



THE ARTS ACADEMY AT BENJAMIN RUSH
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THE ARTS ACADEMY AT BENJAMIN RUSH AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

VISUAL ARTS

Portfolio:

Applicants will submit a portfolio of 6-8 pieces of artwork they have created in and out of school, which reflects their training, experience and special interests. Small three-dimensional objects, photographs, and graphic design are acceptable for inclusion. All work should be original and created from direct observation rather than copied from photos, comic books or other sources. MUST include a self-portrait in ANY medium.

Media:

Work submitted may include a variety of media, such as pencil, crayon, oil, pastel charcoal, tempera, watercolor, mixed media, sculpture, ceramics, wood fiber, original photographs, digital images, computer graphics, etc.

Suggested Subjects:

Portraits, figures, still life, landscapes, collages, graphic design etc.

THEATRE

Drama:

Present a monologue or dramatic reading of a speech or a poem.

Creative Writing/Playwriting:

Present an original essay explaining why the applicant would like to be an actor, playwright, or theater professional. The essay must be one page total, typewritten and double-spaced.

Dance Performance:

Present a dance that demonstrates skills and knowledge in various genre of dance. These may include ballet, tap or modern dance.

MUSIC

Applicants must perform a minimum of 3-5 minutes in one or two of the following areas of study:

- **Instrumental-** Including band and orchestral string, wind and brass instruments, piano, guitar and percussion. Instrumentalists should present two performances of contrasting styles, e.g. classical and jazz. Students may be asked to perform two (2) major scales (including chromatic scale); perform a sight-reading selection chosen by the committee; imitate and match pitch; repeat rhythmic patterns; and identify basic musical notation.

Vocal- Applicants should present a performance of two contrasting styles, e.g. classical and musical theatre; a sight-reading selection chosen by the committee; imitate and match pitch; repeat rhythmic patterns; and identify basic musical notation.

Please note: Popular music will not be considered as an audition selection. Please come prepared with instrument(s) and sheet music for all selections.