Introduction

Thank you for your interest in The Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam. Whether you are entering your senior year in high school or considering transferring to Crane from another college or university, this brochure is designed to provide you with helpful information about the admissions and audition process at our school and college. Because admissions/audition procedures differ from institution to institution, it is important to know each school’s admissions requirements and deadlines.

Admissions for Music Majors

The Crane School of Music is one of the three schools which make up SUNY Potsdam, and the admission to any music degree program is a two part process. (1) Complete and submit a SUNY Application to apply for academic admission to the College (www.potsdam.edu/admissions). (2) Use our online audition request form to reserve space on one of our audition days. This form is your application to Crane, and the audition itself is your “application” for music scholarships (no paperwork required). This form will be available online starting in September at the auditions area of the Crane website. Please note that you will need to reserve your audition date at least two weeks ahead of time. It does not matter what order you do these two applications, but we encourage you to complete your SUNY Potsdam application by the time of your audition as we cannot mail you your audition results letter until your SUNY Potsdam application is complete.

Audition Dates: 2015-2016

Crane offers three on campus and four off campus audition dates for you to choose from. Please note that percussion students must audition on campus, but may also audition on Friday evenings, February 5th or February 26th. Students auditioning on Friday evening are required to return for sessions on Saturday morning, but will be finished with all activities by noon on Saturday. Piano students must audition either on campus or at Rochester.

All auditioning students will be considered for music scholarships regardless of when or where they audition.

On Campus Audition Dates:

- Saturday, December 12, 2015
- Saturday, February 6, 2016
- Saturday, February 27, 2016

Off Campus Audition Dates/Locations:

- Thursday, February 18, 2016
  Long Island: Herricks High School (no piano)

- Friday, February 19, 2016
  Long Island: Herricks High School (no piano)
  Rochester: Hochstein School of Music

- Saturday, February 20, 2016
  Central Valley: Monroe-Woodbury High School (no piano)

The Audition Itself

The performance audition is a time for the faculty to evaluate a prospective student’s readiness for college-level music study on a specific performance medium. Each instrument has specific audition repertoire. Please visit the
“Repertoire for Auditions” link at the Crane Auditions webpage for information about the audition requirements for your particular instrument. Most auditions also include sight-reading and/or playing scales. If you have more specific questions, please contact the studio faculty for your instrument.

**Audition Day: On Campus**

For the on campus audition days, we offer a number of information sessions about our degree programs, minors, concentrations and other program information in addition to your scheduled performance audition and aural evaluation. Registration takes place from 8:00-8:30 AM with information sessions at 9:30, 10:30 and 11:00 AM, and most auditions conclude by approximately 2:00 PM. If you have a long trip home, we would be glad to schedule your events as early in the day as possible. Please make that request at the time you register for your audition by using the comments box at the bottom of the audition request form.

**Audition Day: Off Campus**

Although we encourage all students to come visit SUNY Potsdam and Crane to see the campus in person, we do our best to ensure that off campus auditions provide perspective students with the same consideration and opportunity for admission as on campus auditions. We staff each off campus site with members of the brass, string, voice, and woodwind areas as well as a representative from Music Admissions and the College Office of Admissions to answer your questions. There is a $50 registration fee for students choosing to audition off campus; this helps us off-set the cost of these auditions.

**Transfer Students**

The audition process for transfer students is much the same as it is for incoming freshman. We encourage you to visit our Transfer Student FAQ webpage at [http://www.potsdam.edu/academics/Crane/prospective/CraneTransfer.cfm](http://www.potsdam.edu/academics/Crane/prospective/CraneTransfer.cfm) for more information.

**Recommendation Forms**

Although recommendation letters are not required for you to be considered for admission, we encourage you to provide up to two for perusal by the studio teacher(s) who will be auditioning you. There are forms for these at the auditions area of our website, one for your private teacher and one with a more open format.

**Video Auditions**

Video auditions are generally only used for students who are outside of the Northeast region of the U.S. If you would like to request a video audition, click on the “General Information” link at the auditions area of the Crane website; information on video auditions is at the bottom of that page. Video auditions must arrive before December 12, 2015 (for Spring 2016 admission) and before March 1, 2016 (for Fall 2016 admission).

*More details on auditions can be found in the auditions area of the Crane website.*