

## **USA Schools of Music – Asian Regional Auditions – October 2018**

### **English Proficiency Requirements of Participating Schools**

#### **The Hartt School -- University of Hartford**

Official test records of English language proficiency must be forwarded to the University of Hartford. Students may take the Duolingo English Test, TOEFL, or IELTS to meet this requirement. Minimum Duolingo English Test Scores are: For Bachelor's, Master's, Graduate Professional and Artist Diplomas: 61 For Doctoral programs: 62-63 Minimum TOEFL scores are: For Bachelor's, Master's, Graduate Professional and Artist Diplomas: 79-80 internet-based test For Doctoral programs: 92-93 internet-based test Minimum IELTS scores are: For Bachelor's degrees: 6.0 For Master's, and Graduate Professional and Artist Diplomas: 6.5 For Doctoral programs: 7.0 Applicants who demonstrate high artistic achievement in their audition, but do not meet these requirements, may be offered acceptance into the University of Hartford's Pathway program, a specially designed curriculum combining English language study with private and collaborative musical training.

#### **Mannes School of Music – The New School**

The minimum score required for TOEFL (IB) is 79, for IELTS is 6.5, and for PTE is 53. Our TOEFL institution code is 2398.

We strongly encourage students to take the test by December 15 to ensure that the score arrives in time for auditions.

In addition to the above requirement, all applicants whose native language is not English are required to take the Mannes English Placement Test, which assesses reading comprehension, writing ability, and listening and speaking skills.

The Mannes English Placement Test is taken at Mannes during audition week or at orientation for students who do not attend audition week. It consists of a grammar test, an essay on a topic chosen by Mannes, and an oral (face-to-face) interview. Mannes uses the results of these tests and the TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE in deciding whether students' English language skills qualify them to attend Mannes.

#### **Oberlin Conservatory of Music**

Applicants whose first language is not English must submit the results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS). There is no absolute minimum score on any test for Oberlin; students scoring lower than 60 on the internet-based TOEFL, however, are less likely to be competitive applicants.

#### **San Francisco Conservatory of Music**

Students whose first language is not English must submit either a TOEFL, IELTS score, or a certificate from ELS Language Centers in order to meet the minimum English proficiency requirement for admission to SFCM. Scores received from tests taken more than one year prior to the application deadline are not valid. Photocopied score reports will not be accepted. International students who have completed at least two years of full-time academic study at an English-speaking college or university at the time of application may request to be exempted from this requirement by submitting a formal request to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs by the application submission deadline for their chosen program. Exceptions to the minimum requirements will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

SFCM must receive an official TOEFL or IELTS score by February 15. Note that this score need not be a passing score. Students will have until June 1 to submit a passing score in order to be admitted.

TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language): school code of 4744 Master of Music: 80 ibt Artist Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma: 80 ibt Bachelor of Music: 71 ibt Professional Studies Diploma: 61 ibt preferred Technology and Applied Composition (TAC) programs (all degrees): 80 ibt IELTS (International English Language Testing System) Master of Music, Artist Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma: 6.5 IELTS Bachelor of Music: 6.0 IELTS Professional Studies Diploma: 5.5 IELTS Technology and Applied Composition (TAC) programs (all degrees): 6.5 IELTS English Language Services (ELS) Master of Music, Artist Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma: level 110 Bachelor of Music: level 109 Professional Studies Diploma: level 107 Technology and Applied Composition (TAC) programs (all degrees): level 110

Conditional Admission: Non-native English speakers who do not meet the English language proficiency requirement at the time admission decisions are made, but who have submitted a TOEFL or IELTS score or are enrolled in ELS Language Centers, may be offered conditional acceptance to their desired program. Those students accepted with this status are eligible for Conservatory scholarships and have until June 1 to fulfill the English proficiency requirements. Those who do not fulfill the requirement by June 1 will not be allowed to enroll at the Conservatory.

Intensive Summer English Program: If your TOEFL score is below our requirements but is over 65 (BM) or 71 (MM), the Conservatory offers an Intensive Summer English Program at the University of San Francisco in order to help non-native English speakers achieve the admissions requirement for matriculation.