

Worship Arts Ensemble & Samford Worship Team Virtual Audition Information

Submit THREE video recordings for your audition. They should include the following:

1. **Slating.** State your first and last name at the beginning of each video, and state the name of the song you're performing.
2. **Audition performance of TWO songs on voice/instrument.** For the best audition, select TWO songs in contrasting styles that showcase your abilities. Submit these in two, separate video links. Each recording should be between two and four minutes in length.
 - a. Instrumentalists should record only their playing.
 - b. Singers should feature their voice in the video, supported by live accompaniment-either the piano or guitar.
 - c. Do you prefer to play an instrument and sing? Perform both simultaneously for ONE song. We still prefer to receive one video that showcases what you consider to be your strongest instrument.
3. **Spoken response.** Provide a third, two-to-four-minute video that responds to these questions:
 - a. Why would you like to join a music and worship team at Samford?
 - b. How is God calling you toward faithful discipleship in this current season?
 - c. What is your background in worship leadership?
 - d. What is your background in music?
 - e. If given the choice, which ensemble (WAE or SWT) would you prefer to join? Why?

Video format, tips, and submission:

- Film in a ¾ horizontal shot. Top of the head to the knees should be visible in the frame.
- If submitting a music audition, submit one video for each of the three components listed above (rather than one continuous video). Provide three distinct videos.
- Audio should be high quality, but studio quality is unnecessary. You might consider using an external microphone with your device.
- Find a suitable, quiet location with good lighting. Preferably, you want a room without many reflexive and hard surfaces. Consider eliminating sounds like wind, plumbing, air-conditioning, and cars. Natural light works best. Shine a light toward you, rather than in back of you. Do not record in front of a window.
- Don't forget to review your recordings when you are finished to be sure it's your best work.
- Upload your videos to YouTube or Vimeo.
- Email the video links to jprodger@samford.edu and with the subject line "Samford Music and Worship Audition"
- In the body of the email, include your full name, your email address, and your video links.