

## Byng Arts Band Pre-Audition Requirements

*Information for students preparing for Band Submissions*



### **Pre-Audition Video:**

Students interested in the Byng Arts Band program are required to prepare a short video of ***approximately 2 minutes of themselves playing their instrument*** that demonstrates clear tone quality, breath control, and technical ability. The video can be either a standalone video of themselves at home or school, or it can be a video taken from a previous performance or recital. Piano spaces are very limited – piano players should have at least their grade 9 RCM (or equivalent) or jazz experience, since accepted pianists will be primarily involved in a jazz band.

Students are encouraged to choose a piece of music that best demonstrates their musical ability. Candidates are encouraged to choose the part of the music that showcases their musical ability (do not play the entire song). They should choose something that really demonstrates the level of performance they have reached and is work they are proud of.

**Optional:** In addition to the 2 minutes of playing, students are ***encouraged*** to speak about one or more topics listed below to include in their video:

- what makes them who they are.
- what are they passionate about; what excites them.
- describe a time and/or an event that demonstrates their ability to be a team player, and/or a leader.
- describe a time and/or event where they overcame their fear or faced a challenge.

**\*\*\*Please do not exceed the maximum total of 5 minutes in the Pre-Audition Video\*\*\***

Thank you for your interest in the band program! Should you have any questions regarding the program and/or auditions, please contact our Fine Arts Co-ordinator Mr. Hartley-Folz at [byngarts@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:byngarts@vsb.bc.ca).

Best wishes,  
*Director of Bands, Lord Byng Secondary School*