

# 2023 PERFORMANCE PROGRAM: PIANO

## **AUDITION REQUIREMENTS: ROUND 1**

*Correct at time of issue, but subject to change.*

### **PART A – WRITTEN MATERIAL**

*Please upload the following documents as 4 separate PDF files, clearly labelled as:  
LAST NAME\_First Name\_Instrument\_DocName*

- **Curriculum Vitae**, including the following information:
  - Duration of study on the instrument you are applying on
  - Institutions or schools at which you have studied, including year commenced and completed
  - Instrumental music teachers in the last 4 years, providing name, email and contact phone number
  - Performance experience in the following:
    - Chamber music
    - Orchestral works
    - Your instrument and any major solo works performed in the last 5 years
  - Details of any awards, bursaries or scholarships you have been awarded
  - Details of any additional instruments studied, and at what level
- **Academic Transcripts and Qualifications**  
Please provide your current academic transcript/s (unofficial transcripts accepted).
- **Personal Statement – why ANAM?**  
Please write a 300-word statement articulating your immediate to long-term artistic goals, and how ANAM is relevant in realising these objectives. Please also provide a detailed outline of any anticipated or pre-existing affiliations over the next 12 months (AYO, ACO Emerging Artists, MSO Academy, SSO Fellowship, overseas study, etc).
- **Chamber Music Experience & Aspirations**  
Please write a brief statement (maximum of 300-word) outlining:
  - Chamber music experience to date, including repertoire performed, key ensembles, performances or masterclass opportunities.
  - Your chamber music aspirations at ANAM, including repertoire you wish to learn / perform, and any current ANAM musicians or potential 2023 applicants you may wish to work alongside (if known).

## **PART B – RECORDED AUDITION**

- 4 contrasting works of varying styles, which may include an original composition or improvisation. As a guide the candidate could consider including:
  - A polyphonic or pre-classical work
  - A study or showpiece
  - A work from the Classical or Romantic period
  - A 21st century work or an original composition or a spontaneous improvisation

## **AUDITION REQUIREMENTS: ROUND 2**

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## **ONLINE AUDITION (VIA ZOOM)**

- Live workshop. Candidates will be asked to workshop in a live lesson format the 4 contrasting works of varying styles presented in Round 1. (Candidates may also choose to present new repertoire if they notify ANAM of the changes.) As a guide the candidate could consider including:
  - A polyphonic or pre-classical work
  - A study or showpiece
  - A work from the Classical or Romantic period
  - A 21st century work or an original composition or a spontaneous improvisation
- Quick learn and singing. Candidates will receive via email a short Lieder style work 3 days prior to the audition, and will be asked to play the piano part whilst they sing/hum/whistle the vocal line. Candidates will not be assessed on their voice, and may change the octave to suit.
- Sight-reading, to be supplied at time of audition.
- A short interview with the ANAM audition panel.

## **AUDITION RECORDING GUIDELINES**

- Each required work is to be recorded separately, and filmed in one continuous, unedited take. Orchestral excerpts are to be recorded together in one continuous take.
- Applicants are to clearly state their full name at the beginning of their first recording.
- Record each required work for your instrument in full, including cadenzas, where applicable.
- Works with piano accompaniment must be performed with piano, unless stated otherwise in the requirements. Orchestral excerpts are to be performed without accompaniment.
- The ANAM panel reserves the right to hear whole or part of any work.
- ANAM acknowledges the limitation of and access to standard recording facilities and will accept recordings filmed in multiple locations.
- Please be advised that in submitting material, applicants should be aware of the sound quality of their recording/s. Where possible, recordings should be made in a reasonably sized room and use an external microphone.
- All submissions are to be video files, submitted in .mp4 format at 720p (720x1280) or 1080p (1920x1080) pixel resolution. Any other file format will not be accepted.

## **RECORDING AND FILE SETTINGS**

All files are to be recorded in a high-quality format but of an appropriate file size for uploading.

ANAM recommends checking the following settings on your recording device before recording:

- Please set your video resolution to 720p or 1080p, with a frame rate of 25fps.
- If your device has independent audio settings, aim for the highest bitrate possible (320kbps mp3 or 24 bit/48 kHz WAV).
- Recordings must be uploaded as .mp4 files.

Each file should be smaller than 1gb. If your file size is too large, use a third-party program (i.e. Handbrake) to compress the size of your video.

## **OPTIMAL PLACEMENT OF MICROPHONE**

You may need to experiment to find the best placement for an external microphone, but a good general starting point is where the instrument sounds best to the ear - often a spot between 1 and 2 metres in front of your instrument, and at approximately head height. You will need to adjust this depending on the space you are performing in.

If your recording is lacking clarity, move the mic closer. If your recording is sounding harsh or if it is picking up too much noise (eg. bow scraping, key noise), move the mic further away.

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For further assistance, contact ANAM AV & Operations Coordinator, Nathan Ellul at [n.ellul@anam.com.au](mailto:n.ellul@anam.com.au).