



Information about the entrance examination at the Bern University of the Arts

Master of Arts in Specialized Music Performance

Specialization: Contemporary Music

Practical test

You will be notified about the time and date of your entrance exam approximately two weeks in advance. The order of the candidates will be fixed in situ at the beginning of each time slot. Please present yourself at the information desk in front of the exam rooms.

Warm-up rooms will be available.

Content of examination

- Performance of **4 complete, technically demanding pieces** of various styles. Three of these pieces must have been **composed after 1950** and can involve experimental or performative approaches. Part of your program should be performed by heart. In addition, about 3 weeks before your exam day, you will receive a **mandatory piece**, which has to be prepared for the exam.
- Interview about your professional goals and vision. The conversation will be conducted in German, French or English.

The candidate has to provide evidence of personal activities in the field of contemporary music performance.

Please send **your program** (4 pieces) and your **complete repertoire list** (all the pieces you have ever played) as soon as possible to: entryexams.mk.hkb@bfh.ch

As soon as we are in possession of these documents, we can send you your mandatory piece.

Since autumn 2021 we are offering the **Master Specialized Music Performance | Contemporary Music** as an international cooperation master, together with the music academies in Dresden and Salzburg.

Information: [Neuer internationaler Kooperationsmaster Neue Musik Bern-Dresden-Salzburg \(bfh.ch\)](https://www.bfh.ch/neuer-internationaler-kooperationsmaster-neue-musik-bern-dresden-salzburg)

Piano Accompaniment

The candidate is responsible for organizing her/his own piano accompaniment at the exam. Our accompanists will be at her/his disposal during the exam if needed. There is no right to a rehearsal. If possible, the accompanists will be available shortly before the exam.

Let us know as soon as possible if you need a piano accompanist from the HKB.

Language skills

Understanding the German or French language is a requirement to study at the HKB. For more information, see the information sheet about language skills.

Fees

The examination fee has to be paid before the entrance examination, otherwise you will not be able to take part in the examination.

