



Instrumental Ensemble Placement Auditions Fall 2018

Auditions for Wind Symphony, Symphony Orchestra, and Symphonic Band will be on August 13-14, 2018, according to the schedule posted on the School of Music web site. Separate auditions will be held for Jazz Bands. The following procedures will be used for the auditions:

- All students must audition at the scheduled time. Extreme circumstances may warrant the granting of an alternate audition time, but these are very rare.
- Auditions will consist of the required audition excerpts and sight-reading. The required excerpts (pdfs) are available for download from the School of Music web site.
- Metronome markings are provided for most excerpts. If a student is not able to perform the excerpt at the indicated tempo, it is preferred that the excerpt be played accurately at a slower tempo as opposed to inaccurately at the indicated tempo.
- Auditioning students should plan to arrive at the audition location on the specified date and time. All auditioning students will meet at this time to draw numbers to determine the order in which they will audition. Students drawing low numbers should remain close to the audition location. Students drawing high numbers may return to the practice rooms to continue warming up prior to their audition; however, it is the responsibility of the student to be back at the audition location in time for their audition. Each audition takes approximately 5 minutes.
- A panel of faculty members will hear each audition. This panel will consist of the ensemble conductors (bands and orchestra) and the studio teacher for each respective instrument (depending on schedule availability).
- All auditions are blind. Students will perform behind a curtain and their identities will not be known to the faculty until after all auditions are completed. Students auditioning should not speak during the audition or make any sound that would alert the faculty to their identity. A proctor will be present to assist should a question arise.
- When arriving for the audition, students will be asked to complete an information sheet. Students may indicate their ensemble preferences on this sheet. While these preferences will be taken into consideration, please know that all final placements will be determined by the ensemble conductors and studio faculty.
- Ensemble placement results will be posted on Tuesday evening, August 14, following the completion of all auditions. These results will be posted on the bulletin boards outside of the WVU Bands office and Dr. Arnold's office.
- Once the ensemble placement results have been posted, each student should be sure to register for the appropriate class. Schedules for the first rehearsal of each ensemble will be posted in appropriate locations in the Creative Arts Center.

Good luck to everyone!