

Handbell Auditions at Concordia University Irvine

Handbells are a unique musical medium and prospective Concordia ringers come with a wide range of abilities and types of experience and training. Most come with large-ensemble experience, and some come with solo experience. We realize that the ensemble experience ringing handbells or handchimes may be recent or in the somewhat less-recent past! We also accept auditions from candidates with no experience, however some musical experience is helpful.

The audition process helps assess a candidate's current level of technique, musicianship, and ability, as well as potential for growth and learning whatever the level of experience.

To arrange an audition please contact by email—auditions@cui.edu

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In person

Our ensembles rehearse Mondays and Wednesdays 4:45–6:15; we would be pleased to have you observe a rehearsal.

Your private audition may include the following:

- a. Clap or play a variety of rhythms at sight in various meters from simple to complex.
- c. From a short musical excerpt provided, figure out and play a part (such as F5-G5 with accidentals), with a few minutes of preparation.

By video (if the candidate cannot come to campus):

Record your playing as follows and send us a link to a Youtube, DropBox or other commonly used internet file. This should be clearly labeled with your name, address, contact information (phone and/or email address) and list of contents.

Your recorded audition should include the following:

Rehearsal or performance of two well-prepared selections of full ensemble, small ensemble, and/or solo with the candidate clearly visible at all times. Some zooming to show both individual and group is helpful.