

Commercial Music Vocal Auditions

Millikin University's Commercial Music Program appreciates and understands the value of all musical genres, so choose two pieces that you feel confident performing and that showcase your strengths as a musician. While you can perform in any genre you select, pick compositions that highlight your best abilities, rather than ones you think the audition panel expects to hear. Variety between the two pieces is a plus for the audition.

Your two prepared pieces must be:

- Memorized
- Performed live with either pre-recorded accompaniment i.e. YouTube karaoke track, live accompaniment or self-accompaniment. Students must demonstrate live performance skills – meaning students cannot sing along with a track that has prerecorded vocals
- Between 3-5 minutes in length per piece

Examples that may help with your selection could be any of the following:

- A song by a well-known popular artist or band (any genre)
- A standard or jazz tune (this can include blues or rhythm changes) with your own improvisation
- A composition from the instrumental/voice repertoire, or a movement, sonata, concerto, or etude
- A transcription of a well-known artist's solo
- An original song (please limit your selection to one original piece)

All prospective students will be asked to perform certain musical skills, such as the following:

- Major and minor scales
- Rhythm reading (duple and triple division)
- Tonal memory exercises and aural exercises
- Sight reading