

THE CHIPPEWA MARCHING BAND

at Central Michigan University

Saxophone Audition Materials



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The Chippewa Marching Band

2024: Our 102nd Season
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"Spirit of the Stadium"



Greetings!

I'm excited to know of your interest in the 102nd 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 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

Alto Saxophone

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♩.=128

The musical score is written for Alto Saxophone in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note equals 128 (♩.=128). 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 variety of rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The piece concludes with a double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

Audition Music: Lyrical Exercise

Alto Saxophone

If I Were a Blackbird

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Moderato e cantabile

The musical score is written for Alto Saxophone in 3/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a 3/4 time signature, and a dynamic marking of *mf*. The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a half note A4, and a quarter note B4. The second staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, and a quarter note E5. The third staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, and a quarter note A5. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Audition Music: Technical Exercise

Eleanor Kane's Reel

Tenor Saxophone

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♩.=128

The musical score is written for Tenor Saxophone in 6/8 time, with a tempo of 128 beats per minute. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains measures 1 through 7. The second staff begins at measure 8 and includes a measure rest for the first measure, with a circled '10' above the second measure. The third staff begins at measure 14 and includes a measure rest for the first measure, with a circled '18' above the eighth measure. The fourth staff begins at measure 20 and includes a measure rest for the first measure. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together, and includes various articulations such as slurs and accents.

Audition Music: Lyrical Exercise

Tenor Saxophone

If I Were a Blackbird

The Chippewa Marching Band
Central Michigan University

Moderato e cantabile

The musical score is written for Tenor Saxophone in 3/4 time, key of D major. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The tempo/mood is 'Moderato e cantabile'. The first measure contains two rests, followed by a half note G4, a half note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a dotted half note G4, and a half note F#4. A dynamic marking of *mf* is placed below the first measure. The second staff starts at measure 6 and continues the melody. The third staff starts at measure 12 and concludes the piece with a double bar line.