

BCGS Guitar Certificate Program

Performance Guidelines for Performers

Welcome, Performers. We are so happy that you are planning to participate in the BCGS Guitar Certificate Program. We are looking forward to hearing your performances!

As you prepare for your certificate jury, please keep in mind the following:

We are looking for:

- Your scales to be accurate, precise and legato at a consistent tempo.
- Your repertoire to be performed with good rhythm, correct notes, and at an appropriate tempo for the piece.
- Your music should tell a story! Use dynamics and rubato to help. If you are more advanced, we also love to hear you use stylistically appropriate vibrato and tone color to help you bring the music to life.
- Excellent sitting and hand positions, and relaxed, efficient finger movement.
- Beautiful tone production.
- Polished, high level of preparation and a professional demeanor while performing.
- Your music to be memorized, if you are performing for Certificate Levels 11-15.

If you don't have all of these things yet, it's ok! We'll give you feedback and suggestions on everything that is looking great, as well as anything that could be improved.

Remember that learning to play an instrument well is truly a lifetime endeavor; we can always keep improving and refining our playing. The best part is that we can also have fun and feel supported while getting better!