitri Shostakovich** – Symphony No. 1 in F Minor, Op. 10 (excerpts)
8. **Sergei Prokofiev** – Peter and the Wolf (Horn Solo)
9. **John Williams** – Star Wars Suite (simplified arrangement)
10. **Henri Dutilleux** – Sonatine for Horn and Piano
11. **Edward Elgar** – Enigma Variations (Nimrod)
12. **Béla Bartók** – Romanian Folk Dances (arrangement)
13. **Gabriel Fauré** – Fantaisie for Horn and Piano, Op. 79
14. **Carl Maria von Weber** – Concertino for Horn and Orchestra, Op. 43
15. **Jules Massenet** – Meditation (from Thaïs)
16. **Anton Bruckner** – Symphony No. 7 (Adagio)
17. **Henry Cowell** – The Banshee (for piano, but suitable for horn)
18. **Maurice Ravel** – Pavane pour une infante défunte (arrangement)
19. **Cécile Chaminade** – Concertino for Flute and Piano, Op. 107 (horn arrangement)
20. **Jean Sibelius** – Valse Triste (orchestral suite)
21. **Fanny Mendelssohn** – Notturmo from “Song Without Words”
22. **Hugo Alvar Henrik Aalto** – Suite from “The Red Poppy” (arrangement)
23. **Carl Orff** – Carmina Burana (O Fortuna)
24. **Astor Piazzolla** – Libertango (arrangement)
25. **Scott Joplin** – Maple Leaf Rag (arrangement)
26. **Edvard Grieg** – Peer Gynt Suite No. 1 (Morning Mood)
27. **Alfred Reed** – Armenian Dances (Part I)
28. **Igor Stravinsky** – The Rite of Spring (excerpts)
29. **Henry Mancini** – Pink Panther Theme (arrangement)
30. **Johann Sebastian Bach** – Suite No. 2 in B Minor, BWV 1067 (Sarabande)

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1. **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** – Horn Concerto No. 2 in E-flat Major, K. 417 (1st Movement)
2. **Richard Strauss** – Horn Concerto No. 2 in E-flat Major, Op. 8
3. **Carl Nielsen** – Concerto for Horn and Orchestra, Op. 27 (2nd Movement)
4. **Sergei Prokofiev** – Concerto in D for Piano, Op. 102 (Horn excerpt)
5. **Jean-Michel Damase** – Le Petit Prince (arrangement)
6. **Béla Bartók** – Concerto for Orchestra (Horn Excerpts)
7. **Gabriel Fauré** – Morceau de Concert for Horn and Orchestra, Op. 86
8. **Hector Berlioz** – Symphonie Fantastique (excerpts)
9. **Paul Dukas** – The Sorcerer's Apprentice (excerpts)
10. **Edward Elgar** – Cello Concerto in E Minor, Op. 85 (Horn Excerpts)
11. **Gustav Mahler** – Symphony No. 2 (Resurrection) (Horn Excerpts)
12. **John Williams** – Horn Concerto (1st Movement)
13. **Richard Wagner** – Siegfried Idyll (Horn Excerpts)
14. **Mikhail Glinka** – Ruslan and Lyudmila (Overture) (Horn Excerpts)
15. **Henri Vieuxtemps** – Concerto for Violin and Orchestra No. 5 (Horn arrangement)
16. **Alberto Ginastera** – Concerto for Harp and Orchestra (Horn Excerpts)
17. **Otar Taktakishvili** – Sonata for Horn and Piano
18. **Aaron Copland** – Appalachian Spring (excerpts)
19. **Heitor Villa-Lobos** – Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5 (excerpts)
20. **Carl Maria von Weber** – Horn Concerto No. 1 in D Major, Op. 73
21. **Franz Joseph Haydn** – Symphony No. 31 in D Major (Horn Excerpts)
22. **Edward Elgar** – Enigma Variations (excerpts)
23. **Samuel Adler** – Sonata for Horn and Piano
24. **Dmitri Shostakovich** – Concerto for Piano, Trumpet, and Strings (Horn Excerpts)
25. **Erich Wolfgang Korngold** – Violin Concerto (Horn Excerpts)
26. **Leonard Bernstein** – Candide Overture (Horn Excerpts)
27. **César Franck** – Sonata in A Major for Violin and Piano (Horn arrangement)
28. **Eugène Bozza** – Image for Horn and Piano
29. **Jacques Ibert** – Concerto for Horn and Orchestra

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1. **Richard Strauss** – Horn Concerto No. 1 in E-flat Major, Op. 11
2. **Carl Nielsen** – Concerto for Horn and Orchestra, Op. 27 (1st Movement)
3. **Gustav Mahler** – Symphony No. 5 (Horn Excerpts)
4. **Sergei Prokofiev** – Symphony No. 1 (Classical) (Horn Excerpts)
5. **Franz Joseph Haydn** – Horn Concerto in D Major, Hob. VIID:3
6. **Alberto Ginastera** – Horn Concerto, Op. 49
7. **John Williams** – Horn Concerto (2nd Movement)
8. **Camille Saint-Saëns** – Morceau de Concert for Horn and Orchestra, Op. 94
9. **Hector Berlioz** – Harold in Italy (Horn Excerpts)
10. **Leonard Bernstein** – West Side Story (excerpts for Horn)
11. **Heitor Villa-Lobos** – Concerto for Guitar and Orchestra (Horn Excerpts)
12. **Aaron Copland** – Clarinet Concerto (Horn Excerpts)
13. **Dmitri Shostakovich** – Horn Concerto in F (excerpts)
14. **Eugène Bozza** – Caprice for Horn and Piano
15. **Paul Dukas** – The Sorcerer's Apprentice (Horn Excerpts)
16. **Carl Maria von Weber** – Horn Concerto No. 2 in E-flat Major, Op. 74
17. **Francis Poulenc** – Sonatine for Horn, Trumpet, and Trombone
18. **Toru Takemitsu** – Horn Concerto
19. **Robert Schumann** – Konzertstück for Four Horns and Orchestra, Op. 86
20. **Igor Stravinsky** – Pulcinella Suite (Horn Excerpts)
21. **Richard Wagner** – Parsifal (Horn Excerpts)
22. **Benjamin Britten** – Serenade for Tenor, Horn, and Strings
23. **Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov** – Scheherazade (Horn Excerpts)
24. **Milan P. F. Jakovljevic** – Sonatina for Horn and Piano
25. **Jan Van der Roost** – Concerto for Horn and Band
26. **Eugène Bozza** – Nocturne et Allegro Scherzando
27. **John Frith** – Sonatina for Horn and Piano
28. **Hans Gál** – Concerto for Horn and Orchestra

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1. **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** – Horn Concerto No. 4 in E-flat Major, K. 495 (1st Movement)
2. **Richard Strauss** – Horn Concerto No. 2 in E-flat Major, Op. 132
3. **Igor Stravinsky** – Concerto in E-flat for Wind Instruments (Horn Excerpts)
4. **Gustav Mahler** – Symphony No. 7 (Horn Excerpts)
5. **Dmitri Shostakovich** – Horn Concerto No. 1 in F, Op. 35
6. **Carl Nielsen** – Wind Quintet, Op. 43 (Horn Part)
7. **Sergei Prokofiev** – Romeo and Juliet (Horn Excerpts)
8. **Benjamin Britten** – A Birthday Hansel (Horn Excerpts)
9. **Alberto Ginastera** – Horn Concerto, Op. 49
10. **Jean-Michel Damase** – Sonatine for Horn and Piano
11. **Francis Poulenc** – Trio for Oboe, Bassoon, and Piano (Horn Transcription)
12. **Paul Dukas** – The Sorcerer's Apprentice (Horn Excerpts)
13. **Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov** – Scheherazade (Horn Excerpts)
14. **Henri Dutilleux** – Sonatine for Trumpet and Piano (Horn Transcription)
15. **Eugène Bozza** – Scherzo for Horn and Piano
16. **Camille Saint-Saëns** – Septet in E-flat Major, Op. 65 (Horn Part)
17. **John Williams** – The Book Thief (Horn Excerpts)
18. **Ludwig van Beethoven** – Symphony No. 3 in E-flat Major, Op. 55 (Eroica) (Horn Excerpts)
19. **Eric Ewazen** – Concerto for Horn and String Orchestra
20. **William Walton** – Concerto for Horn and Orchestra
21. **Carl Maria von Weber** – Horn Concertino in E-flat Major, Op. 45
22. **Aram Khachaturian** – Adagio of Spartacus and Phrygia (Horn Excerpts)
23. **Mikael Karlsson** – Concerto for Horn and Orchestra
24. **Leonard Bernstein** – Fancy Free (Horn Excerpts)
25. **Eugène Bozza** – Ballade for Horn and Piano
26. **Witold Lutosławski** – Concerto for Orchestra (Horn Excerpts)
27. **Malcolm Arnold** – Concerto for Horn and Strings, Op. 149
28. **Paul Hindemith** – Concerto for Horn and Orchestra
29. **Richard Wagner** – Tristan und Isolde (Horn Excerpts)

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1. **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** – Horn Concerto No. 3 in E-flat Major, K. 447 (1st Movement)
2. **Dmitri Shostakovich** – Horn Concerto No. 2 in F, Op. 102
3. **Benjamin Britten** – Serenade for Tenor, Horn, and Strings, Op. 31
4. **Carl Nielsen** – Horn Concerto, Op. 45
5. **Sergei Prokofiev** – Symphony No. 5 (Horn Excerpts)
6. **Henryk Górecki** – Horn Concerto
7. **Alberto Ginastera** – Concerto for Horn and Orchestra, Op. 49
8. **Eugène Bozza** – Images for Horn and Piano
9. **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** – Symphony No. 40 in G minor, K. 550 (Horn Excerpts)
10. **Ludwig van Beethoven** – Symphony No. 6 in F Major, Op. 68 (Pastoral) (Horn Excerpts)
11. **Arnold Schoenberg** – Verklärte Nacht, Op. 4 (Horn Excerpts)
12. **Gabriel Fauré** – Pavane, Op. 50 (Horn Transcription)
13. **Henri Tomasi** – Concerto for Horn and Orchestra
14. **Carl Maria von Weber** – Horn Concertino in E-flat Major, Op. 45
15. **Jean-Michel Damase** – Fantaisie for Horn and Piano
16. **Erich Wolfgang Korngold** – Violin Concerto in D Major, Op. 35 (Horn Excerpts)
17. **Richard Wagner** – The Ring Cycle (Horn Excerpts)
18. **Mikael Karlsson** – Concerto for Horn and Strings
19. **Eugène Bozza** – Scherzo for Horn and Piano
20. **César Franck** – Sonata in A Major (Horn Transcription)
21. **Charles Ives** – Symphony No. 3 (Horn Excerpts)
22. **George Gershwin** – Rhapsody in Blue (Horn Excerpts)
23. **Malcolm Arnold** – Four Cornish Dances, Op. 91 (Horn Excerpts)
24. **Jan Van der Roost** – Horn Concerto
25. **Michael Haydn** – Horn Concerto in D Major
26. **Leroy Anderson** – Bugler's Holiday (Horn Transcription)
27. **Gustav Holst** – First Suite in E-flat for Military Band (Horn Excerpts)

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1. **Richard Strauss** – Horn Concerto No. 2 in E-flat Major, Op. 11
2. **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** – Horn Concerto No. 4 in E-flat Major, K. 495
3. **Antonín Dvořák** – Symphony No. 9 in E Minor, Op. 95 ("From the New World") (Horn Excerpts)
4. **Béla Bartók** – Music for Strings, Percussion, and Celesta (Horn Excerpts)
5. **Igor Stravinsky** – The Firebird Suite (Horn Excerpts)
6. **Jean-Michel Damase** – Ballade for Horn and Piano
7. **Kurt Weill** – Concerto for Wind Instruments (Horn Excerpts)
8. **Alfred Reed** – The Hounds of Spring (Horn Excerpts)
9. **Carl Nielsen** – Symphony No. 4, Op. 29 ("The Inextinguishable") (Horn Excerpts)
10. **Erich Wolfgang Korngold** – Violin Concerto, Op. 35 (Horn Excerpts)
11. **André Jolivet** – Cinq Incantations for Horn and Piano
12. **Joseph Haydn** – Concerto for Horn in D Major
13. **Carl Maria von Weber** – Horn Quintet in E-flat Major, Op. 43
14. **Henryk Górecki** – Concerto for Horn and String Orchestra
15. **César Franck** – Sonata in A Major (Horn Transcription)
16. **Francis Poulenc** – Sonate for Horn, Trombone, and Tuba
17. **Hector Berlioz** – Symphonie Fantastique (Horn Excerpts)
18. **Camille Saint-Saëns** – La Muse et le Poète, Op. 132 (Horn Excerpts)
19. **Benjamin Britten** – Nocturne, Op. 60 (Horn Excerpts)
20. **Robert Schumann** – Konzertstück for Four Horns and Orchestra, Op. 86
21. **Milhaud** – Concerto for Horn and Orchestra
22. **Hans Zimmer** – The Lion King (Horn Transcription)
23. **Richard Wagner** – Die Walküre (Horn Excerpts)
24. **Ludwig van Beethoven** – Horn Sonata in F Major, Op. 17
25. **Dmitri Shostakovich** – Symphony No. 10 (Horn Excerpts)
26. **Leonard Bernstein** – West Side Story Suite (Horn Excerpts)
27. **Adolphe Adam** – O Holy Night (Horn Transcription)