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The Big M of the Midwest:

Marching Mizzou

The New Missouri Fanfare ‘93
Missouri Waltz
The Star-Spangled Banner
Tiger Rag
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Give a Cheer for Mizzou’s Tigers!
Old Missouri
Every True Son/Daughter
Fight Tiger

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

John W. Stout

Marching Mizzou at Pregame, 1958

The Big M of the Midwest forms the Block M

Missouri plays the SMU Mustangs

Sadly, the Tigers lose 32-19

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.

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Tiger Rag a jazz standard, 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. Bring out the forte-piano and crescendo most of all. Trombones, the glissandos are all yours.

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!
Marching Mizzou

Eye of the Tiger

Sullivan & Peterik

arr. Jason Strumbo, Director '02-'04

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.

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.

Give A Cheer For Mizzou’s Tigers!

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Arr. Shawn Bentz

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Academic Hall, dedicated in 1843 and expanded in 1885
Destroyed by fire in 1892, leaving only 6 columns
Citizens of Columbia protected the six Ionic columns
demolition, saying “the Columns could not be
pulled down by a herd of elephants.”

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.

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 most precious tradition is the singing of our Alma Mater. Above 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.