

What Happens Next?

Your Invitation to Audition

Welcome to May Auditions at the Peabody Conservatory! To make the experience as smooth as possible, we have prepared this information to help you navigate the more routine aspects of your visit, including transportation and lodging.

Checking in

When you first arrive on campus, come directly to 17 E. Mt. Vernon Place. Walk straight ahead and down the stairs into the Arcade, then exit through the double doors into the Plaza. Check-In will be to your right in the Admissions Office, located inside the Peabody Inn (the building with the ramp). From the Parking lot, go to the far corner of the second floor and follow signs saying “Main Entrance,” “Concert Hall,” “Check-In” or “Arcade.” It’s all the same place. Then exit through the double doors to your left into the Plaza and follow the ramp into the Peabody Inn. The Admissions office will be on your right past the lobby.

The check-in process is important, even for current Peabody students. If you do not check in, we may mistake you for a “no-show” and assign your audition time to someone else.

The Audition

Be on site 45-minutes early to warm up. Practice rooms in Leakin Hall will be available to our visitors during audition week.

We have asked you to prepare much more music than can be performed in the time allotted for your audition, so expect the faculty to ask for excerpts from your audition repertoire. Each faculty member will evaluate your acceptability to the school, as well as to their teaching studios. Finally, each faculty member will give you a one-to-10 rating. Taken together, this will be the primary data used for accept/reject decisions, teacher assignments, and the awarding of performance scholarships.

Canceling Your Audition

“No-shows” create havoc with the audition schedule. If you must cancel, please notify us at the earliest moment. You will help us with our planning, and you will also help others who may be on a waiting list for an audition time.

Changing Your Audition Day or Time

Scheduling constraints and the vastly different set-up requirements for each major make arranging auditions a real mess. Some auditions can only be scheduled on one day of the week. Others take place over five days. Scheduling changes create huge problems. One music school we know of is charging a fee. However, if you have a totally miserable conflict with another activity, call us, and we will see if anything can be done.

Interviews

Program Interviews

The entrance process for special degree programs (eg. Recording Arts) includes a scheduled interview. The faculty will explore your interest in the subject areas, looking for students likely to have a positive experience if accepted to Peabody. Here are some details:

MUSICOLOGY/ MUSIC THEORY PEDAGOGY

There is no performance audition for this major. The faculty will make an accept/reject decision based on your application materials and the interview.

RECORDING ARTS AND SCIENCES

Success in this program requires an aptitude for math and science, as well as musical interests in keeping with the “classical” and/or jazz styles taught at Peabody. The faculty will be looking at your background in hopes of determining your “fit” for the program.

MUSIC FOR NEW MEDIA

Applicants for this program can expect an interview based on their submitted portfolio materials. Faculty will review the applicant’s compositional process and creative goals as well as their knowledge of music notation and theory.

Nuts and Bolts

Where to Stay

Peabody has negotiated special rates at the following hotels. All are within walking distance of the Conservatory. When making reservations, tell them you are auditioning at Peabody.

Peabody Negotiated Rate Hotels

HI Baltimore Hostel

17 W. Mulberry St.
Baltimore, MD 21202
410-576-8880
hiosa.org/hostels/maryland/baltimore
Price: \$27 per night; Mention Peabody Auditions to waive the \$3 per night fee.

Home 2 Suites by Hilton

8 East Pleasant Street
Baltimore, MD 21202
410-576-1200
baltimoredowntown.home2suites.com

Hotel Indigo Baltimore

24 W. Franklin Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
855-914-1370
baltimoreindigohotel.com
Distance from Peabody- 2 blocks
Price: \$139 per night
(Use code "PEA" when booking online.
Call and mention Peabody Auditions.)

Peabody Approved Hotels

Brookshire Suites

120 E Lombard St.
Baltimore, MD 21202
(800) 914-1370

Embassy Suites

222 St. Paul Street
Baltimore, MD 21202
410-727-2222 or 800-873-6668
embassysuitesbaltimore.com

Hotel Monaco

2 North Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
888-752-2636
monaco-baltimore.com

Hotel Revival Baltimore

101 W. Monument St.
Baltimore, MD 21201
410-727-7101
jdvhotels.com/hotels/maryland/baltimore

NOTE: Due to a heavy volume of negative feedback, we strongly advise against making any reservation at the Midtown Inn on St. Paul Street.

Getting to Peabody by Car

From the West

Take I-70 East to I-695 South. Exit at I-95 North and follow the directions given below for the South.

From the South

Take Interstate 95 north to I-395. Turn right on Conway Street off of I-395 and follow it until it ends at the Harbor. Turn left and stay on the left so that you follow Calvert Street as it heads north from the Harbor (you will be turning left onto Calvert). After approximately ten blocks north on Calvert Street, turn left on Monument Street (the Washington monument should appear directly ahead of you). Take your first left onto St. Paul Street and turn right into the Peabody Garage. If there is no room in the Peabody lot (which gets pretty crowded) you may be asked to park in an alternate location.

From the North

Take interstate 95 South to the Baltimore Beltway, I-695. Go west. The Beltway will merge with Interstate 83. After a few miles, take I-83 South into the city. Exit at St. Paul Street. Approximately ten blocks south on St. Paul Street you will cross Mt. Vernon Place (there will be a park and a tall monument to your right). At the end of the next block, turn right into our parking garage. If there is no room in the Peabody lot (which gets pretty crowded) you may be asked to park in an alternate location.

Getting To Peabody by Train

Peabody is located only a few blocks from the Amtrak station in Baltimore. It is an easy walk in good weather if you are not carrying much. However, we recommend a taxi if you have your instrument with you and want to keep your ears warm.

Getting to Peabody From the Airport

When you arrive at Baltimore/Washington International Airport, check with the ground transportation desk in the baggage area by belts number six and seven (near Pier C). There is a "Supreme Shuttle" service that costs about \$20.00 one way and \$15.00 for each additional person (plus a \$1.00 booking fee). It will drop you off at any major hotel in the downtown area. Total travel time is about an hour. You must arrange a pick up by the Supreme Shuttle to get back to the airport. The phone number is 800-590-0000. You can also make on-line reservations at: supremeairportshuttle.com.

Of course, you can also take a taxi cab which will drop you off at the door. The cost is roughly double that of the Supreme Shuttle. Another option is the Light Rail, which recently opened service from the airport to Penn Station (the Amtrak station below). The fare is \$1.70 each way. It leaves the airport every 17 minutes and the total travel time is 45 minutes. Call 410-539-5000 for the latest, or check the web at mtmaryland.com. Cabs are readily available from the train station to Mt. Vernon Place (near all the hotels listed) for around \$7.00.