



Department of Music

Please complete a required essay of 500-750 words, using **one** of these prompts:

1. Describe an experience (musical or otherwise) that has influenced your decision to pursue a career in music.
2. What was the best advice you have ever received? Who gave you that advice and did you follow it?
3. What do you believe are the most important factors in achieving success in music: talent, luck, work? Discuss your choice.

Please submit your essay directly to [Dr. Jeffrey Carter, Chair](#), *not less than one full week prior to your audition*. You may simply include your name, the prompt, and your essay response. No cover letter or fancy heading is needed!