

FALL 2016 Symphonic Band Auditions

Auditions for Symphonic Band will occur Thursday, August 18th – Saturday, August 20th. A detailed schedule of audition times for each instrument will be posted online on the WKU Music Department website and in the MRH in early August.

All students receiving a Music Grant **MUST** audition for Symphonic Band. Orchestra woodwind, brass, and percussion personnel will be determined from these same auditions. The top chairs in the Symphonic Band will also serve in the orchestra.

Please prepare the following excerpts for your instrument. It is **strongly** suggested that you **LISTEN** to a good recording of each work to get a good sense of tempo and style. You can find recordings on YouTube, Naxos, iTunes, etc. All WKU Students can access Naxos online through the WKU library webpage for **FREE**. In addition, everyone will be asked to play one major scale (up to four sharps or four flats) and the chromatic scale (excluding percussionists) demonstrating your practical range (starting pitch of your choice and two to three octaves please). Auditions will also include two brief sight reading etudes (rhythmic and melodic).

Piccolo: Flutists that would like to be considered for piccolo parts assignments should also prepare and perform the piccolo excerpt.

Bass Clarinet: Students wishing to audition on bass clarinet should prepare both the Bb Bass Clarinet excerpts **AND** the Bb Clarinet excerpts.

Saxophone: All saxophonists will prepare and audition on alto saxophone in order to fairly assess all students on the same audition materials. Part assignments for tenor and baritone saxophone will be made in consultation with Dr. Cipolla and individual students at the time of the auditions.

Percussion: All percussionists will prepare and audition on marimba, snare drum, timpani, and toms as part of their audition. Sight reading will be performed on the marimba and snare drum. Please be sure to bring appropriate sticks, mallets, and a pitch pipe to your audition.

For additional information, please contact Dr. Schallert at gary.schallert@wku.edu