UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI SCHOOL OF MUSIC  
FALL 2018 AUDITION INFORMATION

Choral Ensembles – Information for New Students
Hearings for choral ensemble placement will take place August 16-17th for any student who is interested in joining a choral ensemble for the fall semester. Please sign up online for an audition time here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c48ada629a1f58-choral3

At the hearing, you will:
- Bring your already-completed placement form (available at the sign-up site).
- Present a classical (contest-level) solo. If possible, please bring a recorded accompaniment; otherwise, we will provide an accompanist.
- Vocalize and demonstrate the strengths and flexibility of your voice.
- Demonstrate your sight-reading skills.
- Demonstrate your tonal memory skills.

The complete process takes approximately seven minutes. The choral faculty will continue to hear late auditions during the first week of classes. For more information, visit: https://music.missouri.edu/ensemble/choirs

Concert Bands and Orchestra (all woodwind, brass, and percussion students) – Information for New and Returning Students
All new and returning instrumental students are required to audition for ensemble placement at the beginning of the fall semester. **Non-music majors interested in joining University Band will not need to audition.**

Audition sign-ups are available by area at the following links:
Brass sign-ups: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c48ada629a1f58-brass4
Woodwind sign-ups: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c48ada629a1f58-woodwinds4
String sign-ups: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c48ada629a1f58-strings1
Percussion sign-ups: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c48ada629a1f58-percussion4

Audition music will be available by June 1st, in both the Fine Arts Building and Loeb Hall. PDF copies will also be posted to the School of Music website: music.missouri.edu (click on Fall 2018 Ensemble Audition Information).

**String players:** New string players should prepare the excerpts for their instrument and be prepared to play a short solo or etude of their choice. Returning string players should prepare the excerpts for their instrument only. Please be aware that all orchestra students are required to enroll in applied lessons each semester of participation in orchestra.

**Concert bands audition schedule:**
Friday, August 17
- 12:00-3:00 p.m. – Saxophone/Clarinet (Loeb 201)
- 12:00-1:30 p.m. – Percussion (Loeb 112)
- 3:30-5:00 p.m. – Flute/Oboe/Bassoon (Loeb 204)
- 3:30-5:30 p.m. – Trombone/Tuba/Euphonium (Loeb 201)
- 6:00-7:00 p.m. – Trumpet (Loeb 201)
- 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Horn (Loeb 201)

**String audition schedule:**
Tuesday, August 21
- 4:00-6:00 p.m. – Strings (Loeb 201)
Wednesday, August 22
- 7:00-8:30 p.m. – Strings (Loeb 201)
Rosters will be posted online by Monday, August 20th at 9 AM. Adjustments to registration will need to be made immediately after audition results are posted. All concert band rehearsals will begin as scheduled on Monday, August 20th. Orchestra rehearsals will begin on Thursday, August 23rd.

**Jazz Ensembles**
Mizzou jazz ensembles are open to all students regardless of major. Students may audition for placement in big band or combo. The Concert and Studio Jazz Bands perform 2-3x a semester, on and off campus. Jazz Combos perform multiple times a semester (3-4x), on and off campus. Both ensembles regular record off campus during the semester and during summer break. If you have any questions about the jazz audition process, please feel free to reach out to Dr. Sam Griffith at GriffithSV@missouri.edu

**Auditions for big bands** will include 1-3 sight-reading examples selected from classic jazz charts. Students are also encouraged to learn one (or two) of the posted jazz etudes. Improvisation is also encouraged, but optional for students comfortable with soloing. Chord changes for the etudes are provided and can used to improvise over.

**Auditions for combos** will include improvisation on 1-2 tunes of the student’s choice. Students should select tunes that they are comfortable with and demonstrate their abilities.

**Jazz audition schedule:**
- **Thursday, August 16**
  - 3:00-9:00 p.m. – Rhythm Section (Loeb 112)
- **Friday, August 17**
  - 3:00-9:00 p.m. – Trumpet/Trombone/Saxophone/Vocals (Loeb 112)

To sign up for a jazz audition, click here: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c48ada629a1f58-jazz4](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c48ada629a1f58-jazz4)

**Audition Information for all Jazz Ensembles:**

**Instrumentalists:**
- Sight-reading (big band only)
- Improvisation (required for combo, optional for big band)
  - Players select a tune of their choice. Performers newer to improvisation are encouraged to improvise over a blues. More advanced improvisers are encouraged to select a more challenging tune.
- Prepared Etude (optional for big band - available here [https://music.missouri.edu/ensemble/jazz](https://music.missouri.edu/ensemble/jazz))
  
  Prepared etudes can be used to help determine chair and/or band placement. They are encouraged but not a required part of the audition process.

**Drummers:**
- Various grooves at a variety of tempos (swing, shuffle, bossa nova, funk, ballad with brushes, etc.)
- Sight-reading (big band only)
- Soloing (optional – if demonstrating solo ability, be prepared to solo over the form of a song, as well as trade 4 or 8 bar phrases).

**Vocalists:**
- Two pieces, memorized (one medium-up tempo swing, 32 bars maximum; one ballad, 16 bars maximum)
- Improvisation is optional
- If you have selected a tune that falls outside the Great American Songbook, please have your own accompaniment prepared.

Rosters will be posted by Monday, August 20 at 9 AM. Adjustments to registration will need to be made immediately after audition results are posted.

Rehearsals will begin Monday, August 20, for Big Bands and Thursday, August 23, for Combos.
Marching Mizzou
Please call 573-882-3438 or visit https://music.missouri.edu/ensemble/marching-mizzou for more information about Marching Mizzou auditions.

Voice Area Auditions – Lesson Placement for New Voice Majors and Auditions for Non-Music Majors (space permitting)
Purpose: To place new students into private teaching studios.

Audition: Friday, August 17, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in McKee Gymnasium 204. Enter McKee on the north side of the building. Please sign up for an audition time here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c48ada629a1f58-voice-preparation

Preparation: Please prepare a song that has printed sheet music (Classical or Musical Theatre are most commonly done). If you do not have a prepared selection, you will be asked to sing “My Country ’Tis of Thee.” An accompanist will be provided.

Acceptance: Music major teacher assignments will be posted on Professor Seitz’s (FAB 263) door by Thursday, August 23. Non-music major acceptances will also be posted that same day.

Piano Area Auditions – Lesson Placement for Non-Music Majors
NOTE: Piano students who have previously auditioned and been accepted to a piano program do not have to audition again in August.

Requirement to audition: 3 years of previous classical-style study.

Auditions: Auditions will be held Thursday and Friday of registration week: Thursday, August 16, 1:00-4:00 p.m., and Friday, August 17, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary; just go to Room 208 in the Fine Arts Building when you’re ready and see Dr. Janice Wenger.

Preparation: Be prepared to play two contrasting pieces, at least one must be memorized. Neither has to be long—in fact shorter is better. You will be asked to sight-read a simple piano piece.

Acceptance: If qualified, student is placed on waiting list until the third day of class, pending space in piano studios.

Music Major/Minor: If you have not already auditioned on piano as a music major or minor, you will need to audition on Monday, August 20, and you need to contact Dr. Wenger directly to make an appointment for that day (WengerJ@missouri.edu).

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