

UNDERGRADUATE CLASSICAL VOICE / OPERA

The minimum standard for entry is Grade VII (UNISA, Royal Schools, or Trinity). In special cases, we will accept applications from singers at an equivalent level who may not have matric music or music grades if they have a solo or choral background.

You are strongly advised to submit your audition as early as possible, particularly if you are applying for financial aid and/or university accommodation.

Audition requirements

All applicants should record and submit:

1. **Two contrasting songs or arias**, preferably in different languages, and to be performed from memory.
2. **Performance of a short piece of spoken text in English**, (monologues on website). Spend time in your preparation understanding the situation the monologue is delivered in and making clear the thoughts and feelings of the character who is speaking.
3. **Personal Statement** Please write a brief statement (maximum 500 words) telling us about yourself and your vision of your future contribution to the development of music in South Africa. Your writing should tell us who you are, why you want to pursue this qualification, and why you are well suited to it. Focus on personal experiences (and experiences with music) that are relevant to your personal and academic growth, and how these have uniquely shaped your outlook on the world. How have the insights you have acquired on your journey informed your vision of what you can contribute positively to the field? Write honestly and use descriptive language to create a vivid picture of your journey that convinces us of your authentic interest in this academic programme and field.

Please note:

- videos should be recorded in 2026.
- when access to a live accompanist is not possible, backing tracks are strongly encouraged, many of which are downloadable in mp3 format for free.
- please use a video format compatible with QuickTime software e.g. avi, mov, dv stream, mpeg2, mpeg4, QuickTime movie.
- applicants who audition by recording may still be required to audition in person before a final decision can be made.

Recordings should be sent by no later than 19 September 2026.

TO SUBMIT YOUR VIDEO, please use the link: <https://forms.gle/586jAbBa7aa6XL12A>