

CLARINET

Spring 2024 Wind Symphony & Symphony Orchestra Auditions Tuesday November 14, 2023

Students wishing to audition for the spring Wind Symphony may do so on all the instruments below. For those auditioning for Orchestra, please note the instruments needed.

Piccolo ^{%*}	Flute [%]	Oboe
English Horn ⁺	Clarinet [%]	Eb Clarinet ⁺
Alto Clarinet ⁺	Bass Clarinet ^{%*}	Contra-Bass Clarinet ⁺
Bassoon [%]	Alto Sax	Tenor Sax
Baritone Sax	Trumpet [%]	Horn [%]
Trombone [%]	Bass Trombone ⁺	Baritone (treble or bass clef)
Tuba [%]	String Bass ⁺	Percussion [%]

[%]Available for Band and Orchestra

^{*}See note under “Excerpts”

⁺Optional instrument for Band. Please see Dr. Samson if interested in auditioning

For EACH audition, you must prepare the following...

Scales – All Auditions

Concert F Major: Ascending and descending. Eighth note rhythm. Play as many octaves as you can in order to demonstrate your range and at a tempo that will allow you to play the scale cleanly.

Chromatic: Ascending and descending. Full range as you are able. Rhythm and tempo determined by you. *Percussionists must play their scales on the Xylophone.*

Excerpts - Winds

Each packet contains 2 “ORCHESTRA” and 3 “BAND” excerpts (or 4 “BAND” excerpts if your instrument is not a part of the Orchestra audition). If you are auditioning for BAND ONLY, choose any **THREE** excerpts to play. If you are auditioning for Orchestra (including if you are auditioning for both Orchestra and Band), you **MUST** play **BOTH** “ORCHESTRA” excerpts along with a third “BAND.”

*Piccolo: If you are auditioning on Piccolo, you must perform **FOUR** excerpts; 2 on flute, 2 on piccolo (see packet for more specific instructions)

*Bass Clarinet (ORCHESTRA): It is the expectation that the Bass Clarinet player in orchestra also be able to play soprano Clarinet. If you can, please perform a Clarinet audition in addition to your Bass Clarinet audition. On your Clarinet audition sheet, please indicate that you’re primarily auditioning for Bass Clarinet.

Excerpts - Percussion

Your packet contains excerpts on a variety of different instruments. Besides playing scales on the Xylophone, you must perform **FOUR** excerpts. If you are auditioning for Orchestra (or Orchestra and Band), you **MUST** perform **BOTH** “ORCHESTRA” excerpts as well as two other “BAND” excerpts. If you are auditioning for Band only, you may choose any **FOUR** excerpts in the packet.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Audition sign-up sheets will be located inside Castleman Hall on the lockers between Rooms 127 and 135. For the sake of our judges when signing up for an audition time, please take the earliest slot available.
- Once you’ve signed up, please do not change your time. If you need to cancel, contact Dr. Samson.
- Auditions will take place in rooms around Castleman Hall. Room assignments will be posted the day of.
- Beginning at 3:00p.m. on audition day, the Practice Rooms will be made available for warm up. Please limit your time to 5 minutes as the rooms are there for all to warm up, not to cram for your audition.
- You are welcome to audition on more than one instrument. Be sure to allow yourself enough time to do so.
- ALL auditions must be done on the audition date. No late auditions will be allowed. If you are aware of a conflict that will prevent you from performing your audition on that date, you must contact Dr. Samson A.S.A.P. and he’ll allow you to submit a video audition provided that it is submitted by **November 13th**.

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CLARINET ORCHESTRA EXCERPTS

If auditioning for orchestra, you **MUST** perform **BOTH** excerpts **PLUS ONE** Band excerpt.

Ottorino Respighi
Pines of Rome - I. I pini di Villa Borghese, mm. 128-139

♩ = 92

ff *sf* *sf* *sf* *sf* *p* *cresc.*

Piu vivo ♩ = 112

ff 10

Ottorino Respighi
Pines of Rome - III. I pini del Gianicolo, mm. 3-19

Lento

p *pp*

3 5

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CLARINET BAND EXCERPTS

Alfred Reed

The Hounds of Spring - meas. 1-16

Allegro con brio

take upper div.

div.

unis.

Musical score for Clarinet, measures 1-16 of 'The Hounds of Spring' by Alfred Reed. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a 6/8 time signature, changes to 3/4, then 6/8, and ends with a 7/8 time signature. The tempo is 'Allegro con brio'. Dynamics include *ff* (fortissimo) and *sim.* (sostenuto). Performance instructions include 'take upper div.', 'div.', and 'unis.'. Measure numbers 9 and 16 are indicated in boxes. The music features complex rhythmic patterns, including triplets and sixteenth-note runs.

Brian Balmages

Arabian Dances - mea. 17-29

Andante (♩ = 72)

Musical score for Clarinet, measures 17-29 of 'Arabian Dances' by Brian Balmages. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a 3/4 time signature. The tempo is 'Andante' with a quarter note equal to 72 beats per minute. Dynamics include *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *f* (forte). Measure numbers 17, 20, and 25 are indicated in boxes. The music features a melodic line with a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, often grouped in triplets.

