

THE CHIPPEWA MARCHING BAND

at Central Michigan University

# Trombone Audition Materials



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2025: Our 103<sup>rd</sup> Season  
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Greetings!

I'm excited to know of your interest in the 103<sup>rd</sup> Chippewa Marching Band! The attached materials will help you to prepare for your audition.

The enclosed technical and lyrical exercises are intended to let you demonstrate the best of your abilities. We also ask that you play at least one octave each of the "concert" B-flat, E-flat, and F major scales, and a chromatic scale.

Additionally, we ask that you perform one of the major scales while marking time. You may use any style that's familiar to you. Our style is fairly simple: Holding your instrument in a comfortable playing position, stand with your heels together, your toes comfortably apart, and your body aligned vertically from your ankles up through your knees, hips, abdominal core, and shoulders. Leaving your toes on the ground, mark time with your heels alternating from left to right, and play an octave of a concert F, B-Flat, or E-Flat scale, following the pattern below:



Mark time and play the scale of your choice once at a moderate tempo and again as quickly as is both comfortable and reasonable. As an example, 100 beats per minute and 132 beats per minute would provide a good contrast.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. Be sure to look through the general Audition information at [music.cmich.edu/cmb](http://music.cmich.edu/cmb) to see how you can register for Orientation and register for your live audition or submit an audition video using YouTube.

I'm looking forward to seeing YOU at CMU!  
Dr. James Batcheller, Director

# Audition Music: Technical Exercise

## *The Girl I Left Behind Me*

Trombone

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Allegro (M.M. ♩ = c. 120)

The first staff of music is written in bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 2/4 time signature. It begins with a quarter rest followed by a quarter note G2. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, including a triplet of eighth notes in the fourth measure. A forte (*f*) dynamic marking is placed below the first measure.

The second staff of music starts at measure 7. It continues the melody with eighth and quarter notes, including a triplet of eighth notes in the fourth measure.

The third staff of music starts at measure 13. It continues the melody with eighth and quarter notes, including a triplet of eighth notes in the fourth measure. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

# Audition Music: Lyrical Exercise

Trombone

*If I Were a Blackbird*

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Moderato e cantabile

The musical score is written for Trombone in bass clef, 3/4 time, and B-flat major. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a *mf* dynamic marking. The second staff starts at measure 6, and the third staff starts at measure 12. The piece concludes with a double bar line at the end of the third staff.