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One of the great university bands of America…
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The Big M of the Midwest:

From a 12-man cadet band in 1885, to debuting the block M formation in 1934, to performing the famous Flip Tigers drill first in 1960, to swelling in even greater numbers upon joining the Southeastern Conference, the noble past of Marching Mizzou is yours to carry.

Go and march proudly with us, wear the columns six upon your shoulder, and join our sound! This packet is the traditional tunes of pregame, for you to learn and memorize. These shall be your first and fondest memories of Marching Mizzou: the energy of the Fanfare, the classic beauty of our Alma Mater, and the pride of our fight songs.

The New Missouri Fanfare ‘93
Missouri Waltz
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Old Missouri
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Marching Mizzou
The New Missouri Fanfare ’93

John W. Stout

This is our state song, adopted in 1949 during the Presidency of Harry S. Truman. We commissioned it from John Stout of the University of Michigan in 1993. The first half is performed with a heavy swing and marched with our unique Waltz Step. The second half cut time is straight and bright, ending with GO! FIGHT! WIN! TIGERS! Then we repeat the cut time, featuring the piccolos/clarinets (mm. 18-25). Off the field, the first three notes are cued fermatas.

Missouri Waltz

Melody by Lee Edgar Settle

Harmonized by Frederic Knight Logan

arr. John W. Stout

The original 1970s Missouri Fanfare (or “Frankfare”) was rearranged by the late John Stout of the University of Michigan in 1993. Listen closely; you can hear strains of our fight songs, and the Waltz, and our Alma Mater in this fanfare. The music crescendos up to the announcement of MARCHING MIZZOU, m. 43 and ends with a horn pop on the final measure. Be careful articulating the triplets and rapid eighths, and watch the cutoffs.

Missouri plays the SMU Mustangs
Sadly, the Tigers lose 32-19

Marching Mizzou at Pregame, 1958

The Big M of the Midwest forms the Block M

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Tiger Rag a jazz standards, dating back to the dawn of the entire genre. The Original Dixieland Jass Band recorded it first in 1917. Tiger Rag was quickly adopted by universities with a tiger mascot, including LSU, Clemson, Auburn, and LSU. M2’s arrangement was written by Ron Lowe, a graduate teaching assistant under Director Norm Ruebling.

Despite being notoriously hard to sing, The Star-Spangled Banner had a fan in John Philip Sousa long before it was adopted as our national anthem in 1931. He admired it, saying, “besides its soul-stirring words... it is the spirit of the music that inspires.” This is the B-flat version, arranged in 1918 by Sousa. Focus on your memorization and musicality; this is a march!

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Tiger Rag

Original Dixieland Jass Band
arr. Ron Lowe

The Star-Spangled Banner

Lyrics by Francis Scott Key
B♭ Version
Harmonized by Walter Damrosch
arr. John Philip Sousa

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Marching Mizzou
Eye of the Tiger is our latest addition to pregame. We feature the fabulous Golden Girls (formed in 1965), our feature twirlers (created in 1948), and the color guard with this unmistakable interpretation of Survivor's 1982 hit. This arrangement was written by then-graduate assistant Jason Strumbo, who would become Director from 2002 to 2004.

Warren Bass performs as feature twirler, 1964
Known for his 100 ft. high tosses
The two-time U.S. National Baton Twirling champion started twirling with a broom in an alley.

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Eye of the Tiger
Sullivan & Peterik
arr. Jason Strumbo, Director '02-'04

March: with Tiger spirit

Marching Mizzou

Give A Cheer For Mizzou’s Tigers!

Words and Music By Carl E. Bolte ASCAP
Arr. Shawn Bentz

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Carl E. Bolte, Jr. has insatiable spirit and enthusiasm for the Tigers and for our band; he refers to us as Marvelous Marching Mizzou. Among Mr. Bolte's many compositions are five plays, 11 musicals, and a march for the USPS, “We’re the U.S. Postal Service”. This secondary fight song, “Cheer”, is his proudest contribution to M2. Memorize it carefully and deliberately, and don’t be timid with the pickup notes.
In Spring 1895, Mizzou's first glee club asked Dr. George Armstrong Wauchope to write an Alma Mater. Wauchope, an English professor, wrote the words in a single night. The tune “Annie Lisle” was chosen by two glee club members together with a professor's wife on piano. It was performed for a few years and then lost when the club disbanded; luckily, the pianist, Mrs. J. C. Jones, knew the words by heart and restarted the club, saving the song. Play our grand arrangement with pride and beauty. The first ending is rarely taken.

Our first fight song is set to the WWI tune “It's a Long Way to Tipperary”, the origin of the lyrics is unclear. In 1946, MU saw that post-WWII school spirit was down, and so they held a contest for a second fight song. Doctoral candidate Robert Karsch wrote the tune, with lyrics by undergraduate Donald MacKay. Their reward was a radio-phonograph. We nickname them “three” and “four” respectively. Memorize these first of all.

#3—“Every True Son/Daughter”

#4—“Fight Tiger”
Our most precious tradition is the singing of our Alma Mater. This is the same original four-part harmony that was composed and adopted in 1895, lost from 1898 to 1900, and saved when Mrs. J. C. Jones, the original pianist, reorganized the MU glee club in 1901. Learn one of the four parts and add your voice to the Marching Mizzou family. We sing the hymn with one accord at the close of each day.