

THE CHIPPEWA MARCHING BAND

at Central Michigan University

# Piccolo

# Audition Materials



*“Play with the HEART of a true CHAMPION.”*



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2024: Our 102<sup>nd</sup> Season  
as the  
"Spirit of the Stadium"



Greetings!

I'm excited to know of your interest in the 102<sup>nd</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

## *Eleanor Kane's Reel*

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♩.=128

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The musical score is written for a piccolo in 6/8 time, with a tempo of 128 beats per minute. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score consists of four staves of music, each containing six measures. Measure numbers 8, 10, 14, and 18 are indicated at the beginning of their respective staves. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together, with some measures containing triplets. The piece concludes with a double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

# Audition Music: Lyrical Exercise

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*If I Were a Blackbird*

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**Moderato e cantabile**

The musical score is written for a Piccolo in 3/4 time, featuring a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The tempo and mood are indicated as 'Moderato e cantabile'. The score consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a dynamic marking of *mf* (mezzo-forte). The melody is characterized by smooth, flowing lines with frequent slurs and ties, suggesting a lyrical and expressive performance style. 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.