All School of Music applicants must audition on their chosen instrument. To audition, complete an online Music Admission/Scholarship Application, including a letter of recommendation from a qualified music teacher. Once the application has been submitted, the student will be able to either schedule a time to perform a live audition at BYU, or mail a DVD or CD recording.

It may not be possible to hear all the music prepared for a live audition. Representative samples or sections of audition pieces will be heard. Only those auditioning are allowed in the audition studio. For live auditions, piano accompaniment is not required.

**AUDITION REQUIREMENTS**

1. Scales: Perform all major scales and the chromatic scale in the full range of the instrument in sixteenth notes at a tempo of quarter note = 96 m.m. or faster. Play them legato and with single-tongued staccato.

2. Excerpts and/or solo, to display:
   a. Technical facility and rhythm: music containing a generous number of passages comprising the equivalent of at least four consecutive sixteenth notes at a tempo of quarter note = 80 m.m. or faster.
   b. Expression and tone: slower music chosen to demonstrate ability to play legato and with mature musical phrasing and intonation.

3. If you have skills in jazz, be prepared to play the following:
   a. The head from a traditional jazz tune (Charlie Parker Omnibook, Traditional Bebop Heads, or a comparable source may be used).
   b. A lead chart from a big band swing tune.
   c. A solo demonstrating your improvisation skills. Please provide a play-along CD.

4. Sight-reading (for live auditions only).
Ray Smith is the Professor of Saxophone in the School of Music. His jazz big band, Synthesis, has received national and international recognition by winning many jazz festival competitions such as the Pacific Coast Collegiate Jazz Festival. As a performer, Ray is equally at home in either classical or jazz-related styles and is adept at all five of the woodwind instruments: flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, and saxophone. For more information, please see the School of Music website, http://music.byu.edu.