NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY CONCERT ENSEMBLE AUDITION INFORMATION

All NMSU and DACC students are welcome to audition for concert ensembles at NMSU. All Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion music major students are REQUIRED to audition and participate in a concert ensemble every semester. We welcome all interested students to join and participate in our program.

AUDITION PROCEDURE

All audition times are assigned by section. ALL students auditioning from one section should report to room 112 (Dr. Mapp's Office) at the assigned start time to audition. Interested musicians should properly warm-up on their own before the scheduled audition time. At the assigned start time, all auditionees will draw numbers and audition in numerical order.

AUDITION DATES AND TIMES:

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022: 3:00PM – 9:00PM

FLUTES: 3:00PM – 4:30PM
 CLARINETS: 4:45PM – 6:30PM
 SAXOPHONES: 6:45PM – 8:00PM
 DOUBLE REEDS: 8:15PM – 9:00PM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022: 11:00AM – 6:30PM

HORNS: 11:00AM – 12:00PM
 TRUMPETS: 12:30PM – 2:00PM
 LOW BRASS: 2:30PM – 4:00PM

PERCUSSION: 4:30PM – 6:30PM (WILL AUDITION IN PERCUSSION STUDIO, RM 111)

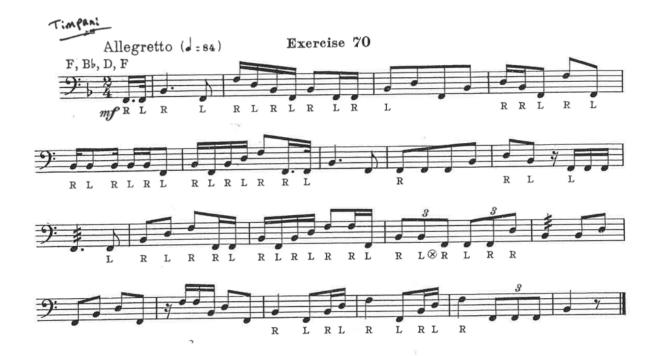
AUDITION ITEMS

The following items will be required in your audition. Prepare them to the best of your ability.

- CHROMATIC SCALE: ALL WOODWINDS AND BRASS
- PREPARED EXCERPTS: SEE SPECIFICS BY INSTRUMENT
- SIGHT READING: SIGHT READING WILL BE PROVIDED DURING YOUR AUDITION. YOU WILL HAVE 30
 SECONDS TO LOOK AT THE EXCERPTS AND THEN BE ASKED TO PLAY.

TIPS FOR PREPARING AUDITION MATERIALS

- Notice the given metronome markings if available and work UP to that tempo. Start slow, even if the
 excerpt appears easy. Practice SLOW and be accurate. Maximize the musical elements, not just notes
 and rhythms, BEFORE moving to a quicker tempo.
- Be patient, consistent, and do not procrastinate. You cannot cram for an audition. You can choose to be prepared or try to get lucky.
- Remain calm and collected. Try your best. If this is your first audition, and the material is new or different from what you have had in the past, all we ask is that your prepare the best you can. Don't give up and assume you will fail. Playing something at a tempo you can control is better than trying to fake it at a faster temp.
- Give yourself time to warm-up and collect your thoughts before an audition. Show up at least 10 minutes early if possible.



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Snare Drum

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