

MUSIC AUDITION PREPARATION TIPS

The audition period is an exciting time of year and we always look forward to meeting a diverse group of prospective students.

Those that take part often tell us that they enjoy the day due to the relaxed and friendly atmosphere. **You will have the opportunity to learn more about our approach, while we find out who you are a performing artist.**

Here are some top tips:

- 1) **Think about why you have applied to Trinity Laban**, as you will be expected to answer this question during your interview. We want to know what research you have done about the conservatoire and your chosen programme, and how you think our training can help you progress as a professional musician and artist.
- 2) **Make sure you fully understand the audition requirements** for your chosen programme, which the admissions team has emailed to you. If you have any questions, please do get in touch by emailing admissions@trinitylaban.ac.uk and the team will be more than happy to help.
- 3) If you **choose your repertoire wisely**, your audition will be memorable for the right reasons. Successful students perform pieces that excite them and allow them to express their true selves, while also being within their range of capabilities.
- 4) **Practice, practice, practice**. This goes without saying, but you need to really know your piece(s) in order to perform well on the day. Ask your teacher for constructive feedback, and also be prepared to answer any factual questions about the piece itself.
- 5) **Dress appropriately**. There is no need to wear concert dress, but we recommend that you wear something smart casual so that you feel comfortable while still looking your best.
- 6) **Come prepared** with your sheet music (plus a spare copy for the accompanist), and anything else you may need for your instrument such as spare reeds or strings.
- 7) **Ask questions throughout the day**. This will impress us, as it shows that you are interested and curious.
- 8) **Have a positive attitude**, and don't worry too much if you get nervous as it is perfectly natural. If you can channel any nerves into enthusiasm during the performance, this is likely to leave a very good impression.
- 9) **Have a good night's sleep before the audition**, as it will be a full-on day. Before going to bed, you might like to watch something light-hearted on TV or take a hot bath to help you relax.