

MUSIC PERFORMANCE GRADES

SNARE DRUM

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. **Anonymous** – Hot Cross Buns
2. **George Frideric Handel** – The Royal Fireworks Music: Overture
3. **Ludwig van Beethoven** – Ode to Joy
4. **Johann Sebastian Bach** – Minuet in G
5. **Scott Joplin** – The Entertainer
6. **Claude Debussy** – Clair de Lune (arranged for Snare Drum)
7. **Edward Elgar** – Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1
8. **John Philip Sousa** – Stars and Stripes Forever (excerpts)
9. **Antonín Dvořák** – Slavonic Dance No. 8
10. **Jules Massenet** – Meditation (from Thaïs)
11. **Richard Wagner** – Wedding March (from Lohengrin)
12. **Johann Strauss II** – The Blue Danube (Waltz excerpts)
13. **Félix Mendelssohn** – March from A Midsummer Night's Dream
14. **Henry Mancini** – The Pink Panther Theme
15. **Igor Stravinsky** – The Firebird (excerpts)
16. **Franz Schubert** – Standchen (Serenade)
17. **Giacomo Puccini** – O Mio Babbino Caro
18. **Andrew Lloyd Webber** – Music of the Night (from The Phantom of the Opera)
19. **George Gershwin** – Summertime
20. **Dmitri Shostakovich** – Waltz No. 2 (from Suite for Variety Orchestra)
21. **Béla Bartók** – Romanian Folk Dances (excerpts)
22. **Paul Hindemith** – Sonata for Snare Drum and Piano (excerpts)
23. **Ralph Vaughan Williams** – Fantasia on Greensleeves (arranged for Snare Drum)
24. **Sergei Prokofiev** – Montagues and Capulets (excerpts)
25. **Charles Ives** – Variations on America
26. **Mikhail Glinka** – Ruslan and Lyudmila Overture (excerpts)
27. **Samuel Barber** – Adagio for Strings (arranged for Snare Drum)
28. **César Franck** – Panis Angelicus (arranged for Snare Drum)
29. **Philip Glass** – Opening (from Einstein on the Beach)
30. **Aaron Copland** – Simple Gifts

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1. **Anonymous** – This Old Man
2. **Johann Sebastian Bach** – Minuet in G (BWV 114)
3. **Ludwig van Beethoven** – Ode to Joy (arranged)
4. **Scott Joplin** – The Entertainer (excerpt)
5. **Frédéric Chopin** – Nocturne in E-flat Major, Op. 9 No. 2 (arranged)
6. **George Bizet** – Habanera (from Carmen)
7. **Sergei Prokofiev** – Montagues and Capulets (from Romeo and Juliet)
8. **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** – Rondo Alla Turca (arranged)
9. **Richard Strauss** – Also sprach Zarathustra (opening theme)
10. **Claude Debussy** – Clair de Lune (arranged)
11. **Gustav Holst** – I Vow to Thee, My Country (arranged)
12. **John Philip Sousa** – The Washington Post March (excerpt)
13. **George Frideric Handel** – Sarabande from Harpsichord Suite in D Minor
14. **Antonín Dvořák** – Slavonic Dance Op. 46 No. 8 (arranged)
15. **Ennio Morricone** – The Mission Theme
16. **Henry Mancini** – Pink Panther Theme
17. **John Williams** – Raiders March (from Raiders of the Lost Ark)
18. **Tchaikovsky** – 1812 Overture (excerpt)
19. **Igor Stravinsky** – The Firebird (arranged)
20. **Duke Ellington** – Mood Indigo (arranged)
21. **Paul Simon** – The Sound of Silence (arranged)
22. **Ramin Djawadi** – Westworld Theme (arranged)
23. **Eric Whitacre** – Lux Aurumque (arranged)
24. **Bernard Hermann** – Psycho Suite (excerpt)
25. **Camille Saint-Saëns** – Danse Macabre (excerpt)
26. **Charles Ives** – The Circus Band (excerpt)
27. **Leonard Bernstein** – America (from West Side Story)
28. **Carl Orff** – O Fortuna (from Carmina Burana)
29. **Edvard Grieg** – In the Hall of the Mountain King (from Peer Gynt)
30. **Hans Zimmer** – Pirates of the Caribbean Theme (arranged)

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1. **J.S. Bach** – Prelude in C Major (arranged)
2. **Ludwig van Beethoven** – Symphony No. 5 (1st movement, arranged)
3. **Claude Debussy** – Arabesque No. 1 (arranged)
4. **Sergei Rachmaninoff** – Prelude in C# Minor (arranged)
5. **John Philip Sousa** – Semper Fidelis March (excerpt)
6. **Dmitri Shostakovich** – Dance of the Knights (from Romeo and Juliet)
7. **George Gershwin** – Rhapsody in Blue (arranged)
8. **Antonin Dvořák** – New World Symphony (2nd movement, arranged)
9. **Mikhail Glinka** – Ruslan and Lyudmila Overture (arranged)
10. **Paul Hindemith** – Symphony: Mathis der Maler (arranged)
11. **Camille Saint-Saëns** – Carnival of the Animals (arranged)
12. **Igor Stravinsky** – The Rite of Spring (arranged)
13. **George Frideric Handel** – Water Music Suite (arranged)
14. **Scott Joplin** – Maple Leaf Rag (arranged)
15. **Ennio Morricone** – Ecstasy of Gold (from The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly)
16. **Aaron Copland** – Hoe-Down (from Rodeo, arranged)
17. **Leonard Bernstein** – Mambo (from West Side Story, arranged)
18. **Eugene Delibes** – Flower Duet (from Lakmé, arranged)
19. **Richard Wagner** – Ride of the Valkyries (arranged)
20. **Duke Ellington** – Take the 'A' Train (arranged)
21. **Gustav Mahler** – Symphony No. 1 (arranged)
22. **Henry Mancini** – Moon River (arranged)
23. **Tchaikovsky** – Nutcracker Suite (March, arranged)
24. **Jules Massenet** – Meditation from Thaïs (arranged)
25. **Béla Bartók** – Romanian Folk Dances (arranged)
26. **Benjamin Britten** – Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra (arranged)
27. **Aaron Copland** – Fanfare for the Common Man (arranged)
28. **Gioachino Rossini** – The Barber of Seville Overture (arranged)
29. **Kurt Weill** – Mack the Knife (from The Threepenny Opera, arranged)
30. **John Williams** – Star Wars Theme (arranged)

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1. **Béla Bartók** – Allegro barbaro (arranged)
2. **Zoltán Kodály** – Dances of Galánta (arranged)
3. **Mendelssohn** – Symphony No. 4 (Italian, arranged)
4. **Carl Orff** – Carmina Burana (arranged)
5. **Dmitri Shostakovich** – Symphony No. 9 (arranged)
6. **Duke Ellington** – In a Sentimental Mood (arranged)
7. **Samuel Barber** – Adagio for Strings (arranged)
8. **George Gershwin** – Summertime (arranged)
9. **Igor Stravinsky** – The Firebird Suite (arranged)
10. **Percy Grainger** – Irish Tune from County Derry (arranged)
11. **Leonard Bernstein** – West Side Story Suite (arranged)
12. **Sergei Prokofiev** – Montagues and Capulets (from Romeo and Juliet, arranged)
13. **Tchaikovsky** – Romeo and Juliet Overture (arranged)
14. **Paul Hindemith** – March from Symphonic Metamorphosis (arranged)
15. **Giacomo Puccini** – Nessun Dorma (from Turandot, arranged)
16. **Heitor Villa-Lobos** – Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5 (arranged)
17. **Aram Khachaturian** – Sabre Dance (arranged)
18. **Ralph Vaughan Williams** – English Folk Song Suite (arranged)
19. **Carl Nielsen** – Concerto for Clarinet and Strings (arranged)
20. **Franz Liszt** – Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 (arranged)
21. **Henry Mancini** – Pink Panther Theme (arranged)
22. **Steve Reich** – Clapping Music (arranged for snare)
23. **John Adams** – Short Ride in a Fast Machine (arranged)
24. **Richard Strauss** – Also sprach Zarathustra (arranged)
25. **Ennio Morricone** – The Mission (arranged)
26. **Jules Massenet** – Méditation (from Thaïs, arranged)
27. **George Frideric Handel** – Music for the Royal Fireworks (arranged)
28. **Bill Evans** – Waltz for Debby (arranged)
29. **Kurt Weill** – Lost in the Stars (arranged)

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1. **Leonard Bernstein** – Overture to Candide (arranged)
2. **Benjamin Britten** – Simple Symphony (arranged)
3. **Igor Stravinsky** – The Rite of Spring (arranged)
4. **Carl Nielsen** – Concerto for Flute and Orchestra (arranged)
5. **John Adams** – The Wound-Dresser (arranged)
6. **Johannes Brahms** – Hungarian Dance No. 5 (arranged)
7. **Gustav Holst** – Second Suite in F for Military Band (arranged)
8. **Dmitri Shostakovich** – Jazz Suite No. 1 (arranged)
9. **Frédéric Chopin** – Prelude in E Minor, Op. 28, No. 4 (arranged)
10. **Pablo de Sarasate** – Zigeunerweisen (arranged)
11. **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** – Symphony No. 40 (arranged)
12. **Sergei Rachmaninoff** – Vocalise, Op. 34, No. 14 (arranged)
13. **Aaron Copland** – Fanfare for the Common Man (arranged)
14. **Richard Wagner** – Ride of the Valkyries (arranged)
15. **Edward Elgar** – Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 (arranged)
16. **Duke Ellington** – Take the 'A' Train (arranged)
17. **Henry Mancini** – Moon River (arranged)
18. **John Philip Sousa** – Stars and Stripes Forever (arranged)
19. **Franz Schubert** – Ave Maria (arranged)
20. **Leonard Cohen** – Hallelujah (arranged)
21. **Carl Orff** – O Fortuna (from Carmina Burana, arranged)
22. **Maurice Ravel** – Boléro (arranged)
23. **Aaron Copland** – Appalachian Spring Suite (arranged)
24. **Edvard Grieg** – Morning Mood (from Peer Gynt, arranged)
25. **Tchaikovsky** – Nutcracker Suite (arranged)
26. **Joaquín Rodrigo** – Concierto de Aranjuez (arranged)
27. **Kurt Weill** – Mack the Knife (arranged)
28. **Giacomo Puccini** – O Mio Babbino Caro (arranged)
29. **Astor Piazzolla** – Libertango (arranged)
30. **Charles Ives** – Variations on America (arranged)

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1. **John Cage** – 4'33" (arranged for snare drum)
2. **Steve Reich** – Drumming (arranged for snare drum)
3. **Henry Cowell** – The Banshee (arranged for snare drum)
4. **Eugène Bozza** – Image (for snare drum and piano)
5. **Kurt Weill** – Song of the Fisherman (arranged for snare drum)
6. **Leonard Bernstein** – West Side Story Suite (arranged for snare drum)
7. **Philip Glass** – 1 + 1 (arranged for snare drum)
8. **Pietro Mascagni** – Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana (arranged for snare drum)
9. **Béla Bartók** – Allegro barbaro (arranged for snare drum)
10. **Charles Ives** – The Unanswered Question (arranged for snare drum)
11. **Sergei Prokofiev** – Montagues and Capulets (from Romeo and Juliet, arranged for snare drum)
12. **Dmitri Shostakovich** – Polka from The Golden Age (arranged for snare drum)
13. **Paul Hindemith** – Sonata for Trumpet, Clarinet, and Piano (arranged for snare drum)
14. **Aaron Copland** – El Salon Mexico (arranged for snare drum)
15. **Igor Stravinsky** – The Firebird Suite (arranged for snare drum)
16. **Carl Orff** – Carmina Burana (selected movements, arranged for snare drum)
17. **David Maslanka** – Symphony No. 4 (arranged for snare drum)
18. **Béla Bartók** – Romanian Folk Dances (arranged for snare drum)
19. **Gustav Holst** – First Suite in E-flat (arranged for snare drum)
20. **Edward Elgar** – Enigma Variations (arranged for snare drum)
21. **Michael Daugherty** – Dead Elvis (arranged for snare drum)
22. **Astor Piazzolla** – Oblivion (arranged for snare drum)
23. **George Gershwin** – Rhapsody in Blue (arranged for snare drum)
24. **Miyoshi, Akira** – Concertino for Percussion and String Orchestra (arranged for snare drum)
25. **Benjamin Britten** – The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra (arranged for snare drum)
26. **Frank Ticheli** – Blue Shades (arranged for snare drum)
27. **Maurice Ravel** – La Valse (arranged for snare drum)
28. **Gabriel Fauré** – Pavane (arranged for snare drum)
29. **Mendelssohn** – The Wedding March (arranged for snare drum)
30. **Leonard Cohen** – Suzanne (arranged for snare drum)

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1. **William Walton** – Crown Imperial
2. **Toru Takemitsu** – Rain Tree Sketch II
3. **Chick Corea** – Spain (arranged for snare drum)
4. **Henryk Górecki** – Symphony No. 3 (arranged for snare drum)
5. **Percy Grainger** – Lincolnshire Posy (arranged for snare drum)
6. **Dmitri Shostakovich** – Symphony No. 10 (arranged for snare drum)
7. **Steve Reich** – Music for Pieces of Wood
8. **Tchaikovsky** – The Nutcracker Suite (selected movements, arranged for snare drum)
9. **Elliott Carter** – Eight Pieces for Four Timpani (arranged for snare drum)
10. **Paul Hindemith** – Symphonic Metamorphosis (arranged for snare drum)
11. **Carl Nielsen** – Concerto for Clarinet and Strings (arranged for snare drum)
12. **Arturo Márquez** – Danzón No. 2 (arranged for snare drum)
13. **John Adams** – Short Ride in a Fast Machine (arranged for snare drum)
14. **Heitor Villa-Lobos** – Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5 (arranged for snare drum)
15. **Olivier Messiaen** – Oiseaux tristes (arranged for snare drum)
16. **Benjamin Britten** – A Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra (arranged for snare drum)
17. **Igor Stravinsky** – Petrouchka (arranged for snare drum)
18. **Leonard Bernstein** – Candide Overture (arranged for snare drum)
19. **John Cage** – Music for Amplified Toy Pianos (arranged for snare drum)
20. **Maurice Ravel** – Boléro (arranged for snare drum)
21. **George Gershwin** – An American in Paris (arranged for snare drum)
22. **György Ligeti** – Continuum (arranged for snare drum)
23. **Dmitri Shostakovich** – Festive Overture (arranged for snare drum)
24. **Carl Orff** – O Fortuna from Carmina Burana (arranged for snare drum)
25. **Béla Bartók** – Mikrokosmos (selected pieces, arranged for snare drum)
26. **Samuel Adler** – Concerto for Percussion and Orchestra (arranged for snare drum)
27. **Astor Piazzolla** – Libertango (arranged for snare drum)
28. **John Corigliano** – Circus Maximus (arranged for snare drum)
29. **Franz Joseph Haydn** – Symphony No. 94 (Surprise) (arranged for snare drum)
30. **Michael Daugherty** – The "Dead Elvis" (arranged for snare drum)

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1. **Xenakis Iannis** – Rebonds
2. **Päivyt Pärssinen** – Ensemble Variations
3. **John Cage** – Sonatas and Interludes (excerpts)
4. **Eugène Bozza** – Image
5. **David Phillips** – Four Movements for Snare Drum
6. **Brian Ferneyhough** – Cassandra's Dream Song
7. **Toru Takemitsu** – Concerto for Percussion and Orchestra (excerpt)
8. **Stockhausen Karlheinz** – Zyklus
9. **Philip Glass** – Three Pieces for Solo Drums
10. **Takashi Yoshimatsu** – Imaginary Landscape
11. **John Adams** – The Wound-Dresser (arranged for snare drum)
12. **Adolphus Hailstork** – The Wind and the Rain
13. **John Psathas** – Iliad
14. **James Tenney** – Having Never Written a Note for Percussion
15. **Ruth Crawford Seeger** – Study in Mixed Accents
16. **Miyoshi Yuji** – Concerto for Percussion
17. **Paul Lansky** – Chamber Symphony
18. **Henry Cowell** – The Banshee (arranged for snare drum)
19. **Edgard Varèse** – Ionisation
20. **Eugène Ysaÿe** – Sonata for Solo Violin (arranged for snare drum)
21. **Marius Constant** – Caprice for Percussion
22. **Vassilakos Aris** – The Flute, the Drums, and the Snow
23. **Dmitri Shostakovich** – Symphony No. 5 (arranged for snare drum)
24. **Harrison Birtwistle** – Silbury Air
25. **Mark-Anthony Turnage** – Blood on the Floor
26. **Heitor Villa-Lobos** – Choros No. 10 (arranged for snare drum)
27. **Michael Gordon** – Timber
28. **Alfred Schnittke** – Concerto for Choir (arranged for snare drum)
29. **Pablo Sorozabal** – La Taberna del Puerto (arranged for snare drum)
30. **Kurt Weill** – Threepenny Opera Suite (arranged for snare drum)