

Audition Procedure and Materials

The audition procedure for membership in the Jump Start program is designed to create very little stress for the candidate while providing a thorough evaluation of one's skills and suggestions for improvement.

Please begin by completing the enclosed Membership Application/Profile which is to be returned to 2118 Fairfield Road, Lindenhurst, IL 60046 as soon as possible, but no later than April 7th, 2008.

Next, the following should be prepared to the best of the candidate's abilities:

*The keyboard percussion etude found below.

*The snare drum etude, found below, using an orchestral interpretation (closed rolls).

*The following major scales, which are to be performed in two octaves from memory: C, F, Bb, G and D.

*The following rudiments, which are to be performed at a tempo of the candidate's choice: 17 Stroke Roll, Single Paradiddle, Single Ratamacue and the Flam Accent #1.

Additionally, candidates will be asked to sightread a minimal amount on both the marimba and snare drum.

Auditions will be held for the Vernon Hills ensemble in the Hawthorn Middle School South band room on Wednesday, April 9th, 2008. Auditions will be held for the Gurnee ensemble in the Viking School band room on Tuesday, April 8th, 2008. Auditions will be held for the Lake Villa ensemble in the Lakes Community High School band room on Wednesday, April 9th, 2008. Auditions will be at pre-arranged times between 6:00 and 8:00 pm. Audition times will be offered in an order reflecting the postmarked dates of returned Membership Application/Profiles, earliest postmark receiving first choice of times etc. The director of each ensemble will contact candidates to schedule their audition. Candidates will be notified by email as to the results of their audition.

Regardless of the outcome of a candidate's audition, each candidate will be provided with an individual evaluation sheet stating suggestions for improvement.

Directions:

Hawthorn Middle School South is located on Aspen Dr., south of Rte. 60 in Vernon Hills. Take Route 60 west of Route 21. Turn left (south) on Aspen Dr. (light), pass the townhomes on your right and turn right at the first school driveway (if you reach the circle drive you went too far) which will take you along the north side of the school. Enter the band room off the parking lot at door #11, which is not marked, but found next to door #10.

Viking School is located at the intersection of Old Grand Ave. and O'Plaine Road in Gurnee, IL. Take Grand Ave. east from the tollway, proceed past Milwaukee Ave. (Rte. 21) to O'Plaine Rd. (light). Turn left (north) on O'Plaine Rd. and proceed to Old Grand Ave. (stop sign). Turn right on Old Grand Ave. and then left at the entrance to Viking Park. Proceed to the stop sign and turn left into the school parking lot. Enter the band room at the south end of the parking lot.

Lakes Community High School is located at the intersection of Grass Lake Rd. and Deep Lake Rd. in Lake Villa, IL. Take Grand Ave. east from Rte. 83 or west from Rte. 45 to Deep Lake Rd. (light). Turn north on Deep Lake Rd. and proceed to Grass Lake Rd. (light). Turn right on Grass Lake Rd. to Eagle Way (light) and turn left into the school. Park and enter at the main entrance by the flag poles.

Positions:

The number of positions offered is decided upon by each ensemble's director. However, in the interest of protecting the integrity of the ensemble, the priority when establishing the final number of positions offered will be quality as opposed to quantity.

Necessary Equipment:

Candidates should bring any mallets or sticks that are appropriate for the instruments on which they will be performing. However, Jump Start will be prepared to provide any necessary equipment.

Cost:

There is a \$10.00 fee for auditioning.

Snare Drum Etude

Level 3 Term 1

1 *f*

5 *p*

9 *crescendo*

13 *f*

17

21 *mp*

25 *pp* *crescendo* *f*