

TPSMEA JAZZ AUDITION INSTRUCTIONS 2021-22

Please make certain you are using a NEW copy (or current version) of ATSSB All State Jazz Audition Set "A" from Mattei Music. The audition material was edited five years ago. Prior editions are incorrect and will probably not line up with the recorded tracks.

Also please make certain you are NOT using the MIDI track accompaniments. All accompaniments should be from the CD, furthermore, they should be marked as "AUDITION CUTS" for the specific instrument.

Printed audition parts are marked as such. Please do not use any of the parts marked "NOT FOR AUDITION".

Because the audition cuts have been shortened to just over 6 minutes total, coupled with the fact that we have increased competition in several sections, we are going to use all of the audition material (except for the improv for Lead Trumpets) to help differentiate the auditionees.

We will have two audition tracks for trumpets again this year: Lead Trumpet and Jazz Trumpet. Audition requirements are below. Trumpet players are allowed to audition for both tracks as long as entry fees are paid for both audition recordings.

Please do not submit valve trombone or euphonium recordings for trombone auditions.

For ALL INSTRUMENTS EXCEPT LEAD TRUMPETS, THE CUTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

TRACK 1-Hotfoot Down. Play from the beginning thru the end of measure 40

TRACK 2-Big Easy Parade. Play from the beginning thru measure 42, beat 1

TRACK 3-Three Meter Skeeter. Play from the beginning thru the end of measure 60

TRACK 4-Bloozin' Elf. Play the entire piece; there are no cuts. **This is the second go-round for Music Set "A", so if you used this 5 years ago, it is the same. If not, please make sure you have a new set of music or the cuts will be incorrect.** Please note that the audition parts for Bb Blues for Improv are marked as "C-Instrument", "Bb-Instrument", "Eb-Instrument", "Bass-Clef Instrument" and "Drum Set".

Drummers should follow the chart from the beginning to the end, following instructions on the chart (time 1st chorus and light fills on subsequent choruses). This is marked on the Drum Set Audition part.

Please make sure the tracks are in this order when you upload them.

FOR LEAD TRUMPET AUDITIONS, PLEASE RECORD:

Track 1-Hotfoot Down. Play from the beginning thru the end of measure 40.

Track 2-Big Easy Parade. Play from the beginning thru measure 42, beat 1.

Track 3-Three Meter Skeeter. Play from the beginning thru the end of measure 60.

Please make sure the tracks are in this order when you upload them.

Best Practices

Please encourage your students to listen to the demo recordings and demonstration solos to get some ideas to put into their playing. Also, explain the difference between playing diatonic and blues scales over blues chord changes. Even if you're not comfortable with your own improvisation (I know I'm not) there are so many great examples out there to listen to for the kids.

Please listen to your students' recordings several times throughout the process to ensure that there is a good balance of the playalong track and your students' instruments. I know for me, it's too late to fix anything during the mad scramble to get everything uploaded.

Please double- or even triple-check that you have the correct recordings uploaded for each student before you finalize the upload process.

I also have students wear over-the-ear headphones while recording the tracks, so they don't have to worry about being able to hear the recorded track while playing.

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